

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
October 21st 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall
Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone.**

**Present: The Mayor Cllr. Cutts, in the chair Cllrs. Barron, Chapman, Hand –
Davis, Marsh, Millner, Pilkington, Mrs. Rusby, Starling, Webber
and Mrs. Webber**

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

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

Members of the public commented on the following:

- a) Street signage requires repainting on the “square about”
- b) Barnsley M.B.C. Strategic Housing Land Availability
- c) Condition of the footways on the A628 in the vicinity of “Newlands”
- d) Environmental Services cuts.

Sue Coffey addressed members on an initiative by Barnsley M.B.C. to help young people setting up in business.

Jill Bramall the project manager from Cycle Penistone also addressed members on the awareness of attracting visitors to Penistone. It was agreed to invite the officer to the meeting in November to give a further presentation.

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

**1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Mr. & Mrs. Hinchliff and Unsworth
RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which there were 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 September 16th 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on June 15th 2013

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

In reply to questions from members of the public **Cllr. Millner** commented that the re - painting of the lines around the one way system was imminent. He also added that funding was being sought for planters with directional signs on the junctions at the H.S.B.C. Bank and Shrewsbury Road.

Cllr. Hand – Davis added that a 20mph limit was also under consideration in a bid to slow down the traffic.

Signed.....Mayor 18/11/13

Ward Members reports continued.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby commented on the Strategic Housing Plan and despite objections in the Community Led Plan, green belt land will be lost to housing. She and other ward councillors had met the head of planning within Barnsley M.B.C. over a recent survey identifying development sites in the borough.

The plan is to grow the economy and to provide quality housing in the town, this is central government policy and has to be adhered to.

Cllr. Hand – Davis added that whilst green belt land is protected it is still not safe and that the outlook appeared negative.

Cllr. Starling reported that he had met officials from the highways department regarding the condition of the footways on Barnsley Road and High Street the officers had inspected the areas and confirmed they were within standard and met the criteria and it appeared difficult to get any repairs carried out due to budget constraints.

Cllr. Starling also referred to the cut backs in environmental services saying that all garden beds across the Borough were being removed and grassed over as part of savings and probably a group of volunteers may be interested in taking over the maintenance of flower beds in Penistone.

Cllr. Millner added that bulbs may be planted amongst the grass in some areas.

Cllr. Hand – Davis reported that cycling clubs had now been banned from holding speed trials on the Trans Pennine Trail unfortunately the only policing on the trail was by the ranger service and this was being cut from five to three.

Signs are also planned to try to stop speeding cyclists on newly surfaced areas and to be more considerate to walkers.

Cllr. Starling suggested that the Area Council should investigate other ways of policing the trail.

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

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Barnsley M.B.C. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation and Stakeholder Event.
- b) New Service Penistone Post Office.
- c) Department for Communities and Local Government – openness and transparency on personal interests.
- d) Y.L.C.A. Training programme for councillors and clerks.
- e) Y.L.C.A. branch meeting minutes.
- f) Barnsley M.B.C. waiting restrictions outside Penistone Grammar School.
- g) HS2 Consultation on the route to Manchester - Leeds

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Starling commented on the following:

Paramount:

Bar No report for this period.

Programme Attendance to films has performed well considering the summer weather.

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Paramount Report continued

Box Office System The new system is now installed and is highly satisfactory. Booking tickets is now simplified and preview of information is national. The satellite system can now be provided this will then allow worldwide links to a range of performances both live and recorded.

Building The work is now complete and the roof repairs appear to be rectified.

Cllr. Starling 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 **£12,419.86**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£22,024.98**
- c) Requests for financial assistance were also approved to
 - 1) Millhouse Green V.C.A. £232.76
 - 2) Penistone Centre Stage Musicals £250.00

The grants to be taken from the section 137 budget

- d) The Internal Audit Report.

The **Town Clerk** had circulated the report from the Internal Auditor to members prior to the meeting and informed members the minor points raised had now been implemented.

Members thanked the **Town Clerk** and **Finance Officer** for a very satisfactory report.

- e) The increase to the minimum wage was **NOTED**.

8. Resource Centre.

No report for this period **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 reported that he and the Town Clerk were pursuing the adoption of the plan with Barnsley MBC's Borough Solicitor as it appeared several issues had been raised in the plan that contradict its development framework plans. However progress appeared to be slow.

Cllr. Starling added elements of the plan have been adopted by the area councils with Cllr. Hand – Davis also stating providing a Neighbourhood Plan may influence events with planning issues.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the lease had been signed and the building transferred to the Town Council. The plan was now to refurbish the interior and introduce a slot machine entry system.

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Public Toilets continued

The roof had again suffered from the impact of a bus and was to be repaired by the bus company insurers. The Town Clerk had spoken to an officer in the Highways Division within Barnsley M.B.C. to ask if any changes could be made to the carriageway profile to prevent damage to the building and was informed the bus companies would be more vigilant in future.

Cllr. Marsh added that a decision would be required on the retention of the bus shelter as it was in need of remedial work as it was exposed and did not offer much protection from the elements.

Cllr. Millner read out correspondence from a local resident offering to paint a mural in the bus shelter with paint from which graffiti could easily be washed off.

The Town Services committee was to prepare a plan for the site.

Cllr. Mrs. Webber raised concern over dumped rubbish to the rear of the building and that parked buses were preventing shopkeepers from gaining access to their businesses.

The **Town Clerk** agreed to investigate the matter.

NOTED

13 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the lease had now been completed.

Arrangements have been made with Yorkshire Water for the water connection, and an estimate for the garage was being obtained.

Cllr. Marsh has excavated the base for the garage, removed a stone slab and prepared a section on plot 1. However he was concerned that the site was beginning to look untidy with bags full of weeds and suggested a screened area for compost and other items.

The Town Clerk informed members that he had recently attended a site meeting at the Wilson Avenue allotments with Cllr. Cutts, as a tenant had expressed concern that an area of his allotment was becoming waterlogged. Cllr. Cutts and the Town Clerk suggested that the provision of a soak away may alleviate the problem. The Town Clerk was asked to arrange the remedial work.

NOTED

14 Date and Time of the next meeting.

Ordinary Town Council

November 18th 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 18/11/13

