

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on Monday  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

**Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Barron, in the Chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Chapman, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, Millner, Pilkington, Mrs. Rusby, 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 and gave a brief summary of his year in office prior to stepping down

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** proposed a vote of thanks to **Cllr. Barron** on behalf of the Town Council and the community for his year in office and how he had carried on being a true ambassador to the Town with selflessness and dignity despite the personal tragedy of the loss of his wife and consort Dorothy. **Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** also thanked **Cllr. Barons** sister in law for accompanying him on the many other following engagements he had fulfilled.

The **Town Mayor** then opened the meeting proper.

**1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Green and Starling RESOLVED** to accept the apologies

**2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.**

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllrs Hinchliff** and **Mrs. Hinchliff** declared interests in item 12g Penistone Agricultural Society and the declarations **NOTED.**

**3. Election of the Town Mayor for the municipal year 2013/14**

**RESOLVED Cllr. Cutts.**

At this point **Cllrs. Barron** and **Cutts** exchanged the mayoral chain of office and resumed their respective seats and **Cllr. Cutts** continued to preside over the meeting.

**4. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2013/14**

**RESOLVED Cllr. Barron.**

**5. Nomination of the Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2014/15**

**RESOLVED Cllr. Marsh.**

**Cllr. Marsh** thanked members present for the nomination and passed on his congratulations to **Cllr. Cutts** for a successful year in office.

**6. Election of members to the following committees:**

**Leisure and Amenities: Chair Cllr. Starling, Vice Chair Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff  
Cllrs. Cutts, Unsworth, Hinchliff, Chapman and Hand – Davis.**

**Town Services: Chair Cllr. Mrs. Rusby, Vice Chair Cllr. Hinchliff.**

**Cllrs. Cutts, Chapman, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Hinchliff and Green.**

Signed.....Mayor 17/06/13

Members of committees continued

**Development and Regeneration: Chair Cllr. Millner, Vice Chair Cllr. Webber Cllrs. Marsh, Mrs. Webber, Barron, Green and Starling.**

**Finance and General Purposes: Chair Town Mayor, Vice Chair Deputy Mayor, Chairs and Vice Chairs of committees and Mrs. Webber.**

**Planning: Chair Cllr. Unsworth, Vice Chair Cllr. Hinchliff all councillors.**

**Representatives to the following boards:**

**National School Trustees Cllrs. Marsh and Unsworth**

**Samuel Wordsworth Charity Cllr. Hinchliff**

**Yorkshire Local Councils Association Cllr. Mrs. Webber**

**Hoylandswaine Almshouses Cllr. Marsh**

### **8. 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 April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

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

None for this period

### **10. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Thank you letter from Hoylandswaine Village Hall Committee
- b) Thank you letter from Penistone Music Festival
- c) Barnsley MBC definitive map modification order No 17 2013

### **11. Leisure and Amenities Report.**

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

**Paramount:** All films playing slowly, the protracted discussions with Disney over Iron Man 3 have been solved with the film booked for 31<sup>st</sup> May. Epic is on release for half term

Rat Pack was satisfactory however the show will be reviewed before booking again

The booking of Spookeymen appears to be a sellout.

A new specification for the box office is being considered that will carry out all the functions required including internet booking.

**Organ Trust** - In agreement with the Organ Trust the July concert will be held in St. Andrews, as it will coincide with a long time booking for a dance show that weekend, and it would not be possible to run both shows.

**Building** – Barnsley MBC has agreed to repair the flat roof, guttering and stonework to the front of the building which is causing the water leaks.

**Staff** – Staff roles are being reviewed subject to staff satisfaction, to ensure clarity on duties.

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

Signed.....Mayor 17/06/13

## **12. 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 **£32,019.26**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£40,630.27**
- c) The following requests for financial assistance were also approved:

Penistone Grammar School £250.00

Millhouse Sports Club £250.00

Penistone Round Table £3,500.00

Penistone Agricultural Society £250.00 Members asked if this grant could include the Paramount advertisement in the programme and sponsorship of the supreme champion in the cattle / sheep section or a young people's class. The **Town Clerk** agreed to speak to the organisers on this matter.

The grants will be taken from the Section 137 budget

A request from Stocksbridge Advice Centre was refused on this occasion.

Alternative banking arrangements – The **Town Clerk** reminded members if they were satisfied with all the Town Councils cash and reserves being held with one bank for if the bank should collapse the maximum compensation which would be repaid to the Town Council would be £85,000.00. This figure was recommended and accepted by the Banking Code of Practice and the Financial Services Compensation Scheme following the global financial crisis. The **Town Clerk** informed members that meetings had been held with two alternatives which unfortunately did not carry out the particular requisites of the Town Council, therefore recommended an account be opened with H.S.B.C.

**RESOLVED** that the **Town Clerk** proceeds with opening an account with H.S.B.C.

The **Town Clerk** ratified with members for audit purposes, that the **Town Mayor** in order for him to present the beneficiaries of his various charities had been given a cheque from the Penistone Town Council account into his personal account as signatories were unavailable to sign a cheque from the Mayors Account for this purpose.

However, on the availability of the said signatories this money has now been transferred back into the Town Council account.

**NOTED**

## **13. Resource Centre.**

No report for this period

**NOTED**

## **14. Community Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that Penistone Archives were now available for viewing in Room B (now the Neville Roebuck Room) in the Community Centre on Thursdays between 10am and 1pm and on opening day had over 80 people to view.

The rolling programme of window replacement has now been completed.

**NOTED**

## **15. Town Hall.**

The **Town Clerk** 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.

The future of the building was still uncertain.

**NOTED**

Signed.....Mayor 17/06/13

#### **16. Community Led Plan.**

**Cllr. Millner** reported that the document was now at the printers and should be completed in the very near future

**NOTED**

#### **17. Public Toilets.**

Members present agreed to the Heads of Terms subject to contract and subject to Barnsley MBC approval on the proposed transfer of the public conveniences to the Town Council subject to two minor amendments:

Items 6 & 7 add (with best endeavour)

The claim and acceptance of the damage to the roof by the Bus Company and subsequent repair was being arranged by Norfolk Property Services prior to transfer of the building to the Town Council.

**NOTED**

#### **18. National School**

**Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted it was RESOLVED to exclude members of the public and press during this item.**

#### **19. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.**

**Cllr. Marsh** reported that the ground works to clear and prepare the site had now been carried out. Contractors were preparing fencing prices, Norfolk Property Services were waiting for Housing and Parks and Open Spaces to grant permission for the water main across the site.

**NOTED**

#### **20. Public participation prior to meetings.**

**RESOLVED** that public comments are recorded by the **Town Clerk** as part of openness and transparency, and any comments / concerns raised have the name of the person concerned if permissible.

**However answers will not be available or given at the meeting as investigations and research may have to be carried out, nevertheless will be noted and clarified at a future meeting.**

#### **21. Pennine Law.**

**Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted it was RESOLVED to exclude members of the public and press during this item**

**Dates and Times of the next meeting.**

**Ordinary Town Council**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm**

Signed.....Mayor 17/06/13





