

Cllr Best noted that the Northumbrian Gathering weekend was showing in both March and April.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To update the diary to show the event in April only.

320/18 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

321/18 Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present on this occasion.

322/18 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Minutes of 23rd January 2019, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

323/18 Matters Arising from Full Council Committee Meeting on 23rd January 2019

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

324/18 Items referred from Other Committees and Working Groups

Finance and General Purposes Committee

i. Final Accounts – Year End Procedures

Members were asked to approve the following documents as adopted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee

- (a) Internal Audit Policy and Risk Assessments

A vote was taken: 7 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

- (b) Annual Treasury Management Policy

A vote was taken: 7 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) To approve the Internal Audit Policy and Risk Assessment
- (ii) To approve the Annual Treasury Management Policy

ii. Morpeth Partnership Working Group

Members were asked to approve Councillor representation on the Morpeth Partnership Working Group.

Members were advised that both Cllrs Gebhard and Byard had volunteered to represent councillors until May 2019. Cllr Best enquired if representation needed to be the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Cllr Gebhard confirmed that it did not necessarily need to be the case, however they had both volunteered.

A vote was taken: 7 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) To approve Cllrs Gebhard and Byard as representatives on the Morpeth Partnership Working Group.

iii. Storey Park Community Centre

Members were asked to approve a Working Group to review the community centre usage.

Cllr Bawn proposed that the Terms of Reference be that the group will review all community centres managed by the Town Council and prepare a proposed solution on the future operation of all centres which is to be brought back to Full Council for a further decision.

A vote was taken: 7 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) To approve a Working Group consisting of Cllrs R Wearmouth, D Bawn, A Tebbutt, Best and Byard along with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

325/18 Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

326/18 **Strategic County Councillor Updates**

Members were provided for information with the County Councillor updates.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

One member of the press arrived at 6.40pm

327/18 **Local Council Issues**

There were no issues for Local Council raised on this occasion.

Members unanimously agreed that the following resolution be passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting to discuss the following item in closed session:

“That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the disclosure of the following items on the agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A in the 1972 Act as indicated below:

Issues concerning: Civic Award nominations.

One member of the press left at 6.41pm.

The meeting concluded at 6:43pm with Councillors’ N Best, D Bawn, N Bawn, J Gebhard, D Herne, R Thompson and J Wearmouth.