

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone**

**Present: The Mayor Cllr. Marsh, in the chair, Cllrs. Barron, Beever, Chapman, Cutts, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Millner, Mrs. Rusby, Steel, Unsworth**

Also present the **Acting Town Clerk, Amanda Hart, the public and press.**

The Town Mayor offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper. Concern was voiced with regard to the Community Action Group's efforts to restart the Fur and Feather market as it was considered by some to be both unhygienic and cruel. Councillors commented on the problems of parking, the necessity for cages to be DEFRA compliant and the storage of these.

**1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Pilkington, Webber, Mrs Webber**

**RESOLVED** the apologies were accepted.

## **2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which Cllrs. Beever, Cutts, Mrs Hinchliff and Steel declared interests in agenda item 7c application for financial assistance from Friends of St John's and Cllr. Millner in agenda item 7e from Penistone Round Table and Cllr. Hinchliff in agenda item 7f from Penistone Church Football Club.

## **3. Approval of Minutes.**

The Minutes of the following meetings were **approved** a true record and signed by the **Town Mayor** accordingly

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2015
- b) The Planning Committee held on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2015

## **4. Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C.**

**Cllr. Unsworth** commented on the Countryside Skills event held at High Hoyland on Easter Saturday which was very interesting and included drystone walling. He also commented on the impressive presentation given at the Area Council meeting by Millhouse Green School on the problem of speeding on the A628 and road safety. **Cllr. Marsh** told how the BMBC Ward Councillors had tried before to get action on this but no action was taken by BMBC.

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** reported that the problem of litter in Penistone was getting worse. He mentioned that the quota of affordable housing for new developments could now be up to 30%. He had also had had complaints about the quality of the bus service provided by Tates, these included buses breaking down and people being left stranded.

Signed.....Mayor – 18 May 2015

#### **4. Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C/cont'd**

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** made the point that the level of affordable housing in Penistone is well under 15% meaning nothing is available for local people. We must keep pressing for a fair share to be built in Penistone not elsewhere. She emphasized the potential danger at Millhouse Green School due to speeding traffic. Councillors then commented on the problems of flytipping in the area, the speed of HGVs and the unreliability of Tates' service.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the members for their reports.

#### **5. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) NALC Transparency Code briefing
- b) Invitation from Mr Pinguey to Thanksgiving Service on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015
- c) SYPTE quarterly newsletter and ticketing information
- d) BMBC Future Council launch information
- e) South Yorks Fire and Rescue Authority briefing note
- f) PURG report
- g) Barnsley West Area Housing Management Team Steering Group agenda
- h) Anniversary of Magna Carta briefing from Sir Peter Luff
- i) Report from Fair Trade
- j) YLCA nomination form

#### **6. Leisure and Amenities Report.**

**Cllr. Cutts** reported on the following:

The films, satellite showings, live events and Organ Trust concert happening at the Paramount, details of which are available on the Paramount website. He also commented on the manager's report which gave details of the new Meercat Movies promotion and the priority items for improvement seeking approval as the screen replacement has been put on hold.

**Cllr. Cutts** was thanked for his report.

#### **7. Accounts and Finance.**

The following accounts had been previously circulated to Members and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

- a) The General Account to the sum of **£17,064.52**
  - b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£89,214.63**
  - c) Request for financial assistance from Friends of St John's – **APPROVED** £250.00
  - d) Request for financial assistance from Penistone Homing Society for - **APPROVED** £250.00
  - e) Request for financial assistance from Penistone Round Table – **APPROVED** £3,500.00
  - f) Request for financial assistance from Penistone Church Football Club - **APPROVED** £250.00
  - g) Hoylandswaine Village Hall rates for 2015-2016 – **APPROVED** £216.92
- The grants to be taken from the Section 137 budget

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**7. Accounts and Finance/cont'd**

The following items of expenditure for the Paramount cinema - **APPROVED**

- h) £2,940 - for LED lanterns
- i) £2,737 - for upgrading the sound desk
- j) £2,948 - for stage communication system

**8. The interim report from the internal auditor – NOTED**

**Cllr. Mrs Rusby** thanked the Finance Officer for her work.

**9. Update on the Resource Centre – no report in the absence of the Town Clerk**

**10. Update on the Community Centre – no report in the absence of the Town Clerk**

**11. Update on the public toilets - Cllr. Barron** said, despite his earlier opposition, he hoped the refurbished toilet would be a success. **Cllr. Marsh** then reported that alterations to the power supply had been carried out incorrectly and no further progress could be made until this problem was sorted. Maintenance of the bus shelter is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Services Committee.

**12. The formation of a Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Millner** confirmed that the consultation period has started. There followed discussion on the strictures governing the Neighbourhood Plan, the cost and value thereof.

**13. Provision of defibrillators -** It was agreed to seek further details with regard to obtaining subsidised units through the British Heart Foundation.

**The Mayor, Cllr. Marsh,** than thanked the retiring members of the Council, Cllrs. Beever, Barron, Chapman Pilkington and, Steel for all their hard work. Tribute was paid to the late Cllr. Starling.

**Cllr. Unsworth** thanked the Mayor, Cllr. Marsh, for all the extra work he had undertaken on behalf of the Town Council

Signed.....Mayor – 18 May 2015

**14. Date and Time of the next meeting.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone**