

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council to set the precept on February 2nd in the Resource Centre, St. Johns Community Centre Penistone

Present: The Deputy Mayor **Cllr. Cutts** in the Chair
Cllrs Millner, Mrs. Hinchliff, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth, Beever and Webber

Also present the Town Clerk **K. Coulton** and Finance Officer **A.Hart**

1) **Apologies for absence – Cllrs Chapman, Hinchliff, Steel and Mrs. Webber**

RESOLVED the apologies were accepted.

2) **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.**

The **Deputy Mayor** invited declarations of which there were **NONE**

3) **Town Council Precept 2015/16**

Members were circulated with an up to date set of accounts for perusal for the Town Council and Paramount. These accounts were studied individually and a thorough explanation and answers to the satisfaction of members given on questions, by the **Finance Officer**.

Following a lengthy debate the following items were **RESOLVED**.

Projects:

Cinema subsidy and fees, £20,000 for 2015/16

Gala Funding + bonfire £3,500.00

Section 137 £4,000.00

Church clock £300.00

Hoylandswaine church clock £165.00

Millhouse Green Institute rates £90.00

Hoylandswaine institute rates £210.00

Penistone in bloom £1,600.00

Christmas lights £7,000.00

Earmarked Reserves £27,500.00 future liability for the Paramount and Town Hall

Improvements at the Community Centre:

General Maintenance - £4,000.00

Roof repairs - £5000.00

Seminar room damp proofing and plastering - £2,000.00

Main hall - New ceiling tiles and blinds - £1,700.00

Replacement doors I.T and Bar Rooms - £800.00

Office soundproofing and flooring - £1,300.00

New tables - £400.00

Leaf blower and salt spreader - £400.00

Civic Expenses

Mayors allowance £1,820.00

Public events £500.00

Photographs/ engraving £250.00

Website / Newsletter £450.00

Signed.....Mayor 16/02/15

Income:

£12,600 per annum for the lease of the Resource Centre

Balances:

The reserves and cash balances are now slightly higher than at March 31st 2013.

Following a brief discussion it was:

Proposed by **Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff** and seconded by **Cllr. Beever**, it was agreed to increase the budget by 1.5% and set the precept for 2015/16 from the existing £162,063.00 (£151, 582.00 precept and £10, 481.00 council tax support grant) to £163,710.00 (£153,850.00 precept and £9,860.00 council tax support grant) and that the expenditure for the financial year 2015/16 is monitored stringently.

The new rates and discounts following the auditors recommendations for the Community Centre were also agreed pending discussions with the user groups

Cllrs Unsworth and **Mrs. Hinchliff** declared interests in Fairtrade and Pengeston Lodge Ladies respectively

Cllr. Webber did not agree with the amended rates / discounts
NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 16/02/15