

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday
May 21st 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

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

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton, Finance Officer A. Hart, public, press.**

Before opening the meeting the **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation and gave a brief summary of his year in office prior to stepping down.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff proposed a vote of thanks to **Cllrs. Mr. and Mrs. Webber** on behalf of the Town Council and the community for their year in office and how they have been true ambassadors to the Town. **NOTED.**

1. Election of the Town Mayor – RESOLVED Cllr. Barron

At this point **Cllrs. Webber** and **Barron** stepped outside the council chamber to exchange the mayoral chain of office, on re-entering the room **Cllrs. Barron** and **Webber** resumed their respective seats and **Cllr. Barron** continued to preside over the meeting.

In his opening address **Cllr. Barron** stated how it was a privilege to be Town Mayor and would be assisted in his mayoral year by his wife, Dorothy.

His chosen charities would be Macmillan Nurses, South Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Stroke Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital.

He thanked **Cllrs. Mr. and Mrs. Webber** for their year in office and congratulated **Cllrs Green** and **Starling** on their recent election to Barnsley M.B.C. and was looking forward to an eventful year with the Queens Diamond Jubilee, and the Mayors Parade and Gala.

2. Apologies for absence – Cllr. Hand – Davis

RESOLVED the apology is recorded.

3. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

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

4. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2012/13

RESOLVED Cllr. Webber.

5. Nomination of the Mayor Elect 2013/14

RESOLVED Cllr. Cutts.

6. Election of Chairs, Vice Chairs and members to the following committees Leisure and Amenities.

**RESOLVED - Chair Cllr. Cutts. Vice Chair Cllr. Pilkington
Cllrs. Unsworth, Starling, R. Hinchliff, Chapman and Hand – Davis,**

Signed.....Mayor 18/6/12

Election to committees continued

Town Services.

**RESOLVED – Chair Cllr. Mrs. Rusby, Vice Chair Cllr. R.Hinchliff
Cllrs. Mrs. Hinchliff, Cutts, Chapman, Mrs. Webber and Ms. Green**

Development and Regeneration.

**Chair Cllr. Millner Vice Chair Cllr. Webber.
Cllrs. Marsh, Cutts, Barron, Ms. Green, and Starling.**

Finance and General Purpose.

The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, chairs, vice chairs of committees and Mrs. Webber.

Town Clerks note*

All members are cordially invited to attend these meetings and speak on issues but cannot vote unless they are specific members of that committee

Planning.

**Chair, Cllr. Unsworth, Vice Chair Cllr. Hinchliff
All councillors.**

7. Elected representatives to the following boards

**National School Trustees
Cllr. Marsh and Unsworth**

Samuel Wordsworth Charity

Cllr. R. Hinchliff

Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Cllr. Mrs. Webber

Hoylandswaine Almshouses

Cllr. Marsh

8. 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 April 16th 2012
- b) The Planning Committee held on April 16th 2012
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on May 14th 2012

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

Cllr. Millner referred to the opening of Buckingham House with a proposed date of July 4th at 12.00pm and he had an invite to attend with the Town Mayor.

The provisional start date for the St. Mary's Street development was sometime in June.

Norfolk Property Services (formerly Barnsley MBC Estates Directorate) had issued revised terms of lease regarding the former Penistone Leisure Centre and it appeared the building may be re-opening.

Signed.....Mayor 18/06/12

Elected Members reports continued

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby stated that a member of the Round Table had requested parking the community bus in the community centre car park.

Cllr. Pilkington confirmed this had been discussed at the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee on the 14th May and had been deferred for further investigation with the Round Table. **AGREED**

The **Town Mayor** thanked the members for their reports.

10. Correspondence.

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

a) Action for market towns **NOTED**

b) Rural Action Yorkshire Agreed to invite an officer from RAY to a future meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee to speak on the issue of community buildings

c) Penistone Market Hall – Confirmation of the installation of the doors and future cleansing of the pigeon droppings. Cllr. Marsh raised the issue of the extra costs incurred on making the building fit for purpose and that these works although considered at the design could have been included at the construction stage, and it needed officers to understand local knowledge of the area which he hoped would be implemented in future.

Cllr. Unsworth and Pilkington both now agreed that the building was a superb feature in the town.

d) Penistone Line Partnership – Annual General Meeting report – **Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff** commented that she had attended this meeting and it appeared there were many plans for the line – **NOTED**.

e) Sustainable Communities Act 2010 – extension of time by the minister causing the decline of communities. It was **agreed** the Town Clerk writes to the minister urging him to make the Sustainable Communities Act regulations urgently and alleviate the cynicism and disillusionment currently being experienced.

f) The Heritage Alliance – Asking for support against the Governments decision in the budget to withdraw VAT relief on approved alterations to listed buildings and asks for this budget measure to be withdrawn.

Cllr. Green stated that the Town Council should support the group as this implication may affect the many listed buildings in the Penistone area particularly the churches **AGREED**.

g) Angela Smith M.P. – **Cllr. Webber** read out correspondence from Angela Smith M.P. on behalf of a local resident who was expressing concern over the community Led Plan

Cllr. Webber intended to reply to the letter personally.

Town Clerks note*

The Town Clerk reminded members that committees' working groups, etc. cannot make decisions, they can only make recommendations or suggestions. It is the responsibility of full council to either ratify or refuse.

Signed.....Mayor 18/06/12

11. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Pilkington referred to the following in his report:

There was little to add from the recent meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee however he did comment on the following.

Programme – All films are playing well. All live events selling as well or better than anticipated

Digital Cinema – Reports have been received that the picture quality is stunning. Some minor tweaks are ongoing with the sound system but should be completed fairly soon

An extensive P.R. exercise campaign to get underway shortly

Organ Trust – Payment now received

Prices – New prices have been implemented as agreed – still the cheapest cinema for miles around!

Toilets – Work is now complete. It wasn't without problems as leaks were found when the plaster was being made good but to our benefit as Barnsley MBC attended quickly to repair the source of the problem – leaks outside through someone stealing the lead from the roof. Plaster work has all been made good and the finished work has received several compliments.

On line booking – Voucher schemes remain popular and are bringing in a high proportion of new people to the cinema. Many of the vouchers are not redeemed. Living Social is the biggest of these and uptake now looks to be about 50%.

The two other schemes look like delivering similar returns but they are an effective minimal cost marketing exercise for us

Staffing – Two new part time staff have been recruited

Cllr. Pilkington was thanked for his report and to convey thanks to all the staff from the Town Council.

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 £19,319.54**
- b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £39,004.16**
- c) **The following requests for financial assistance were considered at it was RESOLVED to grant the following:**

Penistone Cricket Club £200.00

Penistone Scouts £250.00

A request for financial assistance from Penistone Gardening Club was declined.

These grants to be taken from the Section 137 budget.

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 rolling programme was imminent, and work to convert the former caretaker's room into a letting room was to be started shortly.

Signed.....Mayor 16/06/12

10. Town Hall.

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

11. Community Led Plan

Cllr. Millner reported to members that over 850 questionnaires had been returned at this present time with May 28th being the last day for returns.

A meeting has been arranged for June 11th to review the next phase of the plan.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

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

13. National School.

The **Town Clerk** and **Cllr. Unsworth** informed members that a reply had not been received as yet from the trustees of the National School regarding the license as it was still being deliberated by their solicitor.

NOTED

14. Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** confirmed that the plans had now been resubmitted to the planning department at Barnsley MBC and were in the system.

NOTED

15. Dates and Times of the next meetings.

Town Services 28th May at 7.0pm in the Resource Centre

Development and Regeneration 11th June in the Resource Centre at 7.0pm

Town Council 18th June at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber

Signed.....Mayor 18/06/12