

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday
November 19th 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penistone.**

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

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Starling** declared an interest in item 5a. Public rights of Way

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 October 15th 2012
- b) The Planning Committee held on October 15th 2012
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on November 5th 2012
- d) The Development and Regeneration Committee held on November 12th 2012

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

Cllr. Starling reported on the formation of the mini councils currently under construction by Barnsley M.B.C. It is anticipated that they will be in shadow form by April 2013 and in place by April 2014.

Cllr. Hand – Davis stated that the Physical and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee of which he is a member is thoroughly investigating the issue of the impact of wind turbines in the area and is accepting that Penistone has reached its capacity with regard to carbon capture levels. This information would be forwarded to the Planning Regulatory Board for deliberation.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby commented on the well attended rededication and re-siting of the war memorial plaque in memory of former pupils from Penistone Grammar School killed at war, and wished to thank everyone involved, in particular Cllr. Hinchliff.

In reply **Cllr. Hinchliff** commented that the British Legion in future would be pleased in carrying out a service on the site prior to the Remembrance service.

Cllr. Millner reported that a mobile C.C.T.V. camera capable of being erected on a location by location basis to deter anti – social behavior would be returning to Penistone.

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

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Barnsley M.B.C. Public rights of Way.
- b) Y.L.C.A. Training programme.
- c) White Rose update (The magazine from Y.L.C.A.)
- d) Street lighting Green Lane - Cllr. Millner agreed to investigate this matter with Barnsley M.B.C.

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Bar Part of the bar floor is beginning to deteriorate and it was agreed to accept the quote of £160.00 to repair.

Investigations are being carried out to introduce real ale.

Programme All films are playing well. Skyfall sold 2400 tickets, not quite the record of 2900 for the Kings Speech, but a great result. The programme of films is carried through to mid February 2013

Organ Trust Dates have been agreed with the Organ Trust through 2013, the December show is sold out.

Building. The two smoke doors in the roof above the stage are causing water to drop on to the stage and it is hard to establish whether this is a leak or condensation.

Barnsley M.B.C. has been out to investigate and is of the belief that it was in fact condensation on the metal doors falling on the stage. Initially it was understood that Barnsley M.B.C. would carry out the work to seal the doors as they are no longer required (confirmed by the fire officer). However Norfolk Property Services has informed that this is a Health and Safety issue and the cost of repairs borne by the Paramount.

Three quotes have been received the cheapest being £1200.00 +vat.

This work needs carrying out as the vents are a liability and had this been a step issue or similar the work would be the Paramount's responsibility however this is a roof issue which falls firmly under the responsibility of Barnsley M.B.C.

A risk assessment has been carried out and actions are in place to monitor the appearance of any water on stage and remove and warn users of any potential risk

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 **£14,043.14**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£42,167.15**
- c) The following requests for financial assistance were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to grant:

£162.00 to Hoylandswaine Parochial Church Council for the service charges relating to the village clock.

£250.00 to Millhouse Green Community Association towards a Christmas tree for the village. (The funds from the section 137 budget).

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

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that there had been a problem with the central heating boiler which had been rectified by the Community Centre staff.

NOTED

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the community centre was operating efficiently despite local competition and the economic climate.

NOTED

10. Town Hall.

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

NOTED

11. Community Led Plan

Cllr. Millner reported to members that there had been a good attendance with constructive comments at the recent public meeting, and wished to thank Penistone F.M. and the Barnsley Chronicle for advertising the event. The group was now moving forward to finish the project in the very near future.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

The **Town Clerk** reported that he had been in dialogue with Barnsley M.B.C. Executive Director of Development, Environment and Culture who agreed to begin the process of asset transfer.

The **Town Clerk** raised the issue of business rates imposed on public toilets as it appears that this falls to the lowest tier of local government to provide this service due to the large number of principal authorities opting out of funding public conveniences, and that this should be recognised by Government, either by an exemption or by an equivalent grant to compensate.

The **Town Clerk** was instructed to discuss this matter with the Executive Director.

AGREED

13. National School.

The **Town Clerk** informed members that he had again been in dialogue with the officer from Norfolk Property Services and although he was awaiting written confirmation the officer did not have a problem with the proposed license for access and egress to the car park.

Both **Cllrs Unsworth** and **Mrs. Rusby** agreed that this matter was taking too long to resolve with **Cllr. Unsworth** referring to a letter from April 2012 from Norfolk Property Services to the Trustees of the National School permitting access and egress to the school from the car park, therefore the **Town Clerk** was asked to instruct the Town Council's Solicitor to carry out the signing of the license by the parties involved and concludes the matter.

AGREED.

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

14. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

The **Town Clerk** confirmed that the Town Councils solicitor had begun the process of asset transfer, land registry and searches etc.

In the interim period **Cllr. Marsh** was to obtain prices for fencing, water etc. for the site.

It was anticipated these prices would be available for the next meeting with the Allotment Society in the New Year.

NOTED

15. Christmas Carol Concert

Cllr. Webber confirmed that the concert would be held on December 1st starting with a Christmas market and artisan fayre from 8.00am to 4.00pm in the market hall.

From 2.30pm until 4.00pm there would be a Christmas Carol Concert in the market hall featuring:

St John's Primary School Choir

Penistone Ladies Choir.

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir accompanied by Thurlstone Brass Band.

The Christmas tree lights and switch on would be at 4.00pm in the market place followed by the Penistone Round Table Santa sleigh run.

St Johns' church would also be holding a Christmas Fayre throughout the day

Thanks were expressed to **Cllr. Webber & Mrs. Webber**

NOTED.

16. Royd Moor viewing point

The **Town Clerk** reported that the stock fencing around the viewing point had been replaced and Barnsley M.B.C. is to replace the missing litter bin.

NOTED.

17. Fulford Building

Cllr. Green asked for an update on the building to which **Cllr. Millner** replied that despite trying relentlessly for options to retain the building, confirmation on its future had not been received from Norfolk Property Services.

18. Grindavik visit.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the visitors from Penistone's twin town Grindavik in Iceland were to arrive on the 28th November, although this was not a formal civic visit the visitors were in Manchester on other business, and decided to meet with the Grindavik Society, and would be received by members of the Town Council in the evening.

Before returning to Iceland on the Sunday 2nd December they would be attending St. Johns Primary School with a proposed Skype link to Grindavik School, attending Penistone library, the Paramount to see Footloose the Musical and attending the Christmas carol concert and light switch on.

Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** by 10 votes to 4 to allow a budget of £200.00 to be allocated toward any hospitality incurred during the visit.

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