

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 31 January 2018 at 6.30pm 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 6 December 2017 enclosed.
3. Matters arising (if any).
4. Councillors' declarations of interest (see enclosed).
5. To consider Northumberland Day 2018 (27 May – information circulated to Councillors on 14 February).
6. To consider a response to the consultation on Northumberland County Council's Voluntary & Community Sector (information circulated to Councillors on 15 January).
7. To consider the Armed Forces Day 2018 event.
8. To consider the Great Exhibition of the North launch event in Hexham.
9. To consider the consultation on the North of Tyne Devolution.
10. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
11. 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 6 DECEMBER 2017

386.	PRESENT: Councillor T G E Gillanders in the Chair and Councillors T Cessford, R Hull and Mrs C Hanley.
387.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from Councillors T Dodds, Mrs D Bell, T Pearson, Mrs C R Homer and S Ball.
388.	MINUTES of the meeting held on 25 October 2017, having been circulated, were AGREED.
389.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. SELE PLAY AREA (minute 379a and action log refers). It was noted that the S106 Funding Panel is supportive of the funding application but requires another, more comparable quote and further information on the wheelchair trampoline. It was also noted that the refurbishment will start on 14 December.b. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (minute 379b and action log refers). It was noted that additional lights had been ordered and more trees in the Abbey Park would be lit by the dates of the Christmas Market.c. SPORT TYNE DALE (minute 379c refers). It was noted that a donation request has been received and that the Finance and General Purposes Committee had agreed to donate £300.00.d. JOINT MEETING (minute 379d and action log refers). It was noted that this meeting had been held on 27 November. It was AGREED to send notes from the meeting to all Councillors for information.e. HEXHAM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'S TOURISM AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER POST (minute 382 refers). It was noted that there is a new person in post and that Councillors Gillanders and Cessford will meet her to discuss the Hex-Press.f. HEXHAM ABBEY BIBLE (minute 383 and action log refers). It was noted that, to date, there has been no further update.g. 2018/2019 COMMITTEE BUDGET (minute 384 refers). It was noted that the Finance and General Purposes Committee had agreed to recommend a budget of £3000.00 each for the War Memorial Reserve and Website (rather than £1000.00 and £2000.00 respectively as agreed by this Committee), so the total 2018/19 recommended budget for this Committee is £56300.00.
390.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were made.
391.	REMEMBRANCE DAY SUB-COMMITTEE: It was AGREED to receive and note the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 15 November 2017. It was further AGREED that Councillor Gillanders will

	contact Sam Talbot, Northumberland County Council's Green Spaces Officer, to discuss how wheelchair users may be accommodated.
392.	HEXHAM BID: This was raised as an urgent item and AGREED as detailed in confidential minute 392.
393.	LOCAL EVENTS RELATING TO PUBLIC MOURNING: This was raised as an urgent item and AGREED as detailed in confidential minute 393.
394.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on 21 February 2018 at 6.30pm in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Action Log

Obtain a more comparable quote and get further information on the wheelchair trampoline for the Sele play area	Clerk
Liaise with the new Tourism and Communications Officer	Councillor Gillanders and Councillor Cessford
Contact Sam Talbot to discuss how wheelchair users may be accommodated near the War Memorial on Remembrance Day	Councillor Gillanders

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.