

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on February 15th 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone.

Present: The Mayor Cllr. Millner, in the chair, Cllrs. Mrs. Millner, Chadburn, Cutts, Hand – Davis, Hayler, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Kimberley, Marsh, Ogle, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth and Webber.

Also present the Town Clerk **K. Coulton, public and press.**

The Town Mayor introduced Sarah Ford from Barnsley MBC's Public Rights of Way Section who gave a presentation on the proposed Royd Moor Reservoir project.

Key elements in upgrading the route which included change of use from footpath to bridleway on Royd Moor lane to Folly Lane.

Improvements to the surface of the bridleway on Ingbirchworth Lane

Natural access and habitat improvements on the informal paths around the reservoir.

Many elements of the project will include opportunities to run volunteer days for local residents to help with practical improvements and skill developments.

Yorkshire Water and Barnsley MBC are clarifying some legal elements and match funding contributions.

Although there is no intention of asking for any match funding from either Gunthwaite or Penistone Councils as half the project falls within Penistone Town Council's area, support was required to run the joint project.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed Penistone Town Council would support the project and that the Town Clerk would write to confirm the action.

The Town Mayor on behalf of the Town Council was then presented with the new certificate confirming Penistone as a Fairtrade Town by the Chairperson Margaret Unsworth.

The **Town Mayor** offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper. Comments from the public included:

Could an update be given on the progress of the public toilets and the proposed Park and Ride at the Railway Station?

Cllr. Marsh would report on the toilets as it was on the agenda.

Park and Ride. The land was under the ownership of a developer and it was presumed this scheme may be carried out should permission be approved for housing.

Could another pedestrian crossing be provided on the High Street?

Cllr. Unsworth replied that another crossing had been planned, however due to the many utility services beneath the footway at this location it was not feasible to provide another crossing.

There being no further questions the Mayor opened the meeting proper.

Signed.....Mayor 21/03/16

1. Apologies for absence – None

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011

The **Mayor** invited declarations of which he declared an interest in agenda item 7c request for financial assistance from Penistone Scout Group and 5b closure of HSBC Bank in Penistone.

3 Approval of Minutes.

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

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on January 18th 2016
- b) The Planning Committee held on January 15th 2016
- c) The Town Council Meeting to set the precept held on February 1st 2016
- d) Leisure and Amenities Committee held on February 8th 2016
- e) Town Services Committee held on February 9th 2016

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

Cllr. Unsworth reported that a recommended 3.9% increase on the council tax was to be presented to the Cabinet for approval. This was the maximum increase prior to a referendum. He continued by stating that Adult Social Care would receive the majority of the increase.

Cllr. Hand – Davis commented on the loss of one of the bus companies and how South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive had swiftly managed to acquire another service provider.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby alluded to a recent press report in the Barnsley Chronicle that motorists had been penalized for reversing into the bus lane outside the Spar on the High Street. **Cllr. Unsworth** commented that he had not received any report of this practice.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Rural Action Yorkshire
- b) Closure of HSBC Bank Penistone – Most members expressed their disappointment at this news.
- c) Life wise Times
- d) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts stated that there was little to add as most of the information is included in the minutes from the Leisure and Amenities Committee. He was of the opinion that the new Paramount lease should now be escalated and seek grant funding for various schemes. It was ratified following the recommendation of the Leisure and Amenities Committee that the new lease is pursued and that the legal transaction be carried out by Barnsley MBC's Legal Department

He added that there are some good live shows and films booked and that panto and film attendances have been good.

Cllr. Cutts was thanked for his report

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 21/03/16

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 **£22,005.77**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£71,219.77**
- c) The following request for financial assistance was approved:

Penistone Scout Group £250.00

A further request of £200.00 to commemorate the Somme Centenary was provisionally agreed however the Town Clerk was to speak to the applicant regarding the request.

The cinema price admissions and increase in Paramount wages to comply with the National Living Wage as recommended by the Leisure and Amenities Committee were also ratified.

8. Resource Centre

The **Town Clerk** stated that there was no further report since the last meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

NOTED

9. Community Centre

The **Town Clerk** stated that there was no further report since the last meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

NOTED

10. Public Toilets

Cllr. Marsh tabled an up to date itinerary of work carried out to date and work outstanding, and envisaged the project to be completed by mid – April

Cllr. Marsh was thanked for the work he had done

NOTED

11. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Webber commented that the social media sites were now live and gave an up to date budget report which appeared to be satisfactory to members present.

The next meeting of the Steering Group would be held on February 22nd

NOTED

12. Resignation of Cllr. Oliver Denton

The Town Clerk read out the letter of resignation from Cllr. Denton and informed members of the procedure in the filling of a “Casual Vacancy”

The Town Clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy as required.

13. Date and Time of the next meeting.

March 21st 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 21/03/16

Signed.....Mayor 19/10/15