

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
January 16th 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

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

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

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

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Barron, Green, Hand – Davis and Mrs. Webber RESOLVED the apologies are recorded

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllrs. Marsh** and **Unsworth** declared interests in item 8 (National School) and **Cllr. Marsh** declared an interest in items 12 (public toilets) and 15 (allotments on Berrywell Ave)

RESOLVED that the declarations are recorded

3. Approval of Minutes.

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

- a) The Town Council held on December 19th 2011
- b) The Planning Committee held on December 19th 2011

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

Cllr. Millner alluded to the following in his report:

The “square about” traffic calming scheme preparatory work has commenced in the town centre and the traffic regulation order (TRO) will be implemented by January 26th.

The glazing to the market hall will be completed by the end of January.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby reported on the “Good Neighbour Scheme being part of government legislation and inviting snow wardens to future meetings.

Cllr. Webber confirmed the completion of the glazing to the market by the end of January and that a folk festival has been planned for the summer in the building.

Cllr. Cutts commented on the closure of Penistone police station and the fact that it was not manned to the general public which would set poor standards with the large rural area associated with Penistone.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff alluded to the fact that a poor image is being presented with the lights still on in the building.

Cllr. Marsh commented that any point of contact with the police would be at the library, you cannot speak to personnel and it seemed pointless moving, ratepayers are paying for a service which is not being used.

Cllr. Millner replied that the relevant scrutiny committee within Barnsley M.B.C. had investigated the possibility of a shared facility/resource such as the library or council to produce documents, however this was not feasible as concerns were raised over confidentiality.

Signed.....Mayor 20/02/12

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED** as members had been circulated with the information for their perusal prior to the meeting.

- a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- b) Voluntary action Barnsley
- c) Local Councils and future applications for wind farms – **Cllr. Webber** agreed to investigate this matter with Barnsley M.B.C.
- d) Villages and communities together.
- e) Queens Diamond Jubilee – Agreed to refer this to the Town Services Committee.
- f) Parish Precepts – meeting arranged for the 6th February to set the budget for the forthcoming financial year.
- g) Localism and Neighbourhood Planning workshop to be held on 29th February – Agreed that the Town Clerk should attend at a cost of £35.00

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Pilkington referred to the following in his report:

Bar – No report.

Programme – The Christmas films performed as expected, however problems had been encountered with booking the Iron Lady due to overbooking of the film nevertheless a copy has been secured to be screened directly after the pantomime.

Live Shows – These have sold well with most sold out. 2012 shows are booking well with over 100 tickets already sold for the Manfreds and all the other shows looking good sales wise.

Digital Cinema – The contract has been signed and returned with an installation date not yet confirmed.

Organ Trust – The joint event with the organ trust is now confirmed for March 11th The P.C.O.T. license invoices have been forwarded to the Trust for processing

On-line booking – The work to alter the website to make it possible to link directly with the Movietickets.com booking pages has been carried out and is working well. So far 80 on line tickets have been sold for the panto which is a good start and will be extended to other live shows.

Toilets – Quotations for the upgrade of the circle toilets have been received and will be discussed later in the meeting.

An attempt to steal from the till in the kiosk was tried over the Christmas period by a member of the public while the cashier was distracted. However the thief escaped empty handed and the incident reported to the police. This action has led to a review of the risk assessment for the kiosk and resulted in fitting upgraded CCTV cameras in the kiosk area.

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 £22,824.58**
- b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £26,116.16**

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that relationships were working well with nothing further to report

Signed.....Mayor 20/02/12

9. National School. Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act) 1960

Members of the public and press were asked to leave the room whilst this item was being discussed due to the confidentiality of the business.

10. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the community centre was operating effectively however the recent gales had caused damage to the roof dislodging tiles and slates. A quotation had been received from a local roofer to carry out repairs at a cost of £190.00 plus vat. The contractor had been notified to carry out the necessary repairs.

11. Community Led Plan.

Cllr. Millner informed members that at the meeting on January 11th to approve the final version of the questionnaire progress was now being made with another meeting arranged for 27th February.

12. Town Hall.

No report for this period

13. Town Centre toilet refurbishment.

No report for this period

14. Website.

Cllr. Pilkington informed members that data and text was being received by the webmaster updated accordingly and is now live. **NOTED**

15. Allotments. Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act) 1960

Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted it was agreed to exclude members of the public and press for this item and the quotation for the work to the toilet in the Paramount.

16. Date and Time of the next meeting. February 20th 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 20/02/12