

GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
11th October 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Henfrey, Councillor Smith, Councillor Berry, Councillor Elgie, Councillor C Hales,
Councillor McArdle, Councillor Tinsley
Councillor Savage, Councillor Jackson,
Emma McCann (DTC)
Helen Cogdon, Town Clerk (TC) (minutes)

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Councillor Jordan and County Councillor Gunn.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in matters appearing on the agenda and the nature of their interest.

Members are reminded to update their Declaration of personal and prejudicial interest register as and when required, and as soon as is reasonably possible.

None received

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident agenda items requested through the Clerk

Mr Andy Logan (Resident) said

I am proposing to create and maintain a community garden using the vacant allotment plots numbered 31, 32 and 33.

I intend to divide the area up into 5 separate areas 16ft X 16ft 4 will consist of an L shape raised bed made of wood frame, supplied by Jewson's, Bishop Auckland, and corrugated metal sheets already on site, and a lower ground bed for longer length growing vegetables measuring approximately 7ft X 12ft.

For the schools, these areas will be enclosed for the safety of the children and easier supervision for the Teacher/Assistantall children to be supervised by the person in charge via the schools.

And an open planned 1 for the Open-Door Methodist Church, and anyone within the church to help and use the community garden.

- There will be a Sensory area in the community garden to support children with additional needs and to have a quiet area to feel secure and happy but must be supervised.

- There will also be a number of wildlife areas with a possibility of a beehive!

- Wildlife pond

- A polytunnel

The Community Garden will have a vast impact on the local community through: -

- Supporting our local food bank

- Supporting the community organisations

- Supporting elderly, when possible, with veg or fruit or both in hampers or upon individual requests.

- Includes engaging with local businesses, for example using fruit & veg waste from the Bait Room for the community garden compost, which would help provide extra veg free in return helping everyone out.
- Getting manure from local farmers keeping things local.

This is also great boost to the national curriculum giving children the chance to grow and explore the natural environment and nature where they live.

What are the benefits of a community garden.

- Brings everyone in the community together.
- Dr are prescribing gardening & walking for people with Anxiety/Depression and even loneliness. (To me personally being in my allotment keeping busy and being active helps me to think and be positive about myself and also others around me, and to keep thinking of ways to help people and the environment.)
- Scientific research has found that spending two hours in nature each week is linked to better health and wellbeing. Taking part in community gardening can also encourage people to adopt healthier behaviours. This includes walking and eating fresh produce, and the evidence base is growing. Furthermore, the NHS are increasingly prescribing time in nature and community gardening projects as part of “green prescriptions”.
It also
 - Provides a good form of exercise
 - Promotes good mental health

Links

Further information can be found on the internet, I do have some link information for further reading

At this stage of planning and getting things started financial costs are not included in the proposal.

But I have made enquiries with various companies who have already offered to donate materials towards the start-up the likes of, Jewson's, Howdens, B&Q, Nerams LTD, Durham Vacuums and Hardware, Window and Doors from the village.

Howdens (kitchen sink, waste and tap)

Jewson's (fence material and raised beds along with materials to restructure rest room wash area)

Durham Vacuums & Hardware (seeds, hosepipe connectors, hinges screws nails)

Nerams LTD (First Aid Kit)

Village window and door centre (windows and door for restroom? Wash area)

The Garden will Fundraise and where possible seek charitable donations to help contribute to start up and running costs.

Donations from individuals accepted, we will also seek to have a person or even network with other environmental department to take charge of finances.

Volunteers from the community would assist myself in carrying out the initial preparation to get the Community Garden up and running, then the local groups would be in charge of their designated area, with myself looking after things during school holidays and I will be making sure all areas are kept up and any repairs or adjustments are completed asap.

If all is agreed the preparation work could commence from now to last approximately 8 months to be ready for early summer.

Benefits for Schools

- Extends the classroom into the natural environment around them, encouraging positive mental health
- A sensory area would support children with additional needs to have a quiet area to feel secure and happy

Benefits for the Community

- Promotes socialising opportunities for people who have become isolated
- With local business support it encourages local people to support them in return creating an even stronger sense of community

There are links available to support my research available after the meeting.

General Housekeeping

There would be a diary which would be updated daily with a timetable showing when the schools will be in and out, this will be kept within GWTC with a signing in/ out book for the key to emergency gate, and a First Aid Kit (supplied by Nerams LTD) with an Accident Record Book

There would also be a fire extinguisher on site.

The School/ Church Office would hold allotment gate key.

Other things I have been looking into and getting advice and support is: -

Allotment Watch

Believe Housing for emergency access gate.

Bees from; local supplier

Councillor Berry has put herself forward in seeking hand tools, gloves etc

Councillor Tinsley has suggested grants and funding.

Thank you for reading this proposal and listening to me.

Members thanked Mr Logan for this proposal. Which they supported in principle.

Agreed to identify potential users and the lead body to manage the garden to assess if this is sustainable in the longer term

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 13th September 2022 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Page 9. Item 8. Amendment: County Councillor Tinsley said this should read “we will find out in November if we will receive an allocation from the Levelling Up Fund.”

Any other matters arising will be covered in reports.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 13th September 2022 as written and circulated were approved as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Henfrey

Seconded Councillor Smith

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATE ON PLANNING DECISIONS

New Planning Applications

- *DM/22/02571/FPA – 2 Country View, Oakenshaw – Conversion of stables to 1No. holiday let*

Standard Consultation Expiry Date: Thursday 13 October 2022

<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RHJB2ZGDGF000>

- DM/22/02678/FPA – Stable House, 1 Stable Cottages, Willington – Two storey side extension
Standard Consultation Expiry Date: Friday 7 October 2022
<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RI326DGDGK500>
- DM/22/02695/PNA – Tanners Hall Farm, Stockley Lane, Oakenshaw – Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural general purpose storage building (for machinery and feed storage)
Standard Consultation Expiry Date: Wednesday 5 October 2022
<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RI3TWNGDGL000>
- DM/22/02802/TPO – 62B Low Willington – 5 day notice for urgent works to remove lime tree due to decay protected by TPO
For Information Only – Application received Wednesday 21 September and approved Wednesday 28 September
<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RINYPJGD0JO00>
- DM/22/02737/NMA – Finchale House, Laburnum Gardens, Willington – Change the external wall finish from common house brick to smooth render colour white/off-white
Determination Deadline: Wednesday 19 October 2022
<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RIAVGLGD0BK00>

Previous Planning Application Decisions

- DM/22/02466/FPA - 23 New Row, Oakenshaw - Alteration to existing dormer and single-storey rear extension
Approved
- DM/22/01987/AD - Spar Stores, Low Willington, Willington - Display of 1 No. sign (6m x 3m) – retrospective
Approved
- DRC/22/00258 - Land To The North Of Hawthorn Drive And West Of Hill Meadows, Willington - Discharge of conditions 5 (M42), 6 (drainage), 7 (trees), 8 (CMP), and 11 (EV charge points) pursuant to DM/20/01960/VOC
Approved
- DM/22/01632/FPA – Chantel, Hall Lane Estate, Willington - Proposed Extension and First Floor Extension to Existing Bungalow
Approved
- DM/22/01695/FPA - Stockley View, Stockley Lane, Oakenshaw - Resubmission of DM/22/00885/FPA for the conversion of lambing shed to single dwelling and engineering works to create lower ground floor, new access road, install ground source heat pumps and klargester package sewage treatment plant, create 3 ponds and construct new footpath (part retrospective)
For Information Only - Expiry Date - Fri 15 Jul 2022
Approved

Previous Planning Applications Waiting Decisions

- DM/19/02002/OUT – Site of Former Kensington Hall Hotel, Kensington Terrace, Willington – Housing development of 9 no. dwellings (Outline – All Matters Reserved Other Than Access) (Amended 21/04/2021)
- DM/21/04140/RM - Land Adjacent To (East) Ash Drive, Willington - Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 88 no. dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission DM/17/00244/OUT (up to 200 dwellings with all matters reserved except access)
- DM/22/02016/FPA - Parkside Academy, Hall Lane Estate, Willington - Enclose external staircase, single storey extension for toilets, 2 No. bin stores, alterations to existing ramped access, relocation of cycle store and formation/alterations to footpaths
For Information Only - Standard Consultation Expiry Date - Mon 15 Aug 2022
- DM/22/02031/FPA - Land North Of Croft Way, Low Willington Industrial Estate, Willington - Erection of new industrial unit
For Information Only - Standard Consultation Expiry Date - Wed 17 Aug 2022
- DRC/22/00261 - Land Adjacent To (East) Ash Drive, Willington - Discharge of Conditions 5 (Construction Management Plan and Method Statement), 6 - (coal mining legacy), 8 (off-site highways), 10 (Arboricultural Impact Assessment), 14 (contaminated land) and 16 (archaeology) pursuant to planning permission DM/18/03443/OUT (erection of upto 200 dwellings).
For Information Only - Standard Consultation Expiry Date - Fri 19 Aug 2022
- DM/22/02349/CPO - 26 Abbey Gardens, Willington - Lawful Development Certificate (proposed use): to change a (C3a) dwelling for a children's home for a maximum of three children aged 8 - 18, with three carers, with two sleeping overnight, working on a rota basis (C2)
- DM/22/02465/DRC - Land To The North Of Hawthorn Drive And West Of Hill Meadows, Willington - Discharge of conditions 2 (Noise Assessment) and 9 (Carbon Emissions) pursuant to DM/20/01960/VOC

It was noted that the Lambing Shed Tanners Hall Farm has been approved. The applicant has been updating members on a weekly basis.

26 Abbey gardens proposed Children's Home has been refused.

8 Prospect Terrace has already been approved.

6. TO RECEIVE THE ALLOTMENT REPORT

Councillor Berry said;

Oakenshaw

plot 1-3 ongoing communication retrospective planning app in progress

plot 4 complaints received that bags of chicken feed are attracting rats.

plot 8&9 no change still rubbish, waste needs a letter.

plot16 Complicated, tap not in place however no cultivation. would suggest a full inspection. Understanding of health condition aspect.

plot 18 No work needs letter

20/21 need update

plot 29-30 need update

plot 36 to check if we have we already sent a help letter

Springfield

Many beds covered over, some still with winter veg.

Can hear a cockerel 18-24 but had no access to investigate

A resident has created a pond, many plots have ponds. He needs permission. Do we need to strengthen the wording regarding water features?
Suggestion of converting two unused areas as a community garden for food to be provided to the food bank and community?

Park Top

Much work in progress

Helen is working with fencing companies.

Apologies it was raining, and I could not get down to inspect the bottom plots, i felt at risk.

I think this site needs to be seriously reviewed.

Proposed Councillor Berry

Seconded Councillor Smith

Approved.

7. TO RECEIVE THE TOWN COUNCILLORS MONTHLY REPORT

i) Project Updates. The Deputy Town Clerk said. As agreed at the meeting in June, CCTV contract was given to EDE Electrics. It was agreed to increase the cameras from 1 to 8. The 7 new cameras were installed and the 1 existing camera had to be replaced also. This incurred an additional £360 which was agreed under Delegated Powers. We now need one councillor to take control of the camera system and arrange for the password to be changed every 2 months. Both staff members would be users. Cameras will only be viewed if there is a valid reason to do so relating to safety and security. The cameras also need to be registered with Data Protection which will be organised this week.

I have approached the Joiner and asked if he can make us a cabinet which locks to store the cameras hard drive and monitor. Just waiting for him to measure up and provide a quote.

Rear fire door and the door on the first-floor large meeting room have been installed. Plastering has been completed and painter coming this week to touch up and paint new doors.

Electrician will be in towards the end of this week to complete the maglock system on the entrance door. One emergency light is to be installed in the back office. This will complete Phase One of the building refurbishment programme.

Based on the budget allocation, the costs are still within limit excluding VAT.

We are facing issues at the moment where the occasional call we receive is distorted. Callers then have to phone back and it is back to normal. TalkTalk have said this could be due to us now having two SIP trunks on one line in. As these are going through internet, this could be causing the defects on calls. Our original package with TalkTalk was £40.45 +VAT a month. This was for old broadband. I have negotiated a deal and managed to upgrade to Fibre for £27.95 +VAT a month. This is a saving of £12.50 a month.

The old guaranteed minimum downstream was 12.12mb but the new guaranteed minimum downstream is 71.76mb.

Carver Commercial Surveyors came to the office on Monday 12th September 2022 to carry out a reinstatement calculation on the building following refurbishments work. This was agreed in previous meetings and necessary to make sure that our insurance cover is adequate. We should expect the report back within 2-3 weeks.

Upon inspection, it was noted that the cellar is very damp. This is starting to affect the wooden timbers holding the floors. This work is in Phase Two of building works but no budget allocation has been set. Phase Two should include;

- Roof
- Insulation
- Cellar
- Pointing

Can I have approval to go ahead and obtain quotes for the works above and for councillors to agree a budget allocation at the next available town council meeting.

We have received 2 quotes from cleaning companies to do a thorough deep clean on the whole building. Both are for £450+VAT.

ProCare (Meadowfield) anticipate 15 hours and 3-5 cleaning operatives for one full day. A2B Cleaning (Belmont) anticipate 15-20 hours and 3-4 cleaning operatives which can be split over 2 days.

Army Cadets have now responded and confirmed they no longer wish to use our facilities. They have reviewed the hire charges and agreements and have deemed that this is not within their budget.

Home and Away

Away Days

The Deputy Town Clerk said:

Stockeld Park on 30th July 2022 was not as popular as the zoo which I can only assume was because people were not so familiar with this attraction.

Council approved £1,218.50 from 2021-2022 underspends. A total of £929.50 was paid but we are receiving a refund of £224 from Stockeld Park for unused tickets.

Tickets at £5 each generated an income of £335.

Scarborough on 21st August 2022 was extremely popular. We filled two buses. One bus was covered through AAP Funding. Additional bus was covered using generated income from previous away days and events.

Tickets at £3 each generated an income of £315

Income generated;

Northumberland Country Zoo - £300

Stockeld Park - £335

Scarborough - £315

Jubilee Tombola and Donations - £192

Total = £1,142

Deductions;

Bus 2 for Scarborough Away Day - £450

Snack packs for Scarborough - £63.50

Total = £513.50

Remaining in the Pot: £628.50

Final Away Day for 2022 is to Metro Centre on Saturday 19th November 2022. Leaving the Town Green at 9.30am and returning from the Metro Centre at 6.00pm. Cost of the bus is £265.

Tickets will be £3 each. Anticipated income will be £156 to add to the pot.

Letters have been sent to the businesses on High Street and Commercial Street.14 plus Town Council have given permission for the installation of the brackets and baskets. I had anticipated them being installed at the end of the September but the contractor has had a serious accident therefore I am looking at alternative options. Thinford Nurseries have confirmed they can provide them within our timescales.

Other outstanding works are the winter plants for the four primary schools in the parish and the seat to be installed at Low Willington.

Willington Events 2022

Halloween

Wednesday 26th October 2022

An application has been submitted to AAP Fun & Food for £695. This will be to hold a Pumpkin Carving Session in the Town Council office on between 12noon and 3pm. Limited to 20 spaces and qualifying criteria is that children are in receipt of free school meals or other vulnerability needs. This project will only go ahead if funding is awarded. Meeting will be held tomorrow (Wednesday 14th September 2022). This is massively oversubscribed so fingers crossed.

Monday 31st October 2022

Disco and magic show at Willington WMC from 5pm till 9pm. Flash will be making his annual appearance. He will commence at 5.30pm with a one-hour magic show and 30 minutes of party games. Andy Logan has volunteered his services and equipment for the disco.

Willington WMC will provide hot dogs for all attending.

Limited to 120 tickets which will be £2.

Remembrance Day

Friday 11th November 2022. Remembrance and wreath laid. Final plans to be decided.

Sunday 13th November 2022. Service as usual. Letters will be going out next week to all businesses who usually order a wreath. Wreaths can be collected from the Town Council office.

Away Day – Metro Centre

Saturday 19th November 2022. Pick up at 9.30am on the Town Green. Leaving the Metro Centre at 6.00pm. Final away day for the Home & Away Project. Tickets will be £3 each. Only one bus allocated at the moment. This will be advertised next week and the tickets will go on sale beginning of October.

Pantomime

Saturday 26th November 2022. 3pm at Willington WMC. Cinderella.

County Councillors Fraser Tinsley and Olwyn Gunn have kindly allocated £400 each from their Members Small Grants Funds.

Children will get to visit Santa in his fairly new Grotto and receive a present. Snacks will be provided to all children.

Tickets will be £4 each.

Total Project Cost: £1739. County Councillors £800. Anticipated Ticket Income £480. GWTC £459.

Cemetery Lodge

Councillor Tinsley declared an interest as a member of D.C.C.

The Clerk said;

Durham County Council instructed Billingham George & Partners (Building Surveyors) to assess the structural condition of the external/internal walls, roof structure and floor of Cemetery Lodge.

On the 17 June 2022 a visual inspection was carried out to the parts of the building which were accessible.

No testing of the drainage system or services was undertaken.

Whilst there was not an asbestos survey, it is likely that asbestos material may have been used during previous alterations/refurbishment.

Following a teams meeting last year, the GWTC Steering Group members attended a site visit on the 26th July 2022.

And a meeting at County Hall on the 14th September 2022.

Issues affection the structure and stability of the building

The property was constructed circa late C20.

Roofs

The Welsh slate roof is in reasonable condition. There is evidence of repair but no overstressing or distortion.

Mortar pointing to the ridge tiles and the mortar flashings at roof slope junctions is required.

Staining to rafters and timber boarding around chimney stack noted probably due to lead theft.

Similar issues were identified on the porch roof.

External masonry

Constructed of English Bond Brickwork.

No evidence of cracking or settlement of the foundations.

Structural movement identified included;

East facing gable wall -outward movement of copings and brickwork.

East Facing window -slippage of brick arch associated with stepped cracking to masonry over window.

South facing elevation - cracking of upper masonry to central buttress.

Stone copings should be re-bedded on both gables.

Overall pointing required.

Internal Walls

Stepped cracking from head arch of 2 windows to load bearing roof purlins

Stepped cracking to masonry arch over timber lintel to main entrance.

Ground Floor

A ground bearing concrete slab in reasonable condition with no evidence of any significant structural defects.

Conclusion

On the whole the building appears to be in a reasonable structural condition. However deterioration has taken place which will have a detrimental effect on the overall structural integrity of the building if not rectified within the foreseeable future.

Urgent repairs to stop the deterioration of the fabric of the building included;
Replacement of roof coverings, flashings, valleys and soakers.
Replacement of all defective rainwater goods.
Repair of damaged brickwork to upper section of the buttress.
Repair to stop structural movement to slipped arches and brickwork.
Repairs to decayed timber wall plates to porch roof.
Repairs to internal walls using the Helifix System or similar to prevent outwards movement.

Next steps.

Outline Business Plan to be prepared for DCC Community Assets Steering Group.
The next CASG meeting is 1st December 2022.
Feasibility Study to assess costs and draw up Schedule of Works.
Gather quotations.
Submit funding applications.

Recommendation

The Clerk said;

1. That the level of resources needed to be invested in this project does not equal the level of community benefit that will be achieved.

This was agreed. The Clerk was asked to inform D.C.C of their decision and thank D.C.C Officers for their work and involvement in the feasibility study.

Defibrillators

Councillor Tinsley said it is important to identify buildings with an existing electricity supply on which to site the defibrillator.

Councillor Gunn said the Open Door Church could have one inside the building only.

Members decided to locate the defibrillator at The Spar, Low Willington.

The Deputy Town Clerk suggested that the costs are shared between Councillor Gunn, Tinsley, GWTC and The Spar. This will be iro £350.00 each.

Agreed.

Councillor Berry said there are Oakenshaw residents who would like training.

Warm Spaces

Councillor Tinsley said he had been approached by The Open Door Church to engage with them and support the initiative as part of a network. It would be good if members can help at these sessions.

Councillor Berry said she had board games to share. Also she is setting up a sign language course and people can dip in to see if they are interested.

The Deputy Town Clerk said she would like to start the sessions with a Cuppa with a Coppa and a Councillor again. Also the Neighbourhood Warden is now holding ad hoc sessions in the building.

Agreed to liaise with Sue Hine. Councillor Berry has suggested dates.

The Clerk said;

Grants of £1000 are available to groups providing regular Drop-In service for residents. CDALC have suggested that parishes complete the on-line application if they have less than 50% of the previous year expenditure in reserves.

Expenditure 2021/22 £166,028

£74,002 current reserves. The Council is therefore eligible to apply. This was noted.

Councillor Henfrey said thank you to Helen and Emma for organising the seat at York Terrace.

It was agreed that the 2022 Carol Service will be held at the office and around the Christmas tree. Father David is to be invited.

ii) Environmental Improvements

Tree Planting

The Clerk said;

Congratulations to the Environment Group for their It's Your Neighbourhood Award at this year's Northumbria in Bloom. As a result, the entry is now registered with the Royal Horticultural Society who have suggested two further funding opportunities to apply to.

The £150 tree grants from DCC will be available to apply for in November 2022. Applications can be submitted from the Council and the Environment Group to go towards the Silver Birch on the former Community Garden proposed by Councillor Tinsley or the start of the Cherry Orchard.

Sapling Planting can also be organised through the Council and Environment Group applying to the Queens Green Canopy for free trees supplied by the Woodland Trust.

Rob George DCC Woodland Creation Officer has also asked for volunteers to plant more trees to extend the new woodland near the Coke Works started last year.

Bulb Planting

At the last meeting Councillor Savage suggested more bulb planting along the High Street to build on previous planting schemes.

We have received a request from Our Lady & St Thomas new School Council to work with the Council to improve the environment with planting and litter picking. If the Council would like to agree to this.

We can organise the litter pick with Civic Pride this will be free. However, the bulbs will be iro £2500.

Councillor Savage said if we are to do this due to the time of year, we need to order the bulbs straight away. Agreed.

Flower Beds

The plants will be ordered this week. DCC will dig over the beds and plant to our design. Volunteers are needed to maintain them.

Flower Baskets

The Clerk has been in discussion with Councillor Jackson, DCC Street Lighting and Coxhoe Town Council regarding how to organise flower basket displays.

DCC have sent the Council the application forms to submit when ready. The columns must also pass their structural tests.

This will cost £4025 year one then £2945 each year after, including watering.

Member thought this project could start June 2023.

This was agreed.

8. TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS MONTHLY REPORT

Councillor Tinsley said there is to be no Scarlet Band bus service to Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor. The County Councillors have received a letter to say that this service is due to end.

The Weardale Company will step in to provide a day time service. The last bus from Bishop Auckland will be at 17.35.

Unless more subsidy can be found there will continue to be commercial problems. How much D.C.C will pay will be determined when operators come forward.

This is the situation as it stands now but it can change.

9. TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION (September 2022)

The Clerk said;

The Council entered into September with a starting balance of £78,917.27

There was £11,439.89 spent and £16,441.51 received leaving an end balance of £83,918.89

Proposed Councillor Smith

Seconded Councillor Jackson

10. TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT (August 2022)

The Clerk said there has been expenditure £45,539.43 leaving an available resource on budget of £72,456.57.

i) To consider future project allocations

There is £1,569 remaining in the approved costs 2021/22 and the vat reclaim has returned £14,816 giving a total of £16,385 the Clerk suggested that this is ringfenced for projects; Building capital costs 7k, Environment 3k and Fun Day 6k.

The budget is about to be prepared for 2023/24 and Building Capital Costs, Events Programme and Environment will have their own budget heads and allocation in next year's budget.

Proposed Councillor Elgie

Seconded Councillor Henfrey

11. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

None received

12. TO CONSIDER CIVIC FUND APPLICATIONS

None received.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Great North Air Ambulance Service

The Clerk said a letter has been received from GNAAS asking for funding and if we were prepared to become a central donation point for their Clothing Champions Campaign.

She said the Council pays them £200 a year sponsorship.

Members declined the offer saying that they didn't wish to compete with other charitable clothing shops in the town.

Adopt Coast to Coast

The Clerk has received an email asking if we would support Adopt Coast to Coast. This is a regional adoption agency for Durham County Council, Cumbria County Council and Together for Children (Sunderland City Council)

They are always looking for forever homes for babies and children in their care and are looking for ways to raise awareness of their service in the communities were would be adopters live.

All that would be required is that we include or promote information about ACTC in our newsletters, website, notice boards and community buildings.

This was agreed.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

8th November 2022 at 6pm