

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone**

**Present: The Mayor Cllr.Hand - Davis**, in the chair, **Cllrs. Millner, Chadburn, Cutts, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Hayler, Saunders Mrs. Rusby Webber, and Unsworth.**

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

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

Karen Senior from the Peoples Focus Group stated that due to the Town Council the organisation was thriving with over 20 new members  
Thanks were expressed for the installation of dog bins on the Trans Pennine Trail  
Martin Curzon was thanked for litter picking on the Trail  
Concerns expressed over the termination of bus services  
There being no further questions Town Mayor opened the meeting proper.

**1. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs. Mrs. Millner and Ms. Kimberley  
**RESOLVED** that the apologies are accepted

**2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**  
In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011  
The **Mayor** invited declarations of which there were NONE

**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 June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016  
b) The Planning Committee held on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016  
c) The Ad – Hoc Town Council meeting held on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

**4. Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C.**  
**Cllr. Unsworth** commented that the cuts in bus services were causing serious problems and further consultations were planned. The Cabinet Member within Barnsley MBC was to arrange a meeting with SYPTE. Cllr. Unsworth added that Ward Members and Town councilors should take the lead on this issue and not rely on other organisations.

**Cllr. Millner** stated that a traffic survey was to be carried out in the Town Centre to consider implementing 20mph zones. He also added that rural services would be decimated by cuts in bus services and this was a result of previous loss of trust in public transport.

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** commented on the Somme remembrance event and the excellent turnout.

The Ward Members were thanked for their reports

Signed.....Mayor 19/09/16

## **5. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- b) Love where you Live
- c) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- d) Barnsley MBC Green Road temporary road closure
- e) Internal Audit report – final visit y/e 31/03/16
- f) Acceptance and appointment of Yorkshire Internal Audit Services to carry out the Town Council audit for the financial year 2016/17

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

**Cllr. Cutts** reported on the following

**Staffing** – Fully staffed at present

**Pensions** – The decision to accept the NEST scheme for all staff

**Programme** – Film attendance has again been slower than expected but will improve

**Live events** The live season starts again in September at present the shows are booking well.

**Event Cinema** – this is progressing as planned. Andre Rieu is booking reasonably well considering the price increase demanded by the distributor and the fact we have two shows. N.T. Live has been very slow at announcing events hopefully these will be available in the next few weeks.

**Organ Trust** – The PCOT concerts will resume in September with All Star Brass joining Kevin Grunill These concerts will run until Christmas.

**Building** – New lease, the report to NPS has commenced to what may need addressing prior to going forward.

The plastering work has now been completed painting will be carried out over the summer holidays.

Barnsley MBC has repaired some of the cracked slates and re - fixed some of the lead flashing on the roof. The gutters will be cleaned out in the very near future

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

**NOTED**

## **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 **£16, 275.75**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£26, 739.46**
- c) Requests for financial assistance from Penistone Literary Festival (£250.00) and was Penistone Pottery Group (£200.00) were approved)

## **8. Resource Centre**

The **Town Clerk** commented that on the days when Sure Start will not be using the building they have been booked by new user groups

**NOTED**

## **9. Community Centre**

The **Town Clerk** stated that the centre is very busy at this present time with increased bookings, the disabled toilets have been refurbished and the defibrillators have arrived and awaiting installation

**NOTED**

Signed.....Mayor 19/09/16

### **10. Public Toilets**

The **Town Clerk** stated that estimates for the refurbishment were to be returned by July 25<sup>th</sup> and would be determined at the meeting of the Town Services Committee on the same day. The Town Clerk asked that due to the Town Council not meeting until September could the Committee using delegated powers agree to award the successful company with the work

This course of action was **AGREED**

### **11. Neighbourhood Plan**

**Cllr. Webber** commented that the steering group met on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Cllr. Ogle** had resigned as a team leader.

Low attendances at the road shows gave the impression of not much public interest in the project. It was to launch another event at Penistone Show

The plan was within budget however, Cllr. Webber at this point announced he would be resigning as a Town Councillor with immediate effect due to re-locating out of the area.

**Cllr. Webbers** resignation was reluctantly accepted by the Town Council

**Cllr. Unsworth** on behalf of the Town Council regretted the news and thanked him for all his hard work on the council, this was reiterated by the Town Mayor

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** who expressed his comments that the Town Council was losing a good member, past ward councillor and past mayor and wished him and his wife Lynette all the best for the future.

The **Town Clerk** was to notify Barnsley MBC accordingly of the vacancy

**NOTED**

### **12. Banking Facilities in Penistone:**

**Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff** expressed her concern over the lack of ATM's in the Town in particular now that HSBC Bank had closed and during the last Bank Holiday the existing ATM's had been emptied. She asked if the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council would write to Nat West asking for it to consider the provision of another ATM to prevent this re – occurring.

**AGREED**

### **13. Date and Time of the next meeting.**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone**

Signed.....Mayor 19/09/16

Signed.....Mayor 20/06/16

