

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton Paul Clifford Barnsley MBC Group Leader Section 106 Development Service, Andy Arnold Business Enterprise Manager, public and press.**

The **Town Mayor** introduced both officers

Paul Clifford began by giving an overview of monies received in respect of S106 legal agreements within the Penistone area. A summary of the financial position as at 02/12/14 is as follows:

Monies received £1,075,375

Monies committed/spent £698,524

Monies unallocated £376,851

The monies received have been expended within the Penistone East and West Wards in full compliance with the conditions of the original S106 legal agreement and Barnsley MBC's Section 106 Strategic Panel is responsible for the commissioning of S106 funded schemes. The panel consists of officer representation from across the Council including Legal Services, Finance, Housing, Planning, Public Health, Culture, Parks and Communities and the Cabinet Spokesperson Development, Environment & Culture attends. The panel seeks to commission schemes which meet the following criteria:

*Comply with the conditions of the original S106 agreement

*Maximise return on investment specifically through securing external match funding opportunities.

*Schemes are commissioned with clearly defined deliverables and outputs that contribute to the attainment of Council priorities

*Updates are provided to Ward Alliances on a quarterly basis after each panel meeting including details of any new scheme allocations within the area and the latest delivery position of live schemes.

Andy Arnold then gave an overview of his role as Penistone Business Development Manager that has been operating within the Penistone Area from the commencement of Phase 2 of the current Enterprise Barnsley Programme and the projects that have been delivered.

Creating jobs, safeguarding jobs, awarding grants, apprenticeships, supporting 41 Penistone companies were all part of his remit.

Cllr. Hand – Davis stated that employment is vital within the area and the **Town Mayor** was of the opinion Penistone does not utilise full S106 monies

The Ward Councillors expressed the desire to work with the officers and would make enquiries to attend meetings of the panel

Both officers were thanked for their presentations.

Signed.....Mayor 19/01/15

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

Questions asked were:

The roof on the market hall is leaking – The **Town Clerk** agreed to speak to Barnsley MBC Markets Section on this matter

Has there been any progress on the adoption of the road leading to Tesco

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby agree to investigate

Cllr. Hand – Davis read out a letter he had been presented with regarding litter and street cleaning – The Town Clerk agreed to refer the letter to Neighbourhood Pride

The proposed interchange and section 106 monies

There being no further questions the Town Mayor opened the meeting proper

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Mrs. Webber and Pilkington,**

RESOLVED the apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The **Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Unsworth** declared an interest in item 5d (Penistone Fair Trade)

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 December 15th 2014

b) The Planning Committee held on December 15th 2014

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

Cllr. Unsworth reported on the presentation on the Housing Strategy where it was considering building 20 to 25 thousand new houses within the Barnsley Borough over a 20 year period. Penistone's share was to be 1,300 over the 20 year period with an increase in affordable housing and voiced his concerns over the strains on present infrastructure.

He also referred to the recent meeting of Penistone Ward Alliance and the courses in Countryside Skills currently in progress these included dry stone walling and hedge laying.

Cllr. Hand – Davis commented that he had recently spoken to the head of planning regarding the existing infrastructure within the Town as it is now becoming unworkable. He also alluded to the pending closure of Penistone Police Station however at this present time there had been no official press release over Police reorganization. It was agreed that the **Town Clerk** writes to the Police Commissioner asking him to attend a future meeting on this matter

Cllr. Hinchliff again reported the defective street light adjacent to the pelican crossing on the High Street. The **Town Clerk** agreed to carry out further investigations.

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

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

a) Penistone Community Arts – thank you letter

b) SYPTE Christmas public transport services

c) Barnsley MBC events reminder

d) Penistone Fair Trade

Signed.....Mayor 19/01/15

Correspondence Continued

- e) Barnsley MBC Penistone High Street cellars – update on recent investigations and remedial work
- f) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- g) Penistone Ward Alliance clean and green commission - The Town Council to investigate
- h) St. Johns School - thank you letter for the recent provision of the ramp

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

The Paramount had been very busy recently with the “Last Laugh Comedy Store” the Compton Christmas Cracker and the Denby Dale Rotary Concert.

Eleven schools are to visit for their end of term film shows.

Live shows and the Panto are booking highly satisfactorily with a good selection of festive films over Christmas and the New Year.

Film admissions are over budget, overall however, progress is satisfactory.

The electrical testing is now complete without any major problem. The stage floor will now be replaced as it has reached end of life. Quotes will be required for this work and will be obtained in the very near future. Any further maintenance will be carried out “in house”

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 **£20, 833.94**

b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£ 46,276.38**

c) The National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2014 – 2016 pay increase and allowances

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the new external door which is fully DDI compliant had now been fitted 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

9. Community Centre.

No report for this period

10. Public Toilets.

The **Town Mayor** stated that the new furniture for the toilet had now arrived and he was in discussion with the floor wall and electrical contractors to start work in the New Year to complete the project

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 19/01/15

11. Neighbourhood Plan

The **Town Clerk** had circulated a comparison plan from Dawlish Parish Council to members prior to the meeting and **Cllr. Webber** had carried out some investigative work and it was agreed to have a full discussion on whether to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan at the meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee on January 26th

NOTED

12. Barnsley MBC Cabinet Report - Section 106 monies

The Town Clerk had obtained a copy of the report as requested from the meeting in November and had circulated this to members prior to the meeting. The content of the report had been discussed earlier with the relevant officers

NOTED

13. Date and Time of the next meeting.

January 19th at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road

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

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

