

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
October 15th 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

**Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Barron, in the Chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Chapman,
Marsh, Millner, Mrs. Rusby, Starling, Webber, and Unsworth.**

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

Before opening the meeting the **Deputy Mayor** passed on the Town Councils sympathy and condolences to the **Town Mayor** on the recent bereavement of his wife and Mayoress, Dorothy.

Ten minutes public participation then followed.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Green, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Pilkington and Mrs. Webber.

RESOLVED the apologies are recorded.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Unsworth** declared an interest in item Fair trade in Penistone.

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 September 17th 2012 – subject to **Cllr. Mrs. Webbers** comments being added on making progress with the public toilets.
- b) The Planning Committee held on September 17th 2012
- c) The Town Services Meeting held on October 1st 2012
- d) The Finance and General Purpose Committee held on October 8th 2012 – subject to **Cllr. Mrs. Webbers** apologies being recorded.

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

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby reported on the Fulford building and the fact that the future of the building did not appear favourable. Unless European funding could be sourced the building would be back on sale as it was losing money. The security for the building was in the region of £500.00 per week as devices inside the building have to be checked by staff for insurance purposes

Cllr. Starling confirmed **Cllr. Mrs. Rusby's** comments regarding the security of the building and the prospect of redeveloping the building appearing less hopeful.

Cllr. Millner reported on phase two of the Dransfield development on Bridge Street and that the delay was due to finalizing the European funding and ongoing highway issues however he was confident the scheme may commence in the New Year.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby also stated that it also appeared any further application to redevelop the coal drops area since the previous application withdrawn under advice from the planning officers had not progressed.

Signed.....Mayor 19/11/12

Ward Members reports continued

Cllr. Marsh asked for the ward members to apply pressure on the planning officers to escalate these schemes as the sites at present are unsightly and do not give a good impression to visitors to the town.

Cllr. Millner also reported on the reconstruction of the wall adjacent to The Huntsman on Manchester Road and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

Cllr. Starling also alluded to the formation of the mini councils. As Penistone Town Council is established it could lead on this matter and examine the services it could provide. Penistone East and West Wards were working together and making progress. Both **Cllrs Webber** and **Marsh** agreed with **Cllr. Starling** that there appeared little action on the formation of the mini councils however supported the idea of taking over some services but both were wary of the cost implications.

Cllr. Cutts was still not satisfied with the access issues on the proposed Bridge Street development via Back Lane,

He also raised the issues of the winter maintenance programme and the pothole repairing machine not being effective.

Cllr. Millner informed him that the winter maintenance programme was in place and he would investigate the problems with the pothole repairing machine.

Cllr. Unsworth raised concern over the library now being part of the Education and Learning Centre where the majority of staff is now based. Unfortunately most of the staff is unable to assist with library issues. **Cllr. Starling** agreed to investigate this matter.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Hoylandswaine Arts – John Roddam project
- b) YLCA branch meeting
- c) Barnsley Beacon Support Services
- d) Fair trade in Penistone
- f) Penistone Allotment Society
- g) Rural Action Yorkshire

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

September had been disappointing at the Paramount with admissions, bar takings and hire, however a new season of live events were booking well

Allo Allo received good attendances

The recent organ events performed well with live acts such as Toby Foster returning and tribute acts to Michael Buble, and Take That booked.

The tickets for the pantomime this year “Cinderella” are on sale and next year the Manfred’s will be returning in May. Mike Harding will also be appearing later in the year.

To commemorate 50years of the Beatles, an evening of the Magic of the Beatles has been arranged.

Daniel Craig as James Bond in “Sky fall” is showing in November along with “Madagascar 3”, “Hope Springs” with Meryl Streep and a Woody Allen film “To Rome”. Later on release is the much awaited “Les Miserable’s”

A member of staff has resigned and has asked to be placed on the relief Rota. The manager is wishing to promote an existing member of staff to the vacant position and will advertise for a relief member of staff.

Signed.....Mayor 19/11/12

Leisure and Amenities report continued

The Paramount can now be found on Facebook.

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 £16,733.55**
- b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £31,627.44**

8. Resource Centre.

The Town Clerk reminded members that the user group had asked the Town Councils permission to refurbish the kitchen in the centre at their expense which had been agreed, however he read out correspondence from the centre manager asking for the Town Council to offer some reciprocal support to help offset some of the costs.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed to freeze the rent for a fixed period of twelve months. **RESOLVED**

The Town Clerk to inform the manager accordingly.

9. Community Centre.

The Town Clerk reported that the community centre was operating efficiently despite local competition and the economic climate. The new letting room is now complete and available for hire.

10. Town Hall.

The Town Clerk confirmed that Barnsley MBC is still carrying out a comprehensive review of community buildings and would await the deliberations of their investigations.

11. Community Led Plan

Cllr. Millner reported to members that it was envisaged the final draft document would be available by October 22nd for his perusal with full analysis to be discussed at the next meeting on November 12th

NOTED

12. Public Toilets. Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act) 1960

Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted it was agreed by all members to discuss this item in the absence of the public and press.

13. National School.

The Town Clerk informed members that he had again been in dialogue with the officer from Norfolk Property Services and although he was awaiting written confirmation the officer did not have a problem with the proposed license for access and egress to the car park.

Signed.....Mayor 19/11/12

14. Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** read out recent correspondence for the Society who welcomed the progress on the Berrywell Ave. proposal and asked if it would be able to assist in taking the development forward and the best way in achieving this.

It was agreed to have a meeting on October 29th at 7.0pm in the Community Centre with **Cllrs. Marsh, Cutts** and the **Town Clerk** and representatives of the Society to plan the way forward.

15. Christmas Carol Concert

Cllr. Webber informed members that the concert would be held on December 1st starting with a Christmas themed market from 8.0am, Penistone F.M. would be carrying out an outside broadcast from the market barn throughout the day, The Huntsman would be providing a bar, food would be provided by the market traders, the scouts would go round with buckets for the Mayors charities.

The carol concert would begin at 2.30pm until 4.0pm assisted by St John’s School, Penistone Ladies Choir, Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir and Thurlstone Brass Band performing at various times.

The procession over to the church would be at 4.0pm to allow the usual light switch on ceremony followed by the Santa Sleigh with the church open for visitors.

NOTED.

16. Royd Moor viewing point

The **Town Clerk** reported that he had received correspondence from The Penistone and District Society that it had been reported the boundary fencing around the viewing point was in need of repair. Consequently the Town Clerk had visited the site and agreed repairs were necessary to the extent of obtaining quotes for removing and renewing the post and rail sections.

RESOLVED the **Town Clerk** obtains quotations for the work.

17. Dates and Times of the next meetings.

Leisure and Amenities November 5th at 7.0pm in the Resource Centre
Development and Regeneration November 12th at 7.0pm in the Resource Centre
Town Council November 19th at 7.0pm in the Town Hall.

Signed.....Mayor 19/11/12