

^PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Tel/Fax 01226 370088 – Office, St John’s Centre
01226 370857 – Clerk’s Office**

**Church Street
Penistone
Sheffield S36 6AR**

Town Clerk K. Coulton

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on October 27th 2015 in the Bar Room, St John’s Community Centre Penistone at 7.0pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. Cutts, (in the chair) Millner, Mrs. Millner, Mrs. Rusby and Ron Stier co-opted member.

Also present the **Town Clerk K. Coulton Finance Officer Amanda Hart B. Barnsley Paramount Manager Tanya Hunter (Barnsley MBC Asset Management).**

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from **Cllrs. Ogle, Denton, Kimberley Chadburn, Hinhliff and Mrs. Hinchliff**

RESOLVED The apologies were recorded.

Prior to the meeting, the chair allowed local resident Paul Robinson to give a short presentation on his interest in opening a community arts studio and ways to move forward. Tanya Hunter suggested he develops a business plan prior to applying for funding and contacting Voluntary Action Barnsley in the first instance.

The Leisure and Amenities Committee supported his project in principle and he was thanked for his presentation.

The Chair then opened the meeting proper.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

The **Chair** invited declarations of which there were NONE

REPORTS

Paramount Cinema

B. Barnsley reported on the following:

Very few dates were remaining for live events which are selling well.

Two new boilers had been installed and the heating was now working satisfactorily.

Staff wage scales were being investigated with a proposal being presented to the November Town Council meeting.

Paramount Budget Report:

Amanda Hart the Finance Officer presented members with a documented account of the Paramount’s financial affairs. Members present appeared satisfied with the information given.

Paramount Lease:

The current lease of the building to the Town Council expires in October 2019 and although this is 4 years away the Town Council is being proactive in seeking funding for a new screen and a possible second screen in the vacant adjoining building

Signed.....Mayor 16/11/15

Paramount Lease Continued

However it would not be feasible to apply for any funding or submitting a business plan to show social benefits should the lease not be extended by Barnsley MBC.

The Town Council would be seeking to extend the lease by 10 to 15 years on similar terms to which it has now.

Tanya Hunter agreed to investigate the extension of the lease and would report to the Paramount Manager within 2 weeks.

Ms. Hunter was thanked for her attendance.

Resource Centre:

The Town clerk stated that there had been nothing further to report since the Town Council meeting.

Community Centre:

The Town Clerk stated that there had been nothing further to report since the Town council meeting.

Berrywell / Wilson Avenue Allotments

The Chair stated that both he and the Town Clerk had met with representatives of the Allotment Society the previous evening.

Arrangements were being made with the developer of land adjacent to the Wilson Avenue site to identify the boundary.

As from April 2016 Barnsley MBC intends to raise its rent for allotments from £69.00 to £73.00 for plots with a water supply and from £34.00 to £36.00 for plots without water.

Comparisons were made with surrounding Parishes on their rates

Oxspring £35.00 with water £23.00 without

Thurgoland £20.00 with water

Silkstone £50.00 with water

Following a brief discussion it was therefore recommended that the rates would not be increased for the forthcoming financial year and this would be reviewed in April 2017

Paramount 100 year anniversary

B. Barnsley commented that ELO Experience had sold out for this event and Mike Harding had also sold out.

There would be 100 years of film (one from every decade) commencing with a Charlie Chaplin film from 1915

Date and Time of the next meeting:

To be confirmed

Signed.....Mayor 16/11/15

