

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
December 16th 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall
Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone.**

**Present: The Mayor Cllr. Cutts, in the chair Cllrs. Hand – Davis, Green, Millner,
Hinchliff, Marsh, Starling, Unsworth, Webber**

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

Before opening the meeting the Town Council observed a minutes silence for former Mayor and **Councillor, Bas Lucas**, and allowed ten minutes public participation.

Members of the public commented on the following:

Tour de France route: Could the route be clarified? will rail services be altered?

Cllr. Hand – Davis stated that he would report on the event during the meeting.

The Town Mayor opened the meeting proper.

**1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Mesdames Hinchliff, Rusby, Webber,
Cllrs. Barron, Pilkington, and Chapman.**

RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which the **Cllrs. Millner, Webber and Hand – Davis** declared interests in item 7c request for financial assistance from Penistone F.M. and **Cllr. Marsh** also declared an interest in the Tour de France **RESOLVED** that the declarations are recorded.

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 November 18th 2013

b) The Planning Committee held on November 18th 2013

c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on December 2nd 2013

Cllr. Unsworth asked that prior to the approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting, could it be corrected that **Cllr. Green** had indeed submitted her apologies prior to the meeting unfortunately these had not been received.

AGREED

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

Cllr. Hand- -Davis reported that a meeting had been held with representatives from Barnsley M.B.C. and stated that this is a not to be missed opportunity to promote the Penistone area and the Town Council agreed that there is the requirement for joint working on many issues in particular the timing of any road closures, the effect of these on local businesses, dealing with litter before and after the event, public transport, policing costs for security, and the need to have a tourist information point in the centre of Penistone

The show field would be used as a campsite and local farmers may be encouraged to allow their fields for the same purpose.

Signed.....Mayor 20/01/14

Member's reports continued

Cllr. Millner suggested Penistone F.M. carry out an outside broadcast from the Tesco car park, and he would investigate this issue.

Cllr. Marsh raised concerns about the effect on local businesses and added that arrangements need to be in place for people not interested in the Tour, perhaps utilizing the market barn for events as the weather will have to be taken into consideration, and the timing will last approximately 10 minutes in the area as the main part of the route is in North and West Yorkshire.

It was agreed to invite the officer from Barnsley M.B.C. involved in the event to the meeting of the Town Council in January to give a presentation.

Cllr. Millner commented that he had investigated the status of the carriageway access to Buckingham Care Home and confirmed that it was indeed unadopted (not maintained at public expense). However the Town Council agreed that this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Access to the home is affected by parked cars predominately by users of St. Johns School. **Cllr. Millner** added that he would discuss the matter further with officers as this may affect emergency vehicles attending the home and give an update at a future meeting.

Cllr. Starling reported on further cost saving exercises by Barnsley M.B.C. where waste collections may be affected to residents living on unadopted roads and cuts to services by Neighbourhood Pride in grounds maintenance.

Cllr. Webber suggested local residents adopt the initiative in tending to flower beds and referred to the success of Thurlstone and Millhouse Green Community Groups raising money to improve the environment and suggested Cubley and Springvale consider forming such a group.

Cllr. Hand – Davis updated members on the ward alliance/mini council meetings and added that the meetings were well attended, however suggested that the group should focus more on community activities in the area.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the ward councillors for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) NALC Section 137 expenditure
- b) Penistone Area – Housing Management Team Steering Group
- c) Barnsley M.B.C. Back Lane proposed restrictions - Cllr. Starling commented that there was little significant difference between the revised layout and the existing one.
- d) Y.L.C.A. Update.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Starling referred to the minutes of the recent meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee approved earlier in the meeting and added that there was nothing further to report.

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 20/01/14

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 **£16,057.87**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£37,995.30**
- c) A requests for financial assistance was also approved to Penistone F.M. for £213.60

The grant to be taken from the section 137 budget

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that he had met with Surestart regarding the refurbishment of the building previously approved and that he was satisfied with the arrangements and colour scheme to be implemented.

NOTED

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that bookings and income had increased and there had been interest from new users wishing to take advantage of the centre’s facilities and it continued to flourish despite the economic climate.

NOTED

10. Community Led Plan.

Cllr. Millner stated that although the Area Council had adopted the plan there was still a reluctant by Barnsley M.B.C. to adopt the plan on various issues. Cllr. Millner added that a meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee was to be held in January to discuss these issues.

NOTED

11. Public Toilets.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the roof damage incurred by the bus company had been repaired on a rechargeable basis had now been completed however the contractor carrying out the work had reported that due to poor maintenance in the past the building was in need of a complete re roof at some stage.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed to obtain estimates for the cost of the work and make provision in the 2014/15 budget

NOTED

12 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the water connection had been made and arrangements for the provision of the stand pipes were in hand.

The condition of the site is improving with all the plots allocated.

A new manhole cover was to be provided to replace the damaged one.

A meeting with the Allotment Society had been recently carried out and had been informative.

The **Town Clerk** agreed to meet the adjacent landowner to discuss the drainage problem from his land in the New Year to address this problem as it was envisaged further piping may be involved.

It was also agreed to purchase signage for the Berrywell Avenue site depicting that the site had been purchased, converted and maintained by the Town Council

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 20/01/14

13. Adoption of Documents.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following documents without amendment

- a) The revised list of standing orders
- b) The revised financial risk management document
- c) The Town Councils Financial Regulations

14 Date and Time of the next meeting.

Ordinary Town Council

January 20th 2014 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

***Town Clerks note:**

Following the closure of the meeting, **Cllr. Green** announced her resignation from the Town Council for personal reasons, the resignation was reluctantly accepted and acknowledgements paid to her for the service and contributions made during her time on the Council.

The Town Clerk informed members of the procedure in replacing Ms. Green, and that he would duly inform Barnsley M.B.C. of the casual vacancy, and advertise the post under the guidelines stated in the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983.

Signed.....Mayor 20/01/14

