

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
June 17th 2013 in the Resource Centre, Church St. Penistone.**

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Cutts, in the Chair, Cllrs. Barron, Chapman, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Millner, Pilkington, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth, Starling, Webber and Mrs. Webber

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

Before opening the meeting the **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation.

Residents spoke on two pending planning applications these being at Water Hall Lane and Saunderson Road and Fulford Hall and the problems which may be encountered should these developments be approved.

Cllr. Unsworth informed residents that the Town Council was not the Planning Authority and that the ultimate decision was with Barnsley M.B.C. However, the Town Council would fully discuss the applications at the meeting of the Planning Committee which was to follow on conclusion of the Town Council meeting. Any concerns would be referred to Barnsley M.B.C for it to consider as part of its decision making process. He also encouraged local residents to submit their own concerns to Barnsley M.B.C.

Cllr. Webber also informed residents that they may also attend the Barnsley M.B.C planning meeting and speak to the committee on issues of concern.

The **Town Mayor** then opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr. Marsh RESOLVED to accept the apology.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Hand – Davis**, declared an interest in item 7d request for financial assistance from the Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers

NOTED.

3. Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the following meetings were **approved** a true record and signed by the **Town Mayor** accordingly,

- a) The Annual Town Council Meeting held on May 20th 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on May 20th 2013
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on June 10th 2013

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

Cllr. Hand – Davis passed on his congratulations on the recent knighthood of **Cllr. Steve Houghton** the leader of Barnsley MBC. He also spoke on the new governance procedures and scrutiny arrangements and budgetary changes that were being implemented by Barnsley M.B.C.

Signed.....Mayor 15/07/13

Elected members reports continued

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby commented that it was hopeful Penistone would benefit from the new ward alliance which was to be implemented. **Cllr. Millner** was also hopeful that there would be volunteers willing to join the new area councils.

Cllr. Starling stated that information would soon be available on the new system of voting.

The ward members were thanked for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Thank you letter from Millhouse Sports Club
- b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note.
- c) Flood risk management seminar.
- d) V.A.B. volunteering and community activity.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Starling commented that the Leisure and Amenities Committee had met on June 10th and referred to the minutes of that meeting however briefly gave an update on:

Paramount: May performed better than anticipated and there were only two live shows before the summer holidays, these being Razzamatazz with Calendar Girls and the Jill Brooke School of Dancing.

Organ Trust: In agreement with the Organ Trust the July concert will be held in St. Andrews, as it will coincide with a long time booking for a dance show that weekend, and it would not be possible to run both shows. Audiences have been poor recently and the Trust is looking for a volunteer to lead on marketing.

Building: Barnsley M.B.C has started work on the roof. On completion, work will be carried out on repainting the stairwell.

Staff: Staff roles are being reviewed subject to staff satisfaction, to ensure clarity on duties.

Box Office: A new specification is in place for the box office system which will carry out all the functions required including internet booking.

Satellite Link: This has been deferred until the roof repairs have been completed.

Marketing: Reviews of newspaper advertisements

Cllr. Starling 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 **£13,039.18**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£41,701.01**
- c) The following request for financial assistance was also approved:

Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers £250.00

The grant will be taken from the Section 137 budget.

Annual Return and Accounting Statement for the financial year ending 31/03/13

The **Town Clerk** presented a full concise statement of accounts and members present acknowledged their responsibility for the annual governance statement of accounts for the year end 2012/13

The **Town Mayor** on behalf of the council and before members present proceeded to sign the declaration of accounts for submission to the external auditor.

NOTED Signed.....Mayor 15/07/13

8. Resource Centre.

No report for this period **NOTED**

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that Penistone Archives was attracting attention and was growing in popularity since it opened.

NOTED

10. Town Hall.

The **Town Clerk** confirmed work was being undertaken to treat the dry rot in the roof space and carry out the necessary roof repairs on completion of the dry rot treatment.

The future of the building was still uncertain **Cllr. Millner** suggested that this matter should be discussed by the Development and Regeneration Committee and a working group formed to initiate a business plan should the building become disposed of by Barnsley M.B.C

AGREED

11. Community Led Plan.

Cllr. Millner reported that the document was now complete subject to minor typing amendments. It was hoped it would be in the public domain by July 20th and wished to thank everyone who had been involved in the process.

The plan would then need to be approved by Barnsley M.B.C. subject to this it was envisaged that the Town Council would apply for quality town council status.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the repairs to the damaged roof by the bus had now been completed, however upon inspection by **Cllr. Marsh** and the **Town Clerk** the standard of work carried out was unsatisfactory. A list of defects had been reported to the contactor however, a response from them had not been received prior to the meeting.

The Town Council was in agreement that it would not adopt the building in its present condition.

AGREED

13. National School

The **Town Clerk** confirmed that the license of access from the car park had now been signed.

NOTED

14. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the site is now ready for planting, the fencing was to be erected imminently and all that remained was for the water supply to be provided and the garage erected

NOTED

15 Date and Time of the next meeting.

Ordinary Town Council

July 15th 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 15/07/13

