

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
January 20th 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall
Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

**Present: The Mayor Cllr. Cutts, in the chair Cllr. Barron, Marsh, Millner,
Pilkington, Starling, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth, Webber and Mrs. Webber**

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

Before opening the meeting the Town Mayor introduced Matthew Mitchell from Barnsley MBC who addressed the meeting on the Tour de France. He said that residential access will be maintained at all times leading up to the event including the morning of the race. He added that full details of the proposed traffic management system will be published on April 30th and all Barnsley borough residents within a five mile radius of the route will receive a letter from Barnsley M.B.C. with further details. Members asked various questions regarding parking, park and ride, toilets, camping and parking fees, these questions were answered satisfactorily. Mr. Mitchell agreed to attend further meetings of the Town Council to update members prior to the event. Mr. Mitchell was thanked for his attendance and presentation.

The Town Mayor with agreement by full council suspended standing orders for further public participation.

Residents then asked the following questions:

Is the Town Council considering any events to mark Penistone Town Hall's centenary year? The question was noted by the Town Clerk.

The new access road to Tesco was unnamed was it intended to be?

Had there been any progress on repairs to the carriageway outside Buckingham Care Home?

The double yellow lines around town were not being adhered to, could traffic enforcement be informed.

Will the new housing development at the former grammar school be subject to section 106 monies?

Cllr. Millner agreed to address these issues during the meeting.

The Town Mayor thanked members of the public for their questions and was then presented with a certificate to the people of Penistone renewing the towns Fairtrade status.

The Town Mayor opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Chapman, Hand – Davis, Mrs. Hinchliff, Hinchliff,

RESOLVED accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which he declared an interest in item 8c request for financial assistance from Penistone Guides.

RESOLVED the declaration is recorded.

Signed.....Mayor 17/02/14

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 16th 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on December 16th 2013

4. Casual vacancy on the Town Council

Following the resignation of Donna Green a vacancy had been created to represent Cubley and Springvale wards. Barnsley M.B.C. confirmed that in accordance with the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983 there had been no interest by applications to call a bi- election therefore the Town Council had the power to co- opt. The **Town Clerk** confirmed he had received enquiries from five people expressing an interest in the role and members agreed applicants interested should submit a formal application including a 100 word statement on why they wished to join the council. They would then be interviewed by a panel consisting of the **Town Clerk, Town Mayor** and **Cllrs. Mrs. Rusby and Webber.**

AGREED

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

Cllr. Millner in reply to members of the public confirmed that parking enforcement officer had been present around the town.

Following consultation with the Highways Department confirmed that the carriageway adjacent to Buckingham Care Home was indeed unadopted (not maintained at public expense) however the footway was the responsibility of the Education Department which was under investigation.

Bellway Homes has agreed to investigate section 106 monies on the grammar school development.

Cllr. Millner commented that he was of the opinion the road from Bridge Street to Tesco had been named but the nameplate had not been erected and he would investigate this matter.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby reported that information boards are to be erected on the Trans Pennine Trail advertising interesting focal points around the town.

Cllr. Starling commented that the release of section 106 monies had not yet been decided however he was of the opinion that terraced housing may be subject of refurbishment. **Cllr. Millner** added that £850,000.00 had been available in section 106 monies previously earmarked for managed workspace with £300,000.00 already allocated for units at Springvale.

Cllr. Marsh referred to the former David Brown site and the need to investigate access to Section 106 money from the new development.

Cllr. Barron commented that parking enforcement had been discussed at a recent PACT meeting and that parking enforcement officers had visited the town on 13 occasions in the last year. **Cllr. Mrs. Webber** also added that she had spoken to two traffic wardens who were warning drivers of their responsibilities and issuing them with parking tickets.

Cllr. Starling also referred to the new wheelie bin collection service.

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

Signed.....Mayor 17/02/14

6. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Thurlstone Community Group
- b) Scarecrow Festival
- c) Penistone Football Club – thank you letter
- d) Area Council priorities
- e) YLCA guidance for bin collection
- f) Local Government Finance
- g) Letter from Cllr. Barnard

7. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Starling referred to the following in his report

Thanks were expressed to the staff at the Paramount for their endeavour over the holiday period and he had written a letter of thanks to them.

On line bookings had increased from 470 in November to 1503 in December and the idea of a hand held bar code reader was being considered which will allow people who have booked online to enter the theatre more quickly.

The satellite dish which will allow films to be downloaded and theatre shows to be streamlined live is to be installed on the 24th January.

Pantomime and live shows are selling well and the staff to repaint the ladies toilet in the Circle

Cllr. Starling was thanked for his report

NOTED

8. 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 **£10,573.79**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£47,885.97**
- c) A requests for financial assistance was also approved to The 60TH Penistone Guides for £250.00

The grant to be taken from the section 137 budget

9. Resource Centre.

No report for this period

NOTED

10. 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. A new external door was to be fitted on the entrance to the lower hall and quotations had been received to repaint the white lines in the car park and renew the post and rail fence adjacent to the Sure Start building.

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 17/02/14

11. Community Led Plan.

Cllr. Millner stated that although the Area Council had adopted the plan there was still a reluctant by Barnsley M.B.C. to adopt the plan on various issues. Cllr. Millner added that a meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee was to be held later in January to discuss these issues.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

Cllr. Marsh tabled the drawings of the proposed refurbishment and suggested that recommendations on the design options be deferred to the Town Services meeting which will be held in February

It was also agreed to obtain estimates for the work to the ridge tiles and stripping out of the existing furniture in the building and make provision in the 2014/15 budget

AGREED

13 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the water connection had been made and arrangements for the provision of the stand pipes were in hand.

The condition of the site is improving with all the plots allocated.

A new manhole cover has been purchased to replace the damaged one.

A meeting with the Allotment Society had been recently carried out and had been informative.

The **Town Clerk** agreed to meet the adjacent landowner to discuss the drainage problem from his land in the New Year to address this problem as it was envisaged further piping may be involved.

It was also agreed to purchase signage for the Berrywell Avenue site depicting that the site had been purchased, converted and maintained by the Town Council

NOTED

14 Date and Time of the next meeting

Ordinary Town Council

February 17th 2014 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

Diary Dates:

Saturday March 8th at 7.00pm a joint mayors concert at the Paramount

Sunday March 23rd at 5.30 for 6.00pm a mayor's charity night at Cinnamon Spice

Friday April 11th at 7.00 for 7.30pm the mayor's dinner at Cubley Hall

Signed.....Mayor 17/02/14

