

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone**

**Present: The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Millner, in the chair, Cllrs. Millner, Chadburn, Cutts, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Kimberley, Marsh, Ogle, Saunders Mrs. Rusby 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:

Erosion of the road markings around the “square about” The road to Tesco from Bridge Street is still unnamed and the provision of yellow lines on Green Road are still outstanding

Cllr. Unsworth agreed to investigate

The **Deputy Mayor** introduced Elaine Down from Barnsley MBC Neighbourhood Pride who gave a presentation on the work that the Clean and Tidy team carry out in the area.

**1. Apologies for absence** – The Town Mayor **Cllr. Hand – Davis** and **Cllr. Hayler** **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 Cllr. Unsworth declared an interest in agenda item 5d (Barnsley West Housing Management Steering Group) and Cllr. Cutts declared an interest in agenda item 7c Penistone Centre stage Musicals.

## **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 July 18<sup>th</sup> 2016
- b) The Planning Committee held on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2016
- c) The Development and Regeneration Committee meeting held on July 019<sup>th</sup> 2016
- d) The Town Services Committee held on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

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

**Cllr. Unsworth** gave an update on recent grant funding approval from the Ward Alliance and commented on the recent presentation on Saturday morning Markets. He also confirmed that the building is unsuitable for weddings due to the design and the public right of way.

Consultations were still being carried out on the bus service review

Proposals from the Boundary Commission was suggesting that the Penistone and Stocksbridge Constituency could be abolished and new Penistone and Colne Valley, Stocksbridge Sheffield Hallam and Topley Constituencies formed.

Signed.....Mayor 17/10/16

Members' reports continued.

**Cllr. Unsworth** had already lodged his objections to this proposal and it was agreed that the Town Clerk writes to the Boundary Commission with the Town Councils objections that Penistone may lose its identity and has no link with Colne Valley.

**Cllr. Millner** commented on Armed Forces Day (June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017) with Battle of Britain Fly pasts and marching bands.

The Ward Members were thanked for their reports

## **5. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Barnsley MBC temporary speed restrictions on Manchester Rd. Millhouse Green
- b) Barnsley MBC temporary traffic restrictions on various roads
- c) Northern Powerhouse Strategy
- d) Barnsley West Housing Management Steering Group
- e) Love where you Live

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

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

**Staffing** – fully staffed

**Programme** –

- a) Film attendances – excellent run of films in the summer with attendances well up on last year. The films looking ahead are booking well
- b) Live events – Live events have commenced with good houses for the Savoyards, Albert Hammond and the Body Building Competition. More sales for Thank you for the Music would be appreciated however all the other shows are booking well
- c) Event Cinema – this is progressing as planned Andre Rieu's Christmas Show has been added as has the Alan Bennett Diaries.

**Organ Trust** – The PCOT concerts have resumed with All Star Brass joining Kevin Grunill this has sold in line with expectations.

**Promotion** – The Booklet has had a revamp and has been well received with a very visible boost to sales following its publication. Facebook marketing has received mixed results.

**Building /Lease** – The list of projects for improving the building over the course of the next lease have been referred to Barnsley MBC however comments received suggest that funders may require a longer lease given the nature of some of the work. The Manager has held a meeting with NPS looking at possible issues with the building such as damp on the back stairs and some spalling of brickwork in the organ chamber. It also transpires that work may need to be carried out to remove the back stage ceiling tiles that contain low levels of asbestos this also applies to the dumb waiter. All the tiles are sealed and labelled at present.

The Cinema Exhibitors Association has sent out a new set of guidelines for suspended plaster ceilings however a visual inspection of the Paramount indicates that given the age of the ceiling it is in decent condition. The Manager has been working on how we might fund the improvements via the various funding streams.

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## **Paramount Report Continued**

**Silver Cinema Curtains** – The motor for these failed over the summer a replacement has been sourced from the original manufacturers in Castleford. As this is a heavy lifting task the services of Penistone Engineering have been sought who are confident it can carry out the work.

**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 **£34, 027.02**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£92, 676.39**
- c) Requests for financial assistance from Penistone Centre Stage Musicals (£250.00) and Claire's Sewcial Sewing Circle (£250.00) were approved)

### **8. Honorary Freemen of the Town**

The **Town Clerk** reported that Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a relevant authority may admit to be honorary Freemen or Freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority a) persons of distinction, and b) persons who have in the opinion of the authority rendered evident services to that place or area.

It was agreed that a separate meeting be convened so that the Town Council can adopt a policy for admission of people to be honorary freemen or free women of the Town. The policy would include criteria that will be used in considering such people taking into account of their prominence in the local community, the benefit to the local area arising from the services they have rendered to the Town and the period over which they have done this. The policy would set out the process to be used for admitting new freemen/women by way of the Town Services Committee ratified by full council, and where appropriate community representatives to be done every 5 years from the date of the meeting. It would also provide for the freedom to be rescinded if this is warranted

**AGREED**

### **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 been installed

**NOTED**

### **10. Public Toilets**

The **Town Clerk** stated that he had met with the contractor and work was to commence with immediate effect.

**NOTED**

### **11. Neighbourhood Plan**

**Cllr. Kimberley** reported that the draft plan was scheduled to be produced prior to the month end and was progressing. **Cllr. Unsworth** referred to non – designated assets.

**NOTED**

Signed.....Mayor 17/10/16

**12. Fracking in Penistone and Stocksbridge:**

**Cllr. Chadburn** reported that he had been approached by an anti - fracking group and suggested arranging an open meeting with groups both for and against the process. It was agreed to hold these meetings in the very near future

**AGREED**

**13. Town Council Vacancy**

The **Town Clerk** reported that he had received confirmation from Barnsley MBC Electoral Services that the vacancy had received no interest in calling a bi – election and that the Town Council was free to elect by the co – option process.

It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the website and noticeboards for anyone interested to write to the **Town Clerk** before the meeting in October.

The **Town Clerk** stated that he had received one letter of interest.

**14. Blackstone Edge Wind Farm Town Council representative**

**Cllr. Unsworth** agreed to be the Town Council representative on the wind farm deeds of contribution with representatives from Dunford and Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth Parish Councils.

**AGREED**

**15. Staff Pensions:**

Due to the confidential nature of the business transacted it was agree to exclude member of the public and press from this item. Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960)

**RESOLVED** that the member of staff is allowed to join the South Yorkshire Pensions Scheme (LGPS) with immediate effect back dated to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

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

**October 17<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

