

**The minutes of the of the Annual Town Assembly
Held in the Lower Hall of St John's Community Centre
On Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7pm**

PRESENT

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Cllr. Millner, Cutts, Hand-Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Hayler, Mrs. Millner, Marsh, Ogle and Kimberley.

Also present the Town Clerk K. Coulton, press and members of the public.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Proposed Seconded and Agreed, the **Town Mayor, Cllr. Millner**

ABSENT

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. Webber, Chadburn, Mrs. Rusby and Unsworth

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Town Assembly held on 8th April 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor accordingly.

THE MAYORS REPORT FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING 31/03/17

It has been a busy year for Penistone Town council and myself as your Mayor.

We have begun negotiations on an extension of the lease for the Penistone Paramount with Barnsley MBC. During the year I have attended several events both stage and screen, at the Paramount to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the cinema facility.

I am very proud of this magnificent community facility and the staff who provide such an outstanding venue for various events. We will continue to ensure the future of the Paramount by continued investment.

I attended the 50th anniversary of St. Mary's Catholic Church building which was my first official duty.

The support we have from Penistone Round Table Ladies Circle and the Scouts helped to make a memorable weekend for the Mayors parade and gala event. It's a pity we could not organise the weather however record crowds attended the Friday and Saturday events.

During the year I have been privileged to have been part of the group who has supported the "Care for Claire" appeal which has now ensured that the house has now been restored to enable it to be sold. This is a tremendous example of the community volunteer groups we have in Penistone. The story made national news, and following such a bad incident it is comforting that the community pull together to help Claire Throssall in rebuilding her life.

I was delighted to attend the Penistone Agricultural Show in September and present the Mayor's trophy. Again the weather could have been better but despite that, it was well attended and a thoroughly enjoyable day. I heartily recommend this show; the largest single day show in the country.

In September I also attended the Penistone Competitive Music Festival where I was delighted to present numerous trophies throughout the day

Signed.....Mayor April 11th 2017

We have some fine young musicians in our community. It was wonderful to see such talent.

The British Legion invited me to officially open their refurbished games room. I also attended the Mason's open day which was most interesting. We have a thriving Masonic Lodge.

Halloween and Bonfire Night both organised by the Penistone Round table and Ladies Circle were very well attended and the community rallied round to support these events despite the challenging weather.

Remembrance Sunday was extremely well attended particularly by the Beavers Cubs and Scouts Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The church was packed and the service was very poignant involving the whole congregation. The weather was kind to us this time. We had two successful Civic Services at St. Johns Church – one a messy church service which was great fun. The Christmas Service involved me dressing up as Elvis with the Mayor of Barnsley joining in as a “wise man”.

Christmas Lights switch on was another challenging event due to the weather and was almost called off. However, we managed to hold a successful market and bar with live music from Toby Burton, a choir from the Samaritans and St. Johns Junior and Infants School Choir and Thurlstone Brass Band and then with the support of Penistone F.M. we held the official switch on in the market place. A great turnout of young people to see Santa with Penistone Round Table helping too.

Penistone 41 Club invited me to sing carols at Buckingham Care Home and Pendon House, with help from Penistone Brownies and Ladies Circle. I do hope this new event continues as it was a delight to see residents' faces when Santa turned up on his sleigh and came to sing with them.

We have launched the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Penistone and have begun the work to engage the community for the Built Environment led by Cllr. Unsworth, Community Services and Facilities led by Cllr. Chadburn, the Local Economy led by myself Countryside and GreenInfrastructure led by Cllr. Hayler Housing led by Cllr. Kimberley and Energy and Low Carbon led by Cllr. Ogle. The process is being managed by Cllr. Webber, Community Action Penistone is supporting this project.

I am proud to have accepted on behalf of the town our Fair Trade certificate and I recently attended their fund raising night in Rene's Café with the Penistone Players at St. John's Church.

This was closely followed by my charity fund raising event at Cinnamon Spice which was well attended and we raised £355.00 from this event.

I was pleased to attend the official opening of a new business in the town recently. This proves there is an upturn in the economy in our town.

The Easter celebrations at church were continued with the giving of flour which I was pleased to take part in.

Signed.....Mayor April 11th 2017

Still to look forward to is the celebrations on April 21st for the Queens 90th birthday. There will be a beacon lit at Royd Moor viewing point above Millhouse Green and also on the showground. Please make every effort to attend this.

It has been a wonderful and memorable year for me as your Mayor and on behalf of my wife and I we would like to thank Keith and his staff at the Community Centre for all their support and advice which ensured that Penistone town Council operates the way that it does.

Brian and his staff at the Paramount also deserve our thanks for their hospitality and hard work throughout the year. We have had record attendances at the Paramount which has helped make the facility sustainable. Well done.

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31/03/16 – A summary of the most recent accounts was presented to the meeting with an explanation of any variances on the previous year

NOTED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF PENISTONE

Litter problem in the area is worsening what can be done?

Cllr. Hand- Davis replied that any assistance to discourage this problem would be appreciated. Fining is not strong enough. The problem is nationwide.

Cllr. Marsh added that fly tipping and local litter is also from outside of the community it is happening in the Peak District National Park.

Health and Safety issues prevent children participating.

Cllr. Mrs. Millner also added that at the Grammar School adequate bins are provided and she would be mindful to remind pupils of not littering on their way home.

There being no further business the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.35 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed..... Mayor April 11th 2017

