



Our ref: IM/LH

16 July 2025

Dear Member

You are summoned to attend Spennymoor Town Councils ordinary Meeting of **FULL TOWN COUNCIL** to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER on **Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 6.45pm**

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL ORDER OF BUSINESS
Meeting to be held 22 July 2025

The Council would like to advise that this meeting is being audio and video recorded and will subsequently appear on the Council website. If you decide to remain in the room, it will be taken that you have given consent, for both yourself and any other person you are responsible for, to be recorded as stated. Could I ask that all mobile devices are either switched off or to silent during this meeting.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** - To consider for approval.
- 2 Declarations of Interest** - to note declarations of interest from Members on items of the agenda.
- 3 Members Dispensations** - to consider written requests for dispensations from Members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable pecuniary interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.
- 4 Public Participation** - members are requested to receive and consider any questions from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 13.
- 5 Minutes** - To submit and if approved, confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24 June 2025 for signing.
- 6 Committee Minutes** - To receive the Minutes of the Meetings of the under mentioned Standing Committees of the Council:
 - a) Policy & Resources Committee 8 July 2025
 - b) Facilities & Recreation Committee 8 July 2025
- 7 Planning** - Members are requested to consider any planning applications received.
- 8 Mayors Communications** - Members are requested to consider the update from the Town Mayor.
- 9 Governance Checklist** – Members are requested to receive the schedule referring to decisions taken at Meetings in June



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- 10 Football Coaching at Jubilee Park** – to consider the request from Stoker Football Coaching to use Jubilee Park for coaching sessions (deferred from Council Meeting 24 June 2025 pending further information from Officers regarding proposed charges and any identifiable costs to the Council).
- 11 Tisa Hess Exhibition Update** – to receive an update from the Community & Culture Manager on the proposed Tisa Hess Exhibition to be held in the Bob Abley Gallery/Memorial Room in September and October 2025

Ian Morris MA FSLCC
Town Clerk
16 July 2025

**To: Mayor – Cllr L Maddison
Vice-Chair – Cllr B McAloon
All Members of Spennymoor Town Council
cc Public Notice**

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of **SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 6.45pm

Present: Cllr Liz Maddison (Chair)

Cllrs A Anderson, J Barnes, M Christie, G Fletcher,
S Gilling, M Harmer, B McAloon, C Maddison, J Magill,
S Mills, P Molloy, L Owen, D Ranyard, G Robinson, D Taylor, B Thorkildsen,
H Waugh, I Wilson and E Wood.

Also in attendance: I Morris (Town Clerk)

- 24/2526 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received from Cllrs I Geldard and I Wilson
- 25/2526 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None received.
- 26/2526 **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.
- 27/2526 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None received.
- 28/2526 **MINUTES**
Council Meetings held on Tuesday 13th May 2025
RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true and correct record to be signed by the Chairman.
- 29/2526 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
a) **Policy and Resources Committee held on Tuesday 10th June 2025**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be **RECEIVED**.
b) **Facilities and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 10th June 2025**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be **RECEIVED**.
- 30/2526 **BYERS GREEN VACANCY**
Members considered 2 applications for the vacant council seat at Byers Green and a vote was taken.

RESOLVED: that Pauline Cant be co-opted into the vacant seat for the Byers Green Ward.

Cllr Cant proceeded to sign the declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the Town Clerk.
- 31/2526 **PLANNING**
RESOLVED: that the applications circulated prior to the meeting be **RECEIVED**
- 32/2526 **MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS**

RESOLVED: that the Town Mayor's update be **RECEIVED** noting the verbal amendments provided by the Mayor.

33/2526

GOVERNANCE CHECKLIST

RESOLVED: that the schedule referring to progress with decisions taken at meetings in May 2025 be **RECEIVED**.

34/2526

2024/5 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: that the report of the Town Clerk setting out the 2024/25 budget outturn and annual accounts be **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED**

35/2526

REVIEW OF THE INVENTORY OF LAND AND OTHER ASSETS INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the updated inventory of land and other assets held by the Town Council as per the summary schedule.

36/2526

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

A) ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/25

RESOLVED: That the report be **RECEIVED**.

B) APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2024/25 FOR SIGNING BY THE CHAIRMAN AND TOWN CLERK

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the annual governance statement for 2024/25 to be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

C) APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2024/2025 FOR SIGNING BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the accounting statements for 2024/2025 to be signed by the Chairman.

D) NOTE THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AS 26TH JUNE 2025.

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the commencement of the period of exercise of public rights as 26th June 2025.

37/2526

AUTUMN BEDDING PLANTS

Members considered the report of the Grounds & Estates Manager regarding the procurement of bedding plants for the Town's autumn displays.

RESOLVED: to award the contract for the supply of autumn bedding plants to Thinford Nurseries at a cost of £8,603.01 + VAT

38/2526

FOOTBALL COACHING AT JUBILEE PARK

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk and the recommendation to approve the use of Jubilee Park by Stoker Football Coaching.

RESOLVED: to defer the decision and await further information from Officers regarding proposed charges for the coaching sessions and tournaments and any identifiable costs to the Town Council.

39/2526

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Members considered the details of the NAC bid writing for grant funding conference and it was

RESOLVED: that no Town Councillors be nominated to attend the conference.

It was agreed that Officers would review the policy on Members' conference attendance and that a report would be brought to the appropriate committee as soon as practicable.

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.28pm.

Councillor L Maddison (Town Mayor)

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 8 July 2025.

Present: Cllr C Maddison (Chair)

Cllrs A Anderson, J Barnes, P Cant, M Christie, G Fletcher, I Geldard, S Gilling, M Harmer, B McAloon, L Maddison, J Magill, S Mills, P Molloy, D Ranyard, D Taylor, B Thorkildsen, H Waugh, I Wilson and E Wood.

Also in attendance: I Morris (Town Clerk)
J Cooper (Deputy Clerk)

PR 13/2526 **APOLOGIES**
Cllrs L Owen and G Robinson

PR 14/2526 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None received.

PR 15/2526 **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.

PR 16/2526 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None notified.

PR 17/2526 **MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION**
To receive the financial reports as at 30th June 2025

RESOLVED – to **RECEIVE** the report.

PR 18/2526 **SUPPLIER ACTIVITY REPORT**
To receive the report detailing supplier activity for the period 1st June to 30th June 2025.

RESOLVED – To **RECEIVE** the report.

PR 19/2526 **PURCHASE ORDERS REPORT FOR JUNE**
Committee was recommended to note there were no emergency purchase orders above £2,500 issued in June 2025.

RESOLVED – to **NOTE** the update.

PR 20/2526 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
Policy and Resources Committee held on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be **APPROVED** as a true and correct record to be signed by the chairman.

PR 21/2526 **PLANNING**

Members considered the planning applications and

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the applications.

PR 22/2526 **DRAFT RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Members reviewed v5 draft of the Risk Management Strategy and:

RESOLVED – To **APPROVE** draft version 5.

PR 23/2526 **DRAFT BOB ABLEY ART GALLERY VOLUNTEER POLICY**

Members reviewed v4 draft of the Bob Abley Art Gallery Volunteer Policy and:

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** draft version 4.

PR 24/2526 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

Members reviewed v5 draft of the Publication Scheme and:

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** draft version 5.

PR 25/2526 **HAND WASH DRYER SERVICE CONTRACT**

Members considered the report of the Grounds & Facilities Manager and:

RESOLVED: to appoint Wallgate to undertake the service contract on a 3 year basis at a cost of £2,730.00 per year.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:00pm.

Councillor C Maddison (Chair)

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of **FACILITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday 8 July 2025 on the rising of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Present: Cllr P Molloy (Chair)

Cllrs A Anderson, J Barnes, P Cant, M Christie, G Fletcher, I Geldard, S Gilling, M Harmer, B McAloon, C Maddison, L Maddison, J Magill, S Mills, D Ranyard, , D Taylor, B Thorkildsen, H Waugh, I Wilson and E Wood.

Also in attendance: I Morris (Town Clerk)
J Cooper (Deputy Clerk)

FR 10/2526 **APOLOGIES**
Cllrs L Owen and G Robinson

FR 11/2526 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None received.

FR 12/2526 **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.

FR 13/2526 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None received.

FR 14/2526 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
Facilities and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be **APPROVED** as a true and correct record to be signed by the Chairman, subject to an update on the Tisa Hess exhibition being brought back to Full Council in July, and not to this F&R Committee as stated (minute ref: FR 09/2526).

FR 15/2526 **BUS SHELTER PROJECT PROPOSAL**
Members considered the report of the Town Clerk and the Community & Culture Manager.

Cllr P Cant requested an amendment to the motion to add:
“subject to a comprehensive consultation with all residents who live in properties that directly overlook the bus shelters that are involved in this project”, and a vote was requested.

RESOLVED: Members voted unanimously in favour of the amended resolution.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Councillor P Molloy (Chair)

Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

Week Ending: **6 July 2025**

The Planning Applications listed below have been received by Durham County Council since the publication of the previous list dated **30 June 2025**. Copy and paste the reference number from the weekly list into the search box on our online planning system using the attached link as follows:-

<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can also search for planning applications and appeals online, via the same link, using a keyword, application reference, postcode or by a single line of an address and view the current status of any application (including the decision if it has been made) and any comments or objections received.

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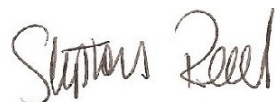
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Note for Members

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Proposals which fall outside the categories appropriate for delegation will automatically be reported to the Planning Committee. A copy of the scheme of delegation is available upon request. The expected decision level at the time of registration of the application is shown on the list.

Please note the Strategic Team receive applications from all areas of the County of strategic importance.



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Planning Development Manager
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Electoral Division/ Parish/Team	Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Case Officer/Expected Decision Level
Tudhoe/ Spennymoor/ East South	DM/25/01596/FPA	Mr Stokoe	12 Shaw Street Spennymoor DL16 6AT	Single-storey rear extension	Allan Fenwick Delegated
Tudhoe/ Spennymoor/ East South	DM/25/01689/FPA	G Mulholland	20 Watson Park Spennymoor DL16 6NB	Single-storey side extension	Allan Fenwick Delegated

Contact Details

Durham County Council Planning Development PO BOX 274 Stanley Co Durham DH8 1HG
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Allan Fenwick

Planning Officer (East)

03000 261 957

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Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

Week Ending: **13 July 2025**

The Planning Applications listed below have been received by Durham County Council since the publication of the previous list dated **7 July 2025**. Copy and paste the reference number from the weekly list into the search box on our online planning system using the attached link as follows:-

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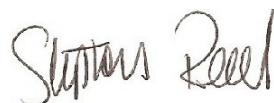
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Electoral Division/ Parish/Team	Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Case Officer/Expected Decision Level
Spennymoor/ Spennymoor/ East South	DM/25/01678	Vistry NE	Land North And West Of Almond Close Spennymoor DL16 7YG	1no free standing 'V' shaped signage board.	David Richards Delegated

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David Richards Planning Officer (East) 03000 261 955 david.richards@durham.gov.uk

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

22 July 2025

TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

A schedule detailing the functions attended by the Town Mayor from 25th June 2025 to 22nd July 2025 inclusive:

27.06.2025	The Mayor judged the Gala Committee's Shop Window Display Competition.
28.06.2025	The Mayor and Consort attended Byers Green Fun Day.
03.07.2025	The Deputy Mayor attended the opening of the Spennymoor Gala in Jubilee Park.
05.07.2025	The Mayor and Consort attended Spennymoor Town Gala and the Mayor judged the procession banners and the vintage car 'Best in Show'.
08.07.2025	The Mayor hosted a meeting in the Council chamber for the school children of St Charles' Primary School, School Council.
11.07.2025	The Mayor and Consort attended Spennymoor Youth Theatre Group Show "Born to Perform" in the Town Hall.
12.07.2025	The Mayor and Consort attended Jubilee Park, the Cenotaph and Tudhoe Cemetery for a small service of Remembrance before attending Durham Big Meeting.
19.07.2025	The Mayor and Consort attended Chilton Town Council's Mayor at Home at Chilton Miners Welfare Pavilion
19.07.2025	The Mayor and Consort attended Spennymoor Boxing Club's presentation of trophies to it's Members.

Governance Checklist

Item 9

Minute	RAG	Date	Report	Action	Officer	Progress to date
PR 12/2526	green	10/06/2025	Community Grant Application	i Award a Grant of £500 to the Spennymoor Swifts ii Award a grant of £500 to the Three River Serpents iii Award a grant of £1690.80 to Spennymoor Banner Group	Office staff	Complete
FR 08/2526	green	10/06/2025	Football Field Allocation	Pitch allocations be approved and fees waived for Spennymoor based team	Grounds & Facilities manager	Complete
FR 09/2526	yellow	10/06/2025	Art Gallery Update Report	In principle approval be given for a draw-down of £3,000 from reserves for the Tisa Hess exhibition, subject to a further report in July.	Community & Culture Manager	In progress
37/2526	Green	24/06/2025	Autumn Bedding Plants	to award the contract for the supply of autumn bedding plants to Thinford Nurseries at a cost of £8,603.01 + VAT	Grounds & Facilities Manager	Complete

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

22ND JULY 2025

**STOKER FOOTBALL COACHING:
REQUEST FOR USE OF JUBILEE PARK FACILITIES
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A report was considered at the June meeting of full Council (attached overleaf) requesting use of Jubilee Park facilities by Stoker Football Coaching.

Members deferred a decision pending receipt of additional information outlined below:

1. Proposed charges for the coaching sessions and tournaments
2. Any identifiable costs to the Town Council.

Stoker Football Coaching has confirmed charges as follows:

- For the children who do pay fees, these are paid on a x6 weekly cycle at £5 per session.
- Camps will not operate from the park
- There are no more tournaments scheduled for the rest of this year

STC published fees and charges for Jubilee Park for 2025-26 include:

- All weather floodlit pitch - £26 per hour (Spennymoor based organisation).

Use of the facilities has been requested for four hours a week (equivalent to £104 in charges a week)

The only additional costs to the Council that are directly attributable to the proposed use of the pitch for these sessions is electricity usage for the floodlights during evening sessions in winter.

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

24TH JUNE 2025

STOKER FOOTBALL COACHING: REQUEST FOR USE OF JUBILEE PARK FACILITIES

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks endorsement of a proposal to grant permission for Stoker Football Coaching to utilise the multi use games area (MUGA), football field and changing facilities for regular football coaching sessions of 4-14 year olds.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Established in June 2021 Stoker Football Coaching delivers inclusive football coaching sessions for children, supporting approximately 130 children every week, over 95% of which are from Spennymoor and Tudhoe.
- 2.2 Sessions are designed to be accessible and welcoming to children of all abilities, including those with disabilities, neurodiverse needs and from a wide range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- 2.3 Sessions are currently held at Kirk Merrington Primary School, but this poses issues for some participants due to lack of transport, therefore there is a preference to relocate to a site within Spennymoor or Tudhoe.
- 2.4 Stoker Football Coaching has approached the Town Council with a view to utilising facilities in Jubilee Park as they believe the venue is the most suitable for the requirements.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Sessions are held as follows:
- Monday 17.45-18.45 4-14 year olds, up to 30 children,
 - Wednesday 17.00-18.00 4-6 year olds and 6-10 year olds, two sessions up to 30 children,
 - Wednesday 18.00-19.00 7-10 year olds and 10-14 year olds, two sessions up to 30 children,
 - Saturday 09.00-10.00 4-14 year olds, two sessions up to 40 children,
 - Occasional (three to four times a year) Sunday use for tournaments.
- 3.2 A venue is needed in the town with floodlight facilities (for winter months), small storage area, toilets, car parking.
- 3.3 The Town Council has similar arrangements in place with football teams, at present there is no permanent team using the Jubilee Park facilities.
- 3.4 The Facilities and Recreation Committee on 10th June 2025 approved football pitch allocations for 2025/26 and agreed to waive pitch hire fees for Spennymoor based teams. This request has been received after 10th June so was not included on the agenda for that meeting.

- 3.5 Greater use of the park, especially during evenings when not staffed by the Town Council, may reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour in the park.
- 3.6 Any agreement made would be subject to confirmation of appropriate insurances and risk assessments by Stoker Football Coaching. A formal hire agreement would be entered into as with other similar users. Risks to the Council would therefore be minimised.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Council is recommended to:

- a) Approve the use by Stoker Football Coaching of Jubilee Park facilities on days, times referenced above, including use of floodlights and changing room facilities for storage and toilet use.
- b) Waive hire fees in line with agreements for Spennymoor based football teams as agreed at F&R Committee on 10th June 2025.

John Cooper
Deputy Town Clerk

Appendix 1: Implications

	Implications directly arising from this report
Finance & Procurement	No significant financial implications – small amount of electricity in winter months, some wear and tear to facilities from general use.
Risk	None
Legal	None
Policy	None
Equalities	Activities encourage teamwork, respect and connection among peers from diverse backgrounds, including those with neurodiverse profiles, complex needs, registered disabilities and ethnic minority backgrounds.
Biodiversity	None
Environment	Reduced transport impact as most users are Spennymoor and Tudhoe based, and currently travelling to Kirk Merrington for sessions.
Health	None
Property	None
Community Safety	None
Communications and Marketing	None

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

22ND JULY 2025

Tisa Hess Exhibition Update

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on the forthcoming Tisa Hess exhibition to be held in the Town Council's Bob Abley Art Gallery.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This is a temporary exhibition which will be on show from September to November 2025 in the Memorial Room of the Town Hall. The exact dates are yet to be confirmed, pending the imminent access works to the Town Hall.
- 2.2 Tisa Hess is a significant artist in the history of art in both the UK and Europe and was awarded the Federal Cross of Merit by German Chancellor Dr Angela Merkel. Her works are highly considered, by art historians and curators alike, as a record of life in Europe during the 20th century. Her works are held by the Tate (London) archives; there is a whole museum dedicated to her work in Dorsten in Germany, and our own regional institutions Durham University Collections; Newcastle University Archival Collection; The Middlesbrough Collection at MIMA hold some of her historically significant works within their collections. There are also elements of her work at other national and international institutions.
- 2.3 This exhibition however has a hyper-local focus as it documents Spennymoor's social history looking at how people, place and legacy is rooted in the community in which Tisa Hess situated herself during the 1930's. It is also a record of life in the wider Durham Coalfields of the North East and uses illustration, words, sculpture and artefacts to showcase the characteristics and context of our local situation during that time, a time which shaped our community of today. The medium and composition of the work contrasts to that which is shown in the wider Bob Abley Gallery collection and the juxtaposition of words vs imagery complements our wider visual offer.
- 2.4 The exhibition has been designed to take the audience on a journey through Tisa's eyes, through her written 'letters' observations as well as her drawings and sculptural creations.
- 2.5 During her years in Spennymoor she taught art at the Settlement, teaching Norman Cornish, Robert Heslop, Bert Dees and Bill Farrell, artists whose work is also incorporated in the exhibition, to show how Tisa's work influenced these local artists, and vice versa.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 There are just under 40 pieces in the exhibition, some wall-hung and some display cabinet based.
- 3.2 Some of the work is on loan while some is from our collection.

- 3.3 The intention of this exhibition is for Spennymoor's Bob Abley Gallery to be the first location at which it is shown. It then has the potential to tour to venues across the region and will be marketed and promoted as a collaborative partnership exhibition between Spennymoor Town Council; the Bob Abley Gallery and the Spennymoor Settlement
- 3.4 The total cost of this exhibition is just under £1,000 which has been funded from the annual Gallery budget. These costs come from the framing of some of the works and the interpretation panels (printed on environmentally-friendly Dispa board) and large print companion guides to the exhibition which will include additional historical information.
- 3.5 There will be a number of workshops and events taking place throughout the duration of the exhibition. These will take place within the exhibition space.
- 3.6 We expect this exhibition to attract press coverage as well as interest from both the cultural arts and academic worlds.
- 3.7 There will be a VIP Preview the evening before the exhibition opens to the public.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are recommended to note the contents of the report and attached catalogue showing some of the collection.

Debbie Connell
Community & Culture Manager / Curator

Appendix 1: Implications

	Implications directly arising from this report
Finance & Procurement	The costs of the exhibition have been met from the existing gallery budget
Risk	None
Legal	None
Policy	None
Equalities	The exhibition will commence once the pending accessibility works to the Town Hall have been completed.
Biodiversity	None
Environment	None
Health	None
Property	None
Community Safety	None
Communications and Marketing	The exhibition will be marketed through the Town Council's website and social media channels as well as press releases, workshops and social events.



CATALOGUE OF ARTWORKS BY TISA HESS

COUNTESS ELIZABETH MARY CAROLINE VERONIKA MARGARETHA
VON DER SCHULENBURG

&

OTHER SPENNYMOOR SETTLEMENT ARTISTS

**This catalogue shows on Loan items from The
Spennymoor Settlement**

Abstract

The majority of these works were donated to the Spennymoor Settlement who have in turned temporarily loaned the artworks to the Bob Abley Gallery for exhibition purposes.



Tisa Hess
Lithograph
50x33cms

4a



Tisa Hess
Lithograph
50x33cms

5a



Tisa Hess
Lithograph
50x33cms

6a



In 1937, when I returned for a few weeks work I got my eyes
 in a screen for the work I had done. I had to sign a piece
 of paper stating I would publish nothing about what I saw.
 I went down a "workers" union, speaking with some male and
 female. One of the men, speaking concerning the women
 they would bring down in a few weeks, they would be almost
 the end. Full time had to be worked a long way before they were
 allowed to see anyone. No more just people in the office.
 But they who had taken me there, gave me the directions
 me was in fact was killed in morning accidents in the
 morning. I passed the most beautiful view 25 miles away from
 old the deposit. There were very little gas in the pits, most
 accidents were due to faulty engine. I suppose it's a condition
 which got started the full year, pulled in a front some conditions
 along the narrow track. They were made into where you could
 avoid the existing cars. There were never any that close
 you could be worked. It had always been possible a word
 the case driver by the machine.

Tisa Hess
 Lithograph
 50x33cms

7a



There were no pithead baths. The men would have
 had to go to the pits. Their women were working with
 the hot water in the kitchen to wash their men's bodies.
 I had been allowed and permitted when I had been
 there in the days when they were still black and white.
 I had never given a thought to conditions in working
 pits. I had lived in London in 1935 or '36 about the
 day-to-day pit-work. The men had remained in the pit
 for about 40 days. Pithead baths were installed in the
 middle of 1937. I was told in 3-Duration most of the miners
 were shocked and they were given no substitutes.
 All have been closed to-day.

Tisa Hess
 Lithograph
 50x33cms

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Another day I was
 taken into a pit
 where valuable information
 was obtained. For half
 an hour we were
 through long passages
 straight into the hillside.
 I had not heard frequently
 there were no baths for
 miners. One of men about 22 years old, for nearly 20
 years, dipping water down the shaft. Finally in the dis-
 tance we heard a high hiss-like. The mine worked with picks
 like. We arrived and spoke to John Tregler who had been in
 my first lecture. He was speaking in a parallel he told me
 that he often worked in Tregler's mine of water. That was why
 he had had more attacks of rheumatism. Now I understood
 where that characteristic miner's equal came from. The
 next general had to be avoided. I was very appalled by what
 I saw. I asked an older man: "What does your wife have to
 say about your working down here?" "I'd never let my wife
 see this, he replied, 'she'd never allow me to work down here.'"

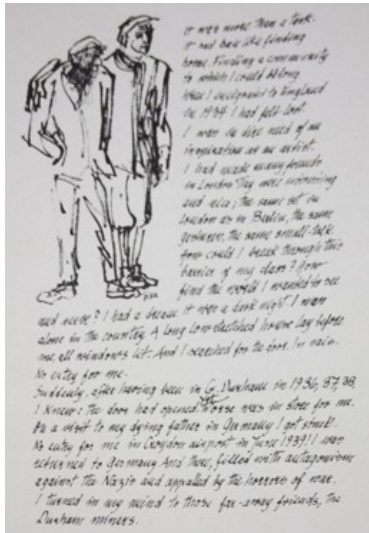
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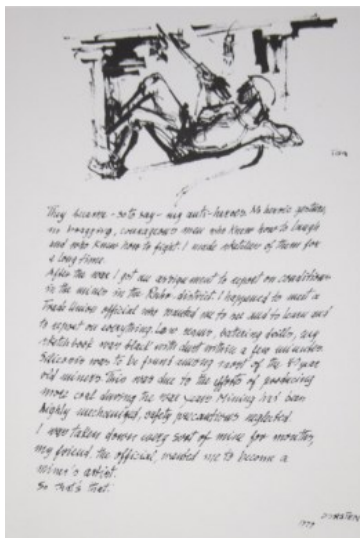
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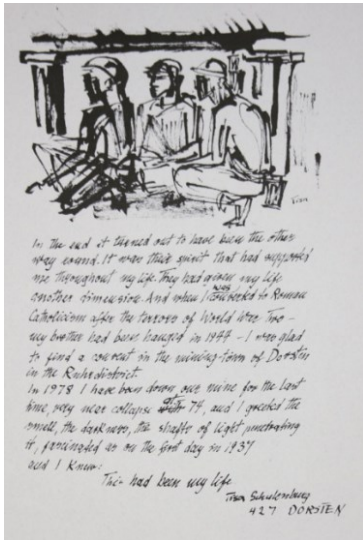
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Tisa Hess
Lithograph
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Picture	Description	(Number) & Comment
	<p>Tisa Hess Lithograph (18/40) 50x33cms</p>	<p>1b</p>
	<p>Tisa Hess Lithograph (4/40) 35.3x28cms</p>	<p>2b</p>
	<p>Tisa Hess Lithograph (6/45) 50x33cms</p>	<p>3b</p>



Tisa Hess
Lithograph
(59/77)
31x46cms

4b



Tisa Hess
Dot print
(82/75)
31x45cms

5b



Tisa Hess
Dot print
(22/76)
31x45cms

6b



Tisa Hess
Dot print
31x43cms

7b



Tisa Hess
Lithograph
(20/100)
23x32cms

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Tisa Hess
Plate print
(??lino)
32x25cms

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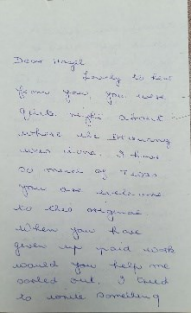
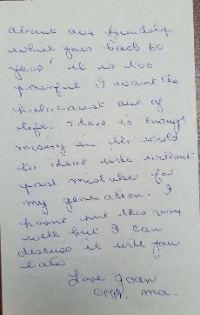
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Tisa Hess
Lithograph
33x44cms


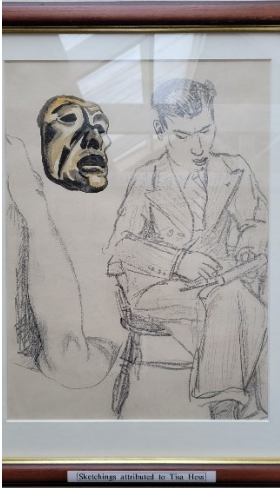

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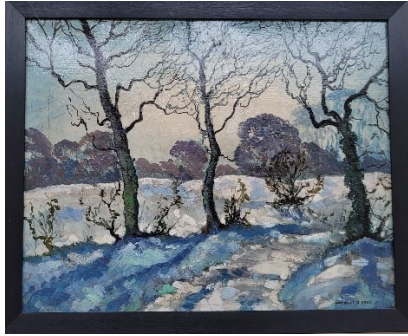
Tisa related artefacts on loan from The Spennymoor Settlement

Item	Description	Comment
	<p>Book: My Dark Brothers</p>	<p>Translated by César Lengua & Ethan Hughes available at: https://online.fliphtml5.com/roewxz/vsvo/ Not for publication</p>
	<p>Tisa Hess Cross with Jesus (cast in metal) 12x11cms</p>	
	<p>Tisa Hess Medallion of Mother & Child (cast in bronze) Diameter: 9cms</p>	
		<p>Letter from Joan Porter to Hazel Hammond (undated)</p>

	<p>Photograph</p>	<p>From Left to right: Joan Hammond, Tisa Hess, Jonathan Hammond & Judicaelle Hammond</p>
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Other items that could be loaned from the Spennymoor Settlement

Item	Description	Comment
	<p>Tisa Hess Wooden masks 30x21cms & 29x19cms</p>	<p>Housed in the Spennymoor Settlement's Everyman Theatre</p>
	<p>Sketch of Norman Cornish attributed to Tisa Hess. 50x39cms</p>	
	<p>Norman Cornish by Robert Heslop 66x50cms</p>	



Trees in a field by **Herbert Dees**
46x56cms



Jug by **William Farrell**
50x60cms



Flowers by **William Farrell**
80x73cms



Characteristic Positions of a Puller at Work.

Robert Heslop:
'Characteristic positions of a puller at work'. Ink on paper, unsigned, undated.
24x18cms

Exhibited at Manifesta 9, Genk, Belgium 2012, bought from the artist's son in 2013 and exhibited at the Bob Abley Gallery, Spennymoor in 2014.