

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Conference Room, Dene Park House, Corbridge Road, Hexham NE46 1HN on Monday 3 April 2017 at 6.45pm, when the following items will be discussed:

A G E N D A

1. Council to hear questions from Hexham residents regarding matters on the agenda or relating to Hexham.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To agree minutes of the Town Council meeting held 6 March 2017, enclosed.
4. Matters arising, if any.
5. Mayor's announcements.
6. Declarations of interest (see memorandum enclosed).
7. To agree accounts for payment (list enclosed).
8. Proposal from Councillor D Kennedy: "Hexham Town Council calls on the Government, Secretary of State for Education and Hexham's MP to reconsider the funding formula and deliver fair financial settlement" (see details attached).
9. To consider any correspondence received.
10. Any urgent matters at the Chairman of the meeting's discretion.
(Matters to be raised under this item should be written out (if possible) and handed to the Chairman of the meeting or the Town Clerk before the meeting begins.)

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28 March 2017

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2017

6866.	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS:</p> <p>TOWN COUNCIL'S BANK AND PENSION PROVIDER. A resident asked which bank the Council uses and if it uses the County Council pension scheme. He was advised the bank account is with HSBC and the pension scheme is with Northumberland County Council.</p> <p>CAR PARKING IN HEXHAM. On behalf of approximately 20 Hexham businesses represented by people present, traders advised of the problems of parking in Hexham and the effect of this on their businesses. The Town Council was asked to consider their proposal to change the blue and white bays in the Wentworth car park to be valid for 6 hours and also bring back employers' permits valid for 10 hours. It was NOTED that the Town Council had a related meeting with County Council officers the next day, that this proposal would be discussed and that a meeting will then be arranged with the traders.</p>
6867.	<p>MARCH COUNCIL MEETING: Councillor T Cessford, the Town Mayor, then opened the Council meeting. Present were Councillors T G E Gillanders, Mrs C Hanley, M R Allan, J M Graham, Mrs C R Homer, T Robson, D Kennedy and D Clegg.</p>
6868.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors P E Oliver, Dr N F Rose, S Ball, J V R Hare and G C Ferguson.</p>
6869.	<p>MINUTES: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6 February 2017, having been circulated, were AGREED.</p>
6870.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. OLD SWIMMING POOL AND HADRIAN HOUSE (Minute 6855 refers). It was noted that Mrs Dewison, Hexham Town Champion, had confirmed only that both properties are sold subject to planning.b. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER WORK AT TYNE GREEN (Minute 6863c refers). It was noted that this work has caused parts of Tyne Green to become a quagmire and it was AGREED to ask Northumbrian Water to lay some hardcore to assist.c. WEST COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB (Minute 6863f refers). It was noted that Inspector Bridges has advised of a focus on the night-time economy following successful investigations of some recent incidents. It was also noted that she will attend the Mayor's Spring Reception and looks forward to meeting Councillors, and is also planning some public events at the Police Station.d. ST CUTHBERT'S CLOSE (Minute 6863g refers). It was noted that the County Council's Strategic Planning Committee had agreed to have a site visit and that visit had been earlier on 6 March. The Committee would be considering the application on

	7 May and Councillor Cessford would speak at the meeting.
6871.	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS. For information Councillor Cessford advised the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3rd REGIMENT ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY. He had attended a recent 3RHA function and is happy that a strong relationship is being built with Hexham. b. LITTER PICK. He noted there had been a strong turnout on 3 March for a litter pick in East Hexham. He also noted a Town Council arranged litter pick will take place between 10.00am and noon on Saturday 25 March, meeting in the Market Place, and that all are welcome. c. ROTARY CLUB YOUNG EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. He had attended these interviews. d. ST CUTHBERT'S. He was going to speak at the next day's Strategic Planning Committee regarding this application. e. MARKET PLACE. A meeting is pending regarding possibilities for the Market Place. f. CAR PARKING. A meeting is pending with County Council officers regarding possibilities for more car parking. g. CLERK'S RETIREMENT. He advised that, after 40 years' service, this was Mr Tiffin's last meeting as Clerk and thanked him for the work and advice given during that time.
6872.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were made.
6873.	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: It was AGREED to authorise payments in accordance with the list that had been circulated and attached to the agenda. Councillor Robson requested that the hire purchase payments made for the tractor be considered at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, as the loan may be paid off. It was AGREED to put this on the agenda.
6874.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. <i>(Note: wherever possible, all communications addressed to the Council are circulated to Councillors for information as and when received.)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT: Councillors had been circulated information from Northumberland County Council on its wish to raise the profile of its planning enforcement team. b. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS: Councillors had been circulated information on two orders. There will be possible delays in Market Street between 26 March and 9 April for the installation of a new mains electricity cable, and possible delays regarding resurfacing at Leazes Lane between 27 and 31 March. c. TYNE VALLEY RAILWAY USERS GROUP: Councillors had been circulated information on the TVRUG becoming a group member of the Community Rail Partnership for the Tyne Valley line.

	d. NORTHUMBERLAND RESIDENTS' FESTIVAL: Active Northumberland has provided leaflets to promote this Festival that allows residents to visit attractions in Northumberland at a free or discounted entry on the weekend of 1 and 2 April 2017.
6875.	TORCH CENTRE: Brian Massey, a trustee and member of the management committee, gave a presentation. He advised of the objectives relating to all disabled persons in the area and of the sports facilities provided. He advised the building is fully utilised but is 30 years old so a lot of maintenance is required. Noting the importance of raising the profile of, and funding for, the Torch Centre, Mr Massey spoke on different activities that take place, including a bar that is open two evenings per week. He listed many organisations that use the Centre and advised any support from the Town Council would be much appreciated, noting Grant Aid may be applied for.
6876.	PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR T CESSFORD: "That Hexham Town Council write to Northumberland County Council to ask them to change their decision to stop advertising, and public notices, in the Hexham Courant instead of now concentrating it in the Alnwick based Northumberland Gazette." This proposal was AGREED unanimously by the Councillors present.
6877.	STEWARD AND BAILIFF AWARD: It was AGREED that this year's award be given to Dave Hignett for his services to music in Hexham and Tynedale.
6878.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Council will be held on 3 April 2017 at 6.45pm at Dene Park House, Corbridge Road, Hexham.

Chairman

Signed as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2017.

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 3 September 2012 Councillors must declare if they have a disclosable interest in any matters under consideration.

To do so Councillors must use one of the following statements:-

1. "I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
in..... (for example) Agenda item 3,
Planning application number 14/1234".
(NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraphs 11&15 apply).
2. "I have a disclosable personal interest
in..... (for example) Agenda item 4,
Grant aid application by Hexham Youth Initiative
(NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraph 13 applies).

Councillors should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct regarding the definitions of (A) pecuniary interest and (B) other personal interest and their obligations when declaring any such interests.

To ensure Councillors' interests are correctly minuted please use one of the above statements when declaring an interest.

(NB. Should a Councillor wish to take part in the consideration and voting on a matter or matters in which he/she has a disclosable interest then they may request a dispensation be granted to enable them to take part in the discussion and voting on it but at least 10 days' notice must be given for any dispensation request.)

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 3 APRIL 2017

Payments are authorised by LGA 1972 s14, 144, 145, 214 or 215 or PCA 1957

(denotes within year end 31/3/2017)**

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT	Net	Cheque number	Ref.
Safe and Secure 24	Alarm systems 24 hour monitoring	15.60	2.60	13.00	DD	7380
CNH Industrial	Tractor HP	644.00	0	644.00	DD	7315
HSBC**	Bank charges (February)	34.09	0	34.09	DD	5060
Malthurst Ltd**	Diesel (March)	178.72	29.79	148.93	Visa	7310
EE & T Mobile**	Accounts (March)	176.88	27.48	149.40	DD	5010
Extra Energy Limited**	Floodlights account	73.35	3.49	69.86	DD	7450
NCC (wages and PAYE)**	March	13075.78	0	13075.78	108686	6020
NCC (pension fund)**	March	1851.08	0	1851.08	108686	6030
NCC (payroll admin fee)**	7 payslips @ £4.167	35.00	5.83	29.17	108686	6020
Kieran Bell**	Young Employee of the Year award	250.00	0	250.00	108680	7090
Amy Lee**	Young Employee of the Year award	50.00	0	50.00	108681	7090
DVLA**	Vehicle Tax (pick-up)	230.00	0	230.00	Visa	7310
Northumbrian Water	Cemetery rate	465.10	0	465.10	108683	7390
Peter Rodger**	Print and frame Steward and Bailiff award	43.75	0	43.75	108684	7080
Peter Rodger**	N/Plan website and associated services	300.00	0	300.00	108684	5600
Peter Rodger	Email issues, maintaining website infrastructure, etc	490.00	0	490.00	108684	5040
PWL B**	Loan installment	4951.69	0	4951.69	DD	7360

Laba & Davy Ltd T/A Best Western Beaumont Hotel**	Mayor's Reception (room hire and food)	580.00	96.67	483.33	108687	7070
Christmas Plus Ltd**	Dismantle of festive display	2007.00	334.50	1672.50	108688	7060
Christmas Plus Ltd**	Lights installation in Abbey Park	2376.00	396.00	1980.00	108688	7060
West End Garage**	Service (pickup)	166.43	27.74	138.69	108689	7320
West End Garage**	MOT Test (pickup)	54.85	0	54.85	108689	7320
Robson Print	Photocopies of Cemetery plan	6.50	0	6.50	108690	5030
Viking**	Postage stamps	55.00	0	55.00	108691	5020
Viking**	Sugar	8.52	0	8.52	108691	6010
Viking**	Kettle	17.98	2.99	14.99	108691	6010
Viking	Stationery	202.44	33.74	168.70	108691	5030
Viking**	Cleaning materials	61.26	10.21	51.05	108691	7330
Colin White Tree Surgery Ltd**	Tree works at Cemetery	2268.00	378.00	1890.00	108692	7410
BT**	Accounts	441.38	73.56	367.82	DD	5010
Ecoffins	5 Bamboo coffins	1065.00	177.50	887.50	108693	7340
Easy Hire North East Ltd**	Hire of mini excavator	240.00	40.00	200.00	108695	7315
Jewson Limited**	Turps and Hammerite	48.37	8.06	40.31	108696	7330
David Dixon Garden Machinery**	Oil, roundup, line	184.86	30.81	154.05	108697	7330
Hexham Orpheus Choir	Sponsorship of concert	500.00	0	500.00	108699	5130
TOTALS		33148.63	1678.97	31469.66		

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MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 3 APRIL 2017

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT	Net	Cheque number	Ref.
Balance b/f		2279.49				
Tesco	Biscuits for Fire Officers	9.00	0	9.00	Visa	5080
Mr D Tiffin	Picture	65.00	0	65.00	108682	5080
Hexham Spinal Unit Sport Club	Donation	100.00	0	100.00	108685	5080
Laba & Davy Ltd T/A Best Western Beaumont Hotel	Mayor's Reception (drinks)	408.00	68.00	340.00	108687	5080
Hexham Abbey Heritage Trading Ltd	Buffet lunch for Clerk's retirement	486.00	81.00	405.00	108694	5080
Hextol Tans	Meeting refreshments	11.55	0	11.55	108698	5080
Little Angel Café	Meeting refreshments	6.00	0	6.00	108698	5080
Balance fwd				1342.94		

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL – INCOME – MARCH 2017

Credit from	Detail	Amount	Invoice reference	Date	Ref.
Various	Cemetery charges	1364.00	HD2017/19	010317	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	1364.00	HD2017/20	080317	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	3780.00	HDW2017/21	090317	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	3964.00	HDW2017/23	140317	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	1890.00	HDW2017/24	140317	4010
Various	Cemetery charges	1178.00	HD2017/03	210317	4010
Various	Donations	105.00		280317	5080
Various	Allotment rent	112.00		280317	4000
TOTAL		13757.00			

Hexham Neighbourhood Plan 2016/17

(As at 28 March 2017)

Income	Expense (net)	Detail	Date	Cheque No.	Balance
£8678.00		Groundwork UK Grant	29/4/16		£8678.00
	£188.00	Parish Online	6/5/16	107775	£8490.00
	£120.00	Hire of Great Hall 20/4/16	6/5/16	107776	£8370.00
	£108.00	NCC Colour Prints of Maps for Forum	10/5/16	107783	£8262.00
	£1351.25	Planning Consultant Fee	31/3-19/5/16	108406	£6910.75
	£94.50	Hexham Courant (Housing Survey Notice)	9/6/16	108420	£6816.25
	£1057.50	Planning Consultant Fee	20/5-19/6/16	108465	£5758.75
	£5.00	Coloured printer paper	19/7/16	108451	£5753.75
	£705.00	Planning Consultant Fee	20/6-19/7/16	108465	£5048.75
	£169.80	Hexham Courant (Forum 6 Notices)	15 & 22/7	108473	£4878.95
	£352.50	Planning Consultant Fee	19/7-19/8/16	108508	£4526.45
	£2820.00	Planning Consultant Fee	19/8-19/10/16	108558	£1706.45
	£169.80	Hexham Courant (Forum 7 Notices)	14 & 21/10/16	108563	£1536.65
	£120.00	Hire of Great Hall 26/10/16	9/11/16	108578	£1416.65
	£2820.00	Planning Consultant fee	19/10- 19/11/16	108599	-£1403.35
	£1400.00	Planning Consultant fee	19/11- 19/12/16	108627	-£2803.35
	£940.00	Planning Consultant fee	19/12/16- 19/01/17	108646	-£3743.35
	£195.60	Hexham Courant (Forum 8 notices)	13 & 20/1/17	108647	-£3938.95
	£1410.00	Planning Consultant fee	19/1-19/2/17	108667	-£5348.95
	£300.00	Peter Rodger for website and associated services	10/3/17	108684	-£5648.95

Hexham Town Council
Full Proposal from Councillor D Kennedy

Hexham Town Council recognises the new School Funding Formula will have perverse consequences for Hexham Schools. It is anticipated that by 2019 that the following schools will lose per annum:

- QEHS - £521,000 12%
- HMS - £176,000 9%
- Sele First - £107,000 8%
- Hexham East First - £32,000 6%
- St Joseph - £124,000 8%
- St Mary - £40,000 10%

In total Northumberland Schools - £17 million, the equivalent of £440 per student per annum.

The educational attainment of our children is vitally important.

Hexham Town Council calls on the Government, Secretary of State for Education and Hexham's MP to reconsider the funding formula and deliver fair financial settlement that:

1. ensures no child loses out as a result of the new formula
2. provides the funds necessary to give our children a good education
3. recognises that investment in education is an investment in the future of our children, our town, district and county.