

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

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

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton and a member of the public.**

The **Mayor** offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting.  
No questions.

**1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Webber, Pilkington, Chapman and Hand - Davis**  
**RESOLVED** the apologies were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**  
The Mayor invited declarations to 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 subject to an amendment on item 4 of the Town Council meeting that Cllr. Unsworth had reported that the Draft Local Plan will open to a six week consultation not the Persimmon Homes development at Hartcliff – Noted.  
a) The Town Council Meeting held on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2014  
b) The Planning Committee held on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2014  
c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2014

**4. Reports from Elected Members of Barnsley M.B.C.**  
**Cllr. Unsworth** reported on the recent meeting of Penistone Ward Alliance and the Grants approved to Hunshelf Parish Council and the Town Council (toilet refurbishment) he also referred to the Local Plan Consultation and the importance of making recommendations.  
Cllr. Mrs. Rusby also reiterated Cllr.Unsworth’s remarks and urged everyone to attend the information drop in sessions.  
Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff asked for an update on the collapse in the footway on the High St.  
Cllr. Mrs. Rusby replied that it has been made safe for the interim period and a structural engineer is investigating the matter.  
Cllr. Steel reminded members of the meeting regarding the Persimmon development and the current Email from them and asked for member attendance.  
Cllr. Cutts asked if there had been any further progress on the possibility of a further Pedestrian crossing on the High St. in the vicinity of the library, the replacement of road markings and parking by the new development on Green Rd. which was causing problems and the condition of the footway between St. Johns infants and junior schools Cllr. Unsworth agreed to pursue these matters.  
Cllr. Millner stated that he had reported the defective street light on the High St.  
The **Town Mayor** thanked the members for their reports.

Signed.....Mayor 15/12/14

## **5. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Letter from Mrs. R. Johnston
- b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- c) Hoylandswaine funding grant – thank you letter
- d) Events at The Core
- e) Barnsley Library Services
- f) Barnsley MBC temporary road closure
- g) Community Offer Workshop
- i) Internal Audit of Accounts for the financial year ending 31/03/15 first visit

The Town Clerk read out the report from the auditor which confirmed that the appropriate tests and checks have been carried out on the financial systems and the relevant internal controls at this stage of the audit in accordance with the internal audit plan. These confirmed that they are operating as expected with no matters to give cause for concern.

The auditor recommended that the Town Council carries out a comprehensive review of the charges for facilities with a view to streamlining them and making them more easily understood by hirers.

Members thanked the Town Clerk for the report and asked him to convey thanks to the office staff.

## **6. Leisure and Amenities Report.**

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

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event was a huge success with lots of good publicity on TV and in the press and he wished to express his thanks to all the staff for their efforts.

The electrical testing will be carried out week commencing December 1<sup>st</sup> there will inevitably disruption with the power supply.

All shows are booking well. However the Christmas films are causing concern as with negotiations still being carried out with the companies.

Concerts by the Organ Trust for 2015 have been booked

**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 **£9, 359.53**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£ 46,985.04**
- c) Requests for financial assistance from Penistone Centre Stage Musicals for **£250.00** approved.

Millhouse Green Village Community Association **£232.76** approved

Penistone Community Arts **£250.00** approved

The grants will be taken from the Section 137 budget.

## **8. Resource Centre.**

The Town Clerk reported that the new external door which is fully DDI compliant had been ordered and subject to minor repairs i.e. bolt adjustments on existing doors the items raised by the Health and Safety officer had now been carried out

**NOTED**

Signed.....Mayor 15/12/14

### **9. Community Centre.**

The Town Clerk stated that due to the expansion of one of the regular user groups on Thursday problems had arisen. The user wished to utilise the Bar Room from 12.30pm on Thursdays in conjunction with the IT Room that is currently used by them or it would mean them finding alternate premises and asked if the Bar Room could be available from 12.15pm

At this present time the Bar Room is used by another regular user on Thursdays until 12.00 and stated that it was not feasible to remove its goods by this time.

Despite the Town Mayor, Clerk and both users discussing alternative arrangements a satisfactory conclusion for all concerned could not be attained.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the user of the Bar Room should endeavour to vacate the room by 12.15 subject to further discussions with the user/Mayor/Clerk.

#### **NOTED**

**\*Town Clerks note:** Since the meeting a satisfactory conclusion to this matter has now been reached and agreed by all parties\*

### **10. Public Toilets.**

The Town Mayor stated that the new furniture for the toilet had now been ordered and was subject to a month delivery period and he was in discussion with the floor and wall contractor.

#### **NOTED**

### **11. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.**

The Town Mayor reported that a progress meeting had been arranged with the Allotment Society for December 1st

#### **NOTED**

### **12. Section 106 Monies**

The Town Clerk reminded members that following the previous meeting he had been asked to investigate Section 106 monies committed to Penistone.

He confirmed he was in receipt of correspondence from the relevant officer within Barnsley MBC which confirmed at this present time £287,739.00 of Section 106 monies relating to the Green Road development has still to be committed within Penistone.

This money has strict conditions on it in the way that it is a sustainability contribution which can only be spent within the administrative ward of Penistone.

A proposal is currently being developed to allocate a proportion of these monies to extend the Business Development Manager Support role provided to the Penistone area for a further two years which would help to support local Penistone businesses by providing, creating and supporting jobs.

In addition to the sustainability monies Barnsley MBC has also recently secured the sum of £59,581.34 relating to a public open space contribution.

Members present appeared concerned regarding the content of the letter and asked the Town Clerk to make enquiries as to where the original money has been allocated and obtain a copy of the original report.

#### **AGREED**

### **13. Date and Time of the next meeting.**

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road

Signed.....Mayor 15/12/14

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



