

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on September 15th 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

Present: The Mayor Cllr.Marsh, in the chair. Cllrs. Beever, Cutts, Chapman, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Millner, Mrs. Rusby Steel, Unsworth, Webber and Mrs. Webber.

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

The **Town Mayor** welcomed **Cllr. Steel** to his first meeting of the Town Council which duly welcomed him to his seat.

The **Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting.

Comments heard from the public were:

Traffic control on Penistone Show Day no public transport on the main routes into Town.

Cllr. Unsworth agreed to investigate.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Barron and Pilkington**

RESOLVED the apologies were accepted.

The **Town Mayor** asked for standing orders to be suspended prior to carrying out any further business (with the agreement of all present) to clarify various comments posted on a local website. On conclusion of this matter standing orders were upheld and business resumed.

The Town Mayor also read out a letter (addressed to him) from a member of the public who was known to attend council meetings. The content of the letter was in regard to how the person perceived Councillors' should carry out their duties and community engagement. The letter was duly NOTED.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The Mayor invited declarations to which Cllrs Millner and Mr. and Mrs. Webber declared an interest in agenda item 8c (request for financial assistance from Tolson Court and its link with Penistone F.M. Cllrs Steel and Cutts also declared an interest in agenda item 6c

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 July 21st 2014
- b) The Planning Committee held on July 21st and August 18th 2014
- c) The extra ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on September 1st 2014

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

Cllr. Unsworth reported that the Ward Alliance had approved three projects at its last meeting. He also spoke about the recently approved Hartcliffe Development and was amazed how Barnsley MBC Highways had approved the access.

Signed.....Mayor 20/10/14

Elected members reports continued

He also mentioned that the applicant had commissioned the safety survey deemed acceptable by Barnsley MBC

Barnsley MBC has had to make £60,000,000 cuts in services at this present time.

Cllr. Millner commented that the area should benefit from Section 106 monies although the provision of affordable housing had been removed

Cllr. Steel referred to the Hartcliff development and that a judicial review challenge was being carried out and it appeared that a sum of monies from Section 106 had been set aside for open space.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the members for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

a) South Yorkshire fire and Rescue briefing note.

b) Peak and Northern Footpaths Society

c) Yorkshire Building Society – lasting legacy fund

d) Letter Mr. J. Pinguey

e) Letter J Atkinson – reply suggesting contact is made with Barnsley MBC Asset Management for assistance

f) Letter M&J Schofield – reply suggesting they apply to the area ward alliance for funding also with a small grant application form from the Town Council

g) Letter Mrs. R. Johnson – reply from the Town Council to the issues raised regarding financial assistance to Hoylandswaine.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing: We are currently fully staffed. The Paramount Manager is in the process of re – issuing contracts of employment to all to reflect current legislation. We will be adding in detailed lists of duties for each role. The new lists have been consulted on and agreed with all staff.

Bespoke first aid training is being arranged for all staff that wishes to participate.

Bar: No report.

Programme: Attendance is ahead of forecast which is very encouraging with good films booked for the year ahead. The satellite programme is working well with an average of 176 per screening.

Unfortunately the Organ Programme has suffered however with only 147 on average per show.

The pantomime Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood is now on sale and most live events are selling well.

Building: The hole in the floor in the Paramount Room has been repaired. A quotation for the stage floor has been received however this has been deferred due to the new insurers asking for an updated electrical installation test for the building.

Barnsley MBC's building contractor has provided an estimate to undertake the work.

A number of items that did not comply have are/been addressed prior to undertaking the test. The Town Clerk has been asked to check the lease to ascertain whether Barnsley MBC as building owners should undertake the work.

Signed.....Mayor 20/10/14

Leisure and Amenities report continued

Organ Trust: Dates for organ concerts have been agreed with the Trust, as reported earlier attendances have not been satisfactory. The better attended concerts have been the ones offering more than a normal concert (All Star Brass) for instance. However, the organ has been used for interval music for the classic film presentations throughout the year which has been well received.

Box Office System: This is now working well the newsletter has in the last two weeks been switched on and subscribers are increasing. The next stage of the box office is to enable “print at home” tickets subject to the availability of affordable technology.

The website is an integral part of the booking system and due its continued use changes are due to be made one being adding a list in date order of films to add to the ones of satellite, live events and organ.

100th Anniversary: As discussed at the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, all events from November 1st will be branded “100 years of the Paramount” invitations for the birthday event on October 31st will be sent out shortly

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 **£ 24, 076.92**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£ £54,828.23**
- c) Request for financial assistance to Tolson Court was declined on this occasion
- d) Request for financial assistance to have a WW1 headstone in Stottercliffe cemetery re-erected at a cost of £275.00 + vat was approved.
- e) The estimate from NPS Group to carry out all relevant documents for a 5 year electrical test of the fixed electrical installation within the Paramount £3145.85 was deferred for the **Town Clerk / Paramount manager** to ask for a breakdown of prices or alternative quotes prior to proceeding.

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** had previously circulated a copy of the recent Health and Safety report compiled prior to the meeting and it was agreed that the Town Clerk speaks to the user group to ascertain costs prior to any work being carried out by the Town Council.

NOTED

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that bookings had increased as reflected in the monthly accounts. The safety grills had been fitted to the radiators in the top hall and three wasps nests had been attended to outside the building.

NOTED

10. Public Toilets.

The **Town Mayor** commented that commencing Monday 22nd September the toilets would be closed for refurbishment.

Signed.....Mayor 20/10/14

Public Toilets continued

Cllr. Mrs. Webber asked what the total cost of the refurbishment was likely to be and in reply the **Town Mayor** commented that it was envisaged to try and keep the cost in the region of the £8,000.00 grant from ISG Pearce the company which built Tesco although a contingency of £16,000.00 (including the £8,000.00 grant) had been set aside in the budget / precept setting meeting of the Town Council in February

NOTED

Clerks note In order to make progress with the scheme a local contractor had quoted a price of £2,400.00 + vat to remove and dispose of all existing walls and fixtures and rebuild a new partitioning wall to enable the new fittings to be provided.

As this quote entered into a contract less than £3,500.00 in value the **Town Mayor** as chair of the Finance and General Purpose Committee and **Town Clerk** had the executive power to proceed as stated in the Town Councils Financial Regulations paragraph 11.1(b) (i)

The **Town Mayor** was working on prices to complete the scheme.

11. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Mayor** confirmed that he was awaiting the Allotment Society eradicating a weed problem on plots 1&2 before he could attend to leveling and re - grading the area and this would complete the project for this financial year.

NOTED

12. Deputy Consort chain of office

The Town Clerk produced the recently arrived chain of office which was handed to the Deputy Mayor.

13. Penistone Grammar School Foundation Governor.

Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** **Cllr. Steel** would be the Town Councils nominated representative as Foundation Governor.

14. Penistone / Clarel Coat of Arms

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Town Councils revised and amended official notepaper Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the document.

15. High Sherriff of South Yorkshire.

Cllr. Mrs Hinchliff stated that she had recently been in the company of the High Sherriff of South Yorkshire who had expressed an interest in attending a future meeting of the Town Council to talk about her role. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that **Cllr. Mrs Hinchliff** would provide the **Town Clerk** with suitable dates for him to attend.

AGREED

16. Date and Time of the next meeting.

October 20th at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road

Signed.....Mayor 20/10/14

Signed.....Mayor 15/09/14

