

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT a meeting of the Hexham Town Council Community Engagement Committee will be held in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, West Road, Hexham on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 6.00pm when the following matters will be considered:

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held 24 June 2019, enclosed.
3. Matters arising (if any).
4. Councillors' declarations of interest (see enclosed).
5. To consider climate issues.
6. To consider Love Northumberland Awards 2019.
7. To consider proposals for the new website.
8. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
9. 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 Clerk before the meeting begins*).



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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2019

502.	PRESENT: Councillor T Pearson in the Chair and Councillors R Hull, S Ball, T Dodds, D Bell, T G E Gillanders, T Cessford and C Hanley.
503.	CHAIRMAN: It was AGREED that Councillor Pearson remain Committee Chairman.
504.	COMMITTEE MEMBERS: It was NOTED the 2019/20 Committee members are Councillors T Pearson, R Hull, S Ball, T Dodds, D Bell, T G E Gillanders, T Cessford, C Hanley and C R Homer.
505.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor C R Homer.
506.	HEXHAM MARKET: The NCC Markets Manager, Neil Brown, outlined the “week’s free” scheme which was having limited interest and take-up. He agreed that the scheme was not widely known and agreed to forward details to the Committee. He agreed that a market dedicated to schools, charities, clubs, voluntary organisations might gain some support but stated that he did not have enough time to organise such an event and that it should come from the town, although he (or Geoff Cairns) would be happy to co-ordinate stall bookings. He confirmed that a Continental Market is arranged for 30 th August to 1 st September. He agreed that while there was always something on in Hexham on Saturdays, there was little to attract the traders on a Tuesday.
507.	MINUTES of the meeting held on 7 May 2019, having been circulated, were AGREED.
508.	MATTERS ARISING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. HEXHAM BELLMAN (minute 497c and action log refers). Councillor Ball advised that the design and colours of the costume were still under review by the Guild of Town Criers and asked Councillor Hanley to join the small group working on the project.b. TAKE PRIDE IN HEXHAM (minute 497d refers). It was noted that CGRS had now completed the deep clean of the nominated streets and this had made a huge difference. It was AGREED that this should be considered for an annual budget.c. HEXHAM TASTE FESTIVAL (minute 497f refers). It was noted that the festival will now not take place due to the withdrawal of the organisers.d. REGENERATION OF HEXHAM MEETING (minute 497e refers). This action is now completed.e. PUBLICISE THE WINTER LIGHTS (minute 488a refers). This will continue to be publicised.

	f. SOCIAL MEDIA (minute 488d refers). Councillor Cessford advised he had approached QEHS and was awaiting a response. He asked that this item be placed on the September agenda.
509.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were made.
510.	REMEMBRANCE DAY SUB-COMMITTEE: It was AGREED that this Sub-Committee continue and that the members for 2019/20 are Councillors R Hull, T G E Gillanders, T Pearson and T Cessford and Messrs. T Robson, P Clark, G Robinson and J Dumbrell.
511.	NEW WEBSITE: It was AGREED that any decision on the website would be deferred until further information was available.
512.	HEXHAM IN BLOOM: It was AGREED that Councillor J Ord represent the Town Council.
513.	TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE: It was AGREED that Councillor J Ord represent the Town Council.
514.	AOB a) It was agreed that the Consultative Document on the Market Place be referred to the Full Council and NOTED. b) It was NOTED that the new sports equipment at Tyne Green is almost completely installed and awaits a formal opening by a sports personality. c) It was NOTED that in 2010 the town will be celebrating the 75 th Anniversary of VE Day and suggestions on the nature of the occasion was produced by NALC. d) Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on 27th June and Councillor Hull will liaise with RHA to establish their involvement. e) The Fifth Fusiliers will march through Hexham to exercise their rights to the Freedom of the town on 23 rd April, St George's Day. f) It was noted that Hexham Local History Society paid a visit to St Andrew's cemetery on 19 th May and were impressed by all they saw. g) Councillor Hull recommended that a representative of the Mayor's Guild of Guides be asked to address the Town Council and this was AGREED.
515.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 6.00pm in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Action Log

Work on the Bellman costume design and contact the Courant (minute 508a refers)	Councillors Ball and Hanley
Note as a new possible annual budget (minute 508b refers)	Clerk and Councillor Pearson
Publicise the "winter lights" (minute 508e refers)	Clerk
Place Social Media on the September agenda (minute 508f refers)	Clerk

Chairman

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 should use one of the following statements:-

1. "I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
in..... (for example:) Agenda item 3,
Planning application number 13/1234".
(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.