

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday  
February 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

**Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Webber, in the Chair, Cllrs. Barron, Cutts, Chapman, Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Millner, 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. Marsh, Pilkington and Mrs. Webber**

**RESOLVED** the apologies are recorded

## **2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Unsworth** declared an interest in item 8 (National School) and **Cllrs. Mr. & Mrs. Hinchliff** declared an interest in item 5d Penistone Agricultural Show.

**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 January 2012
- b) The Planning Committee held on January 2012
- c) The Town Services Committee held on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 (subject to the following amendment that Cllr. Mrs. Webber would be unable to carry out the work she did last year on advertising due to a conflict of interest, not due to work commitments)
- d) The Town Council budget and precept meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2012
- e) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2012

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

**Cllr. Millner** alluded to the following in his report:

Following the recent power failures in the area he had arranged a meeting with a senior engineer from the National Grid as there had been 174 power cuts in the S36 area over the last 24 months. The engineer confirmed that it was now required to replace several hundreds of meters of cable around the area and this work would be carried out in the very near future.

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** reported on the Barnsley MBC budget meeting and that there would be no increase in council tax for the forthcoming financial year 2012/13

Barnsley MBC highways had been efficient in dealing with the recent snow experienced in the area.

The square about system had been the first traffic development in the town centre for many years and he had asked if the police could be on duty to advise motorists. Unfortunately this did not materialise.

Following a recent “Think Local” survey, dog fouling appeared the main priority with fly tipping and litter second and third respectively.

Signed.....Mayor 19/03/12

## Ward Members reports continued

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** commented on the Localism Act which has received royal ascent and the fact that the introduction of the act would bring extra money and services into the town.

**Cllr. Cutts** asked if there had been any more information on the police station usage

**Cllr. Webber** replied that the police are still using the building but the enquiry desk is closed to the public.

**Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff** asked if any of the ward members had received comments over the square about, and if the traffic wardens could take any action on cars parking on the footway outside the banks. Cllr. Millner replied that the traffic flow around the system was satisfactory following a report from Barnsley MBC and would take time for motorists to familiarise themselves with the route.

He would investigate the traffic warden issue.

The ward members were thanked 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) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note.
- b) Rural Action Yorkshire - The Localism Act.
- c) YLCA - how levels of council reserves are calculated
- d) Barnsley MBC - how base levels of council tax are calculated.
- e) Penistone agricultural society asking for the councils input into the provision of a sculpture. The town council supported the project.
- f) Barnsley Best
- g) YLCA planning workshops
- h) YLCA abolition of the standards board.
- i) White Rose Update
- j) Country Air.
- k) Skipton – East Lancs Rail Action Partnership asking for the councils support in the reopening of the Colne to Skipton missing rail link. The town council supported the project.

### 6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

**Cllr. Cutts** referred to the following in his report:

**Bar** – No report.

**Programme** – All films are playing well

**Live Shows** – These have sold well with most sold out.

**Digital Cinema** – The contract has been approved and the equipment ordered with an installation date of w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March

**Organ Trust** – The joint event with the organ trust is now confirmed for March 11<sup>th</sup>  
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 150 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.

Signed.....Mayor 19/03/12

Leisure and Amenities Report continued.

**Cinema Prices** – as recommended at the meeting Leisure and Amenities Committee to increase the cinema entry as from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to £5.50 and £4.50. This still makes the Paramount admission cheaper than other surrounding venues.

**Electricity Supply** – this has been very erratic recently, fortunately no shows have been interrupted. This issue started 5 weeks ago with the additional expense of hiring a generator to ensure power supplies during the panto.

**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 £24,522.18**
- b) **The Paramount Account to the sum of £44,788.65**
- c) **Mayoral chain modification – RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £1,123.31 from Fattorini's. The Town Clerk to action.
- d) **Penistone Line Partnership – RESOLVED** to renew the membership at a cost of £25.00 per annum providing the Town Council begin to see improvements on and around Penistone station.
- e) **Financial Risk Assessment Document.** Members had been circulated with the document to satisfy audit regulations and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the document without amendment.

**8. Resource Centre.**

Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted members of the public and press were asked to leave the room:

**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 despite the economic climate.

**11. Community Led Plan.**

**Cllr. Millner** informed members that a meeting is arranged for February 27<sup>th</sup> to endorse the final version of the questionnaire as minor adjustments are required.

It was envisaged arrangements could then be made for the document to be actioned.

**12. Town Hall.**

**Cllr. Millner** stated that a scrutiny panel within Barnsley MBC was to meet to discuss the future of council owned buildings. A date for this meeting has yet to be arranged.

**13. Town Centre toilet refurbishment.**

**Cllr. Webber** alluded to the recent vandalism to the toilets and the need to start the refurbishment. It was agreed the Town Clerk would action.

Signed.....Mayor 19/03/12

**15. Allotments.**

The Town Clerk informed members that the planning application had now been withdrawn on the advice of the planning officer and on his advice the need to arrange a public meeting on the future of green space including allotment provision within the Penistone area.

The Town Clerk agreed to arrange a suitable date preferably on a Saturday to hold a public meeting within the Community Centre and carry out the necessary advertising.

**16. Date and Time of the next meeting. March 19<sup>th</sup> 2012** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 19/03/12