

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Barron, in the Chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Chapman,
Hand–Davis, R. Hinchliff, B. Hinchliff, Millner, Mrs. Rusby, Starling, 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. Green, Pilkington, L. Webber, S. Webber
RESOLVED** the apologies are recorded.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. R. Hinchliff** declared an interest in agenda item 7d - request for financial assistance from Penistone Football Club

RESOLVED - the declaration is recorded.

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 held on June 18th 2012
- b) The Planning Committee held on June 18th 2012
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on July 9th 2012

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

Cllr. Millner referred to the opening of Buckingham House Care Home and he was very proud of the fantastic achievement of the delivery of a first class care home.

Cllr. Hand – Davis along with other members expressed their thanks to Cllr. Millner as lead member on the delivery of a fantastic building, and in his report commented that the Physical and Sustainability Committee of which he was a member was investigating the issue of the visual impact of wind farms.

Cllr. Starling reiterated **Cllr. Hand – Davis** on the issue of wind farms and that there had been an increase in more applications being rejected and one being removed from Millhouse Green. **Cllr. Starling** also referred to the Neighbourhood Plan and that the consultation period would be carried out between July and September.

Cllr. Starling also commented on the future of the Fulford building and that a meeting was to be held with the head of planning. The recent petition carried out was to be presented to a full meeting of Barnsley MBC for consideration.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby stated that she had been pleased to attend the opening of Buckingham House.

She was also hoping a policy could be adopted on wind farms.

She also referred to the recent folk festival held in the market building. The event had been successful with first class entertainment and wished to thank Carol Bradbury for the organizing

Signed.....Mayor 17/09/12

Ward Councillors' reports continued.

The Localism Bill recently introduced can provide and offer more services locally including the probability of finding employment for local people. However funding may be limited.

The Mayor thanked the ward members for their reports.

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) Letter from Carol Bradbury regarding the recent folk concert in the market building thanking the Town Council for the donation, and the fact that there was money remaining from the donation of which it was agreed by members present that the treasurer to the group should retain and use toward next years' event.

It was agreed that the **Town Clerk** writes to Mrs. Bradbury thanking her for another successful concert.

b) Letter from a Penistone resident in particular on suggesting how to improve the local community with regard to culture and amenities.

It was agreed to invite the resident to a future meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee.

c) The Localism Act. 2011 Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interest

The **Town Clerk** informed members that the relevant provisions of the Localism Act came into force on the 1st July 2012 and from this date Town and Parish Councils are also required to adopt a new code of conduct.

Principal Councils will deal with arrangements for the examination of complaints in respect of Town and Parish Councils and in addition the requirement for Town and Parish Councils to register certain interests with the monitoring officer of the principal council continues.

Town and Parish Councils are also required to make the Register of Interests available on their website if they have a website. The principal Council is also required to display details of each Town and Parish Councils Register of Interest.

Following a brief discussion it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the template supplied by Barnsley M.B.C. regarding the new code of conduct and members **RESOLVED** to complete the Register of Members Interests accordingly and return them to the **Town Clerk** on completion.

d) Yorkshire Water. Update on the ongoing refurbishment work Noted.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts referred to the following in his report:

Bar- During a routine inspection of the lighting it had become apparent that there was ingress of damp permeating through the flat roof of the bar. This had been reported to Barnsley M.B.C.

Programme – All films are playing well. All live events selling as well or better than anticipated. The films are fully programmed to mid September. All the schools in the area have been circulated with flyers as the programme is mainly family orientated in nature.

Digital Cinema – The digital conversion has gone well and with all issues resolved is working well. Digital has enabled the cinema to book more films and plan the programme further ahead.

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Leisure and Amenities Report continued.

The cinema manager has proposed to carry out a press launch on Monday July 23rd at 4.0pm and would be pleased to see as many members as possible attend

Staffing – Two new part time staff are working well.

Organ Trust – Dates have been agreed with the P.C.O.T. through 2013 and the organ will be used for the Paramount classics arranged for various Sundays until October.

Cllr. Cutts 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 £19,032.20**

b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £39,129.25**

c) **The following requests for financial assistance were considered and it was**

RESOLVED to grant the following:

Penistone Football club £150.00

Penistone Mini tennis Club £250.00. (In principal subject to receiving clarification on bank statements).

The donations to be taken from the Section 137 budget.

d) **Paramount Wage Structure.**

The new wage structure and rates recommended for the Paramount staff by the Cinema Manager, Town Clerk and Finance Officer, back dated to July 1st were ratified without amendment.

8. Resource Centre.

No report for this period.

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the community centre was operating efficiently despite the economic climate. The window replacement programme was still in progress and the community centre staff was in the process of decorating the new letting room.

10. Town Hall.

The **Town Clerk** confirmed that Barnsley MBC is carrying out a comprehensive review of community buildings and would await the deliberations of their investigations.

11. Community Led Plan

Cllr. Millner reported to members there had been a 24% return which was similar and in accordance with most town and parish councils that had carried out a parish plan. The electronic data entry was in progress and within the deadline for completion. This is being forwarded to Rural Action Yorkshire to enable the finalisation of the plan. Everything had been carried out within budget.

12. Public Toilets.

The **Town Clerk** reported that Barnsley M.B.C. has included the toilets as part of their review of community buildings and suggested the Town Council waits for the deliberations before commencing with any refurbishment.

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13. National School. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act. 1960

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press for this item

14. Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** confirmed that the necessary advertising of the application was in situ on Berrywell Avenue and to date one objection had been received by the planning department within Barnsley M.B.C.

NOTED.

15. War Memorial plaque Penistone Grammar School.

Cllr. Unsworth alluded to the memorial plaque commemorating the lives of former pupils and staff killed in both world wars, and previously erected within the former grammar school, which was now retained in the church. **Cllr. Unsworth** commented that there appeared to be a conception by the public that the memorial should be reinstated within the new school as it formed part of the history of the school and in doing so would restore relations with the community, and would the Town Council agree to the **Town Clerk** writing to the school governors to ask them to reconsider their decision. **AGREED**

Cllrs. Cutts and Hand – Davis both suggested having a subsequent memorial also erected to commemorate the loss of lives by former pupils in the recent wars in the Falklands, and Middle East etc.

Cllr. Hinchliff stated that the governors were to meet in the near future to discuss the retention of the plaque.

Dates and Times of the next meeting.

Town Services Committee Monday July 23rd at 7.0pm in the Resource Centre.

Development and Regeneration Committee July 30th at 7.0pm in the Resource Centre.

Town Council September 17th at 7.0pm in the Town Hall.

Signed.....Mayor 17/09/12