

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
April 15th 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Barron, in the Chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Chapman, Green, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, Millner, Pilkington, Mrs. Rusby, Starling, Unsworth, Webber and Mrs. Webber

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

Before opening the meeting the **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation.

1. Apologies for absence – None.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which there **NONE**

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 18th 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on March 18th 2013
- c) The extraordinary meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on March 26th 2013

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

Cllr. Millner commented that he had investigated concerns raised at the previous meeting and informed members that Buckingham Care Home would be providing nursing care in the near future.

Work to commence phase two of the Bridge Street development was being delayed due to difficulties and cost implications with re siting a telegraph pole on Back Lane. A meeting with the developer and the market traders on this matter had been carried out with a response from the Highways Division at Barnsley MBC waiting.

Cllr. Millner appeared confident that the work would proceed in the very near future.

Cllr. Marsh added that this telegraph pole needed to be moved to allow permit parking for the traders.

Cllr. Hand – Davis referred to the revisiting of the square about in the town centre with the Highways Division and that a site meeting had been arranged.

Cllr. Hand – Davis also referred to the proposed six new area mini councils.

Penistone east and west wards would form one these area councils.

The 21 wards within Barnsley MBC would form a ward alliance with businesses for example, or may act independently. A budget would be allocated to carry out some local services. The elected members would form part of the alliance with representatives from the Town Council and would be an action group.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby stated that she had attended the same meeting and although this proposal was still in its infancy and new, was confident the two Penistone Wards would work together for the benefit of the community.

Signed.....Mayor 20/05/13

Ward Members Reports Continued.

Cllr. Marsh asked if local labour could be employed to assist in snow clearing once the area councils were in place.

Cllr. Starling commented that the snow plan for 2013/14 was being revisited and was of the opinion once the new area councils were in place snow wardens could be employed.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Oxspring Neighbourhood Planning Events
- b) Thank you letter from Fairtrade in Penistone
- c) South Yorkshire PTE efficiency changes – **Cllr. Starling** commented that he had received complaints regarding the lack of snow clearing and winter maintenance around the railway station and stated that this area did not form part of the adopted highway and was not the responsibility of Barnsley MBC to resolve.
- d) South Yorkshire PTE notice of changes to bus timetable.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Bar Cask ale appears to be popular. Repairs to the bench seats will be carried out in the near future.

Programme This is traditionally the slow time for good new films, reflecting in the recent business transacted. The future big films will commence in May. Live events are selling well, Mike Harding has sold out and it is expected that the Manfred's will do likewise. Razzamatuzz have booked to do Calendar Girls. The cinema manager is investigating the provision of a satellite feed to be able to screen live Bolshoi Ballet and National Theatre productions.

Box Office Work has commenced on replacing the box office system. The main benefit will be a greatly improved internet booking arrangement with print at home tickets, simplified account reporting, and improved concession sales points. Stock control is also simplified and will be more accurate and less time consuming.

Organ Trust. There has only been one show during 2013 which was not well attended the cinema manager will monitor the shows and assist the Organ Trust in building audiences over the next few months.

Building The main and rear stairs have been repainted and lighting attended to in the projection room. The new shutters have been installed and work well giving added security to the cashier and staff. Barnsley MBC Licensing has approved the new bar arrangements.

Staff Work procedures have been reviewed and need to be agreeing with all staff members.

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 **£28,194.39**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£63,155.63**
- c) The following requests for financial assistance were also approved:
Penistone History Society £250.00

Signed.....Mayor 20/15/13

Accounts and Finance continued

Penistone Cricket and Sports Club £250.00
Hoylandswaine Village Hall rates £207.24
The grants will be taken from the Section 137 budget

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the new kitchen was now complete. Staff working and opening times had been changed.

The centre had requested having one unisex toilet and altering the gent's toilet into a small office, and placing a small storage unit outside the building.

Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to **REFUSE** both requests

The **Town Clerk** also confirmed that a new central heating boiler had been installed in the building.

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that Penistone Archives were now available for viewing in Room B in the Community Centre and wished to thank Penistone History Group for its assistance in bringing the artifacts from the basement of the cinema where they had previously been installed. The archives would be available for viewing every Thursday from 10.0 to 12.0 however this may be subject to change.

It was also agreed to allow the Leisure and Amenities Committee to investigate the placing of Penistone History Group's notice board on the wall of the Community Centre to incorporate the layout of the community centre for the ease of visitors when visiting. This was agreed prior to the office refurbishment plans.

NOTED

10. Town Hall.

The **Town Clerk** referred to a recent meeting with an officer from Property and Procurement within Barnsley MBC who confirmed arrangements were in place to treat the dry rot in the roof space and carry out the necessary roof repairs on completion of the dry rot treatment.

NOTED

11. Community Led Plan.

Cllr. Millner reported that progress to finalise the plan was moving well.

Part two of the plan would be completed by April 24th and appeared confident that the document would be completed shortly.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

Cllr. Marsh reported that the design plan for the refurbishment of the toilet was now complete and were now available to go out to tender for the work.

Unfortunately it appeared unlikely that a rate reduction would be allowed on the building nevertheless the Property Surveyor's fee had been reduced.

A claim for damages to the roof by the Bus Company and subsequent repair was being pursued by Norfolk Property Services prior to transfer of the building to the Town Council

Signed.....Mayor 20/05/13

13. National School.

The **Town Clerk** referred to the recent extraordinary meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee on the license of access, and speaking to the manager prior to the meeting, appeared confident that a swift conclusion could now be reached.

NOTED

14. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

Cllr. Marsh reported that the ground works to clear and prepare the site had been delayed due to the recent inclement weather and it was envisaged this work could now be carried out imminently. The Town Clerk had applied for the necessary license to provide the water to the site.

NOTED

15. Dates and Times of the next meeting.

Annual Town Council

May 20th 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 20/05/13

