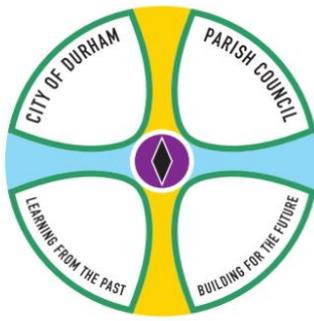


CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Full Parish Council, held on 27th February 2020, began with all present observing a one minute silence in memory of the late Parish Councillor for the Elvet and Gilesgate ward Cllr Judith Atkinson.

The City of Durham Parish Council made the following decisions at its last Council meeting, held on 27th February 2020:

- Councillors agreed to make representations to Durham County Council to request an extension of the coverage of the Article 4 direction to cover the whole of the City of Durham parish area. In the event of such representations not being successful, Councillors also agreed to devolve responsibility to the Parish Council Planning Committee to commission the services of a planning consultant to assist with the preparation of an evidence base to highlight the need for the extension.
- Councillors agreed a further response from its barrister to the Planning Inspectorate on the issue of the County Council's application to have the coach park at the Sands de-registered as common land.
- Councillors agreed to the Parish Council Planning Committee assuming responsibility for responding to consultations on new Traffic Regulation Orders on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Councillors agreed to the establishment of a city-wide youth environment working group. This group would include representatives of schools in the City of Durham Parish area and will engage in relevant environmental activities as agreed at formal meetings of the Parish Council.
- Councillors agreed a safeguarding policy for the City of Durham Parish Council.
- Councillors agreed the following five priorities for the Parish Council strategy for 2020-21:
 - **Priority 1** – Being a voice for the city
 - **Priority 2** – enhancing physical and mental wellbeing of our residents and addressing inequalities in our parish
 - **Priority 3** – implementing the neighbourhood plan and rep on planning
 - **Priority 4** – creating a positive environment for businesses and encouraging tourism to improve prosperity of parish
 - **Priority 5** – taking action to combat climate damage



Councillors will consider the document "Looking Forwards" at all future Committee meetings and build on the strategy over the coming months to present a draft of this at the forthcoming annual meeting of the parish in May. The Parish Council Strategy 2020-21 will hopefully be formally adopted in June 2020.

- Councillors agreed to write to Durham University calling on them to use all means possible to seek a speedy resolution to the current pensions impasse involving its staff.
- Councillors agreed to the establishment of a standing working group of community and residents' associations.
- Councillors agreed the Parish Council's procedures for co-opting a member of the public to the Parish Council.
- Councillors agreed the following motion:
"The City of Durham Parish Council notes with regret the cancellation of the 58 bus service which long served the residents of the Whinney Hill area. Because of its detrimental impact on local people this council calls on Durham County Council to re-examine its contracting of bus routes in order that it can facilitate a service via Whinney Hill to meet the needs of residents".
- Councillors agreed to investigate a project to commemorate the late Councillor Judith Atkinson.