

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

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

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

The **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting. Comments heard from the public were:

## **Loss of business due to recent utility work**

**Cllr. Millner** replied that the contractor was doing its utmost to mitigate the impact on businesses with this essential maintenance and was discussing the matter with Barnsley MBC Highways

**Cllr. Mrs. Webber** also added that she had also been liaising with the contractor and had agreed to suspend work as not to impact on the gala and parade.

## **Cars parking in the bus stop area on Green Road**

Cllr. Hand – Davis agreed to investigate

## **Trans Pennine Trail adjacent to the railway station**

A depression in the footway was resulting in the accumulation of surface water and causing problems for pedestrians

The Town Clerk agreed to report the matter to Barnsley MBC Public Rights of Way

## **Could the Town Council encourage / promote the Tour de France?**

The Town Council would endeavor to approach businesses to perhaps display flowers or yellow bunting

There were no further questions from the public.

Prior to opening the meeting the Town Mayor asked the chamber to stand and observe a minutes silence in respect of **Cllr. Peter Starling** who had suddenly passed away on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Following the minutes silence the **Town Mayor** and **Cllr. Unsworth** gave eulogies to **Cllr. Starling** on how he had carried out his duties in the community with enthusiasm and dedication, and of his resolute gentlemanly character.

It was agreed the **Town Clerk** would send a letter of condolence from the Town Council to his family.

## **1. Election of the Town Mayor for the municipal year 2014/15**

### **RESOLVED Cllr. Marsh**

**Cllrs Marsh** signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office, exchanged the mayoral chain of office with **Cllr. Cutts**, resumed their respective seats and **Cllr. Marsh** continued to preside over the meeting.

Signed.....Mayor 16/06/14

## **Election of the Town Mayor continued**

The new **Town Mayor** proposed a vote of thanks to **Cllr. Cutts** and his wife Glenda on behalf of the Town Council and community for their year in office, and how they had been true ambassadors to the town in the way they had carried out their many duties and fulfilled their engagements with dignity and selflessness and also how he had presided over council meetings with fairness and professionalism and wished to carry on the tradition. With his wife Audrey as Mayoress he would endeavour to represent the town accordingly. He also paid his own respects to Cllr. Starling. The Mayors charity for his year in office would be toward helping voluntary organisations and community groups within the parish, encouraging youth sports and improving neighbourhoods.

**2. Apologies for absence – None**

**3. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest – None**

**4. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2014/15**  
**RESOLVED** Cllr. Cutts

**5. Nomination of the Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2015/16**  
**RESOLVED** Cllr. Millner

**6. Election of members to the following committees for the municipal year 2014/15**

**a) Leisure and Amenities**

Cllrs. Cutts (chair) Mrs. Hinchliff (vice chair) Unsworth, Hinchliff, Chapman, Beever and Hand – Davis

**b) Town Services**

Cllrs. Mrs. Rusby (chair) Hinchliff (vice chair) Cutts, Chapman, Mrs. Webber and Mrs. Hinchliff

**c) Development and Regeneration**

Cllrs. Millner (chair) Webber (vice chair) Beever, Mts. Webber Barron, and Pilkington

**d) Finance and General Purposes**

Cllrs. Marsh (chair) Cutts (vice chair) chairs and vice chairs of committees and Mrs. Webber

**e) Planning**

Cllrs. Unsworth (chair) Hinchliff (vice chair) all councillors

**Clerks Note: The Town Mayor is ex – officio on all committees**

**7. Appointment of representatives to the following boards**

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

**b) Samuel Wordsworth Charity** Cllr. Hinchliff

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

**d) Hoylandswaine Almshouses** Cllr. Marsh

Signed.....Mayor 16/06/14

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 2014
- b) The Planning Committee held on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2014
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

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

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** reminded everyone of the local and European elections on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and that recent meetings with the Passenger Transport Executive on rural transport issues had been difficult, however the ward councillors were determined to try and make improvements on the sanctions imposed on rural services. The **Town Mayor** thanked the ward councillors for their reports.

### **10. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) SYPTE budget challenges
- b) SYPTE enhancements to concessionary travel
- c) YLCA provision of services to member councils
- d) Penistone Friends of the Earth
- e) Westfield House Farm wind turbine - letter to Cllr. Barnard for information only
- f) Barnsley MBC major road works on the A628
- g) Barnsley MBC – Our future council
- h) Penistone History Group – thank you letter

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

**RESOLVED** to defer this item to the June meeting

### **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 **£17, 695.86**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£39, 001.47**

Requests for financial assistance were approved to:

J. Pinguey WW1 Wreath Laying Service **£250.00**

Penistone Literary Festival **£250.00**

The grants to be taken from the section 137 budget

### **13. Resource Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** referred to the last meeting of the Town Council where he had been asked to seek further information on the proposed alterations to a toilet to form a meeting room. The Town Clerk confirmed that any alterations would not affect the service of the toilet and this would only be carried out subject to a successful funding application.

Cllr. Cutts commented that he had recently attended a meeting at the centre and clarified the Town Clerks statement.

### **14. Community Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that a rolling programme of decorating had been recommended by the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Signed.....Mayor 16/06/14

## Community Centre continued

The recent refurbishment to the Bar Room was awaiting painting.

### **15. Public Toilets.**

The **Town Mayor** confirmed that the recent problems caused by vandals had been repaired and it was unlikely the refurbishment would be completed in time for the Tour de France

### **16 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.**

The **Town Mayor** reported that the stand pipes are now connected to the site and final stages to complete the project are in place.

A recent meeting with the Allotment Society had been constructive.

The **Town Clerk** added that the conifers on Wilson Avenue allotments would be removed in the very near future.

### **17. Town Hall**

The **Town Clerk** informed members that the former Connects Office has been temporarily converted into a tourist information centre, primarily for the Tour de France.

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

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road

Signed.....Mayor 16/06/14



