

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
February 18th 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

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

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 – Cllr. Marsh.

RESOLVED the apology was recorded.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

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

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 Meeting held on January 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on January 2013
- c) The Extraordinary Town Council meeting to set the precept and budget held on February 2013 – subject to the amendment that **Cllr. Webber** is added to the list of members present.

Cllr. Webber also wished for it to be recorded that that when the Town Council meets to discuss the budget for 2014/15 it realises the importance of time spent on debating issues in depth, as this may have an effect on existing and future services.

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

Cllr. Millner referred to the progress and improvements in upgrading the power supply to Penistone following the many recent power failures and stated that Norfolk Property Services in conjunction with Northern Powergrid will decide where to site the new substation.

Cllr. Millner also referred to the phase two development by Dransfields on Bridge Street and confirmed that he had received correspondence from the developer. Unfortunately due to his recent leave of absence had not been able to pursue the matter. However, he agreed to pursue with the developer and would give a concise report at the meeting in March.

Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff thanked **Cllr. Millner** for his efforts and asked if the formation of the proposed mini councils would affect future funding.

Cllr. Millner replied that the mini councils would not affect the Town Council with regard to funding, and may indeed raise its profile.

Cllr. Starling also added that the position with the mini councils was not yet clear and stated that a meeting had been arranged early in March and hopefully he would have more information for the next Town Council meeting.

Cllr. Unsworth alluded to the meeting in January where he raised concerns over the future of the Rural Transport Partnership and was please to announce that the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive had agreed to support the Partnership.
Signed.....Mayor 18/03/13

Ward Member Reports Continued

Cllr. Cutts referred to the recent snow clearing and asked if areas around private homes could be cleared? **Cllr. Millner** replied that all areas are subject to the “Snow plan” and he would be pleased to receive any areas which may be of concern that they may be considered and possibly added to the plan.

Cllr. Hinchliff asked why Church Street had appeared to be missed from the gritting route. **Cllr. Millner** replied that it may not be on the snow plan or the lorry may not have been able to gain access due to parked cars.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Northern Powergrid – improvement to the electricity network in Penistone
- b) Department of Culture Media and Sport – provision of superfast broadband
- c) Barnsley M.B.C. – Declarations of member’s interest

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts referred to the following in his report:

Bar The bar floor has been repaired and cask conditioned beer is now on sale and has been received with good reports and sales.

Programme All films have been received with good audiences.

Live The Mike Harding concert at the end of April is sold out and most of the other shows are selling well.

Box Office Work has commenced on replacing the box office system and the main benefit will be a greatly improved internet booking arrangement with print at home tickets simplified account reporting and improved concession sales points.

Organ Trust Dates have been agreed with the Organ Trust through 2013 and the Trust has been supporting the Paramount Classic Films which are receiving good audiences.

Building The main stairs have been painted by the staff along with the ladies circle toilets in part. The new shutters have been ordered and will be installed w/c March 11th The Main door heater has been installed making a real improvement to the temperature in the foyer. Quotes have been obtained for painting the circle emergency stairs as the paint is peeling.

Staff Two new members of staff have been added to the relief rota

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 **£14,864.07**
 - b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£44,910.86**
 - c) The following requests for financial assistance were also approved:
Penistone & District Community Partnership (Penistone Leisure Centre) £250.00
Thurlstone Community Group (Thurlstone War Memorial)
- The grants to be taken from the Section 137 budget

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the centre was carry out the refurbishment of the kitchen imminently

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 18/03/13

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the community centre was operating efficiently with a slight increase in bookings, despite local competition and the economic climate. The remaining windows to complete the rolling programme were to be installed shortly.

NOTED

10. Town Hall.

No report for this period

NOTED

11. Community Led Plan.

Cllr. Millner reported that progress to finalise the plan was moving well, with “Stream 1” almost complete, and that it was envisaged the plan would be completed by the time of the Mayors Parade and Gala.

A graphic designer and the camera club were now involved.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received the proposed asset transfer from Norfolk Property Services with the Heads of Terms for consideration.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed to defer this item and invite the officers from Neighbourhood Pride and Norfolk Property Services to the next meeting of the Town Services Committee to discuss the financial and future maintenance issues.

13. National School.

The **Town Clerk** stated that it appeared Barnsley M.B.C. still had issues with the granting of the license for the access, and appeared to be hesitant in drawing a conclusion to the matter, despite assurances that this was a formality.

Cllrs. Starling and **Mrs. Rusby** agreed to arrange a meeting with the relevant officer concerned to establish the cause of the delay and why this course of action was being taken.

NOTED

14. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** reported that there had been a productive meeting with **Cllrs Marsh, Cutts** and **himself** with the allotment society recently and that the application / quotation for the water connection had been applied for with Yorkshire Water Authority following a recent site meeting. The Allotment Rules and Regulations were being revised in conjunction with the society, and progress at this present time was satisfactory

NOTED

15. Date and Time of the next meeting.

March 18th 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

***Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff** reminded members that the High Sherriff of South Yorkshire would be attending the meeting to speak on the work she carries out*

Signed.....Mayor 18/03/13