

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton, Julie Kenny CBE DL**, High Sherriff of South Yorkshire, **public, press.**

Before opening the meeting the **Town Mayor** introduced Julie Kenny who gave a brief presentation of the history of the role dating back to the days of Robin Hood and is the Queens appointed representative for law and order in South Yorkshire. The present day role is entirely voluntary and without recompense, however allows for meeting royalty on several occasions throughout the year and supporting charities. **The Town Mayor** thanked the High Sherriff for her presentation and then allowed ten minutes public participation.

1. Apologies for absence –None.

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Mrs. Hinchliff** declared an interest in agenda item 7e and **Cllr. Hinchliff** declared an interest in agenda items 7d and 7e

RESOLVED the declarations were recorded.

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 February 18th 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on February 18th 2013
- c) The Town Services Committee held on March 4th 2013 subject to **Cllr. Chapman's** attendance added.
- d) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on March 11th 2013
- e) The Finance and General Purposes Committee held on March 12th 2013

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

Cllr. Hand – Davis reported that a site meeting should have been carried out with a representative of the Highways Division on pedestrian safety and the square about. This meeting did not take place due to the non attendance of the officer.

A further request for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Schofield's Butchers had been received and this needed to be readdressed and investigated as previous requests had been refused due to the numerous utility cables in the highway.

He also added that cars were still ignoring the "No Entry Sign"

Cllr. Marsh stated that Barnsley M.B.C. had agreed to alleviate a flooding problem in the vicinity of the chapel in Hoylandswaine and would monitor the works as he had been informed that due to financial constraints this would not be carried out during the current financial year and he did not want this to be overlooked

Signed.....Mayor 15/04/13

Members' reports continued.

Cllr. Cutts reported that he had received many complaints regarding the condition of the highway network and asked if a survey could be carried out

Cllr. Starling replied that repairs are ongoing and would produce a list of sites pending for resurfacing. **Cllr. Millner** also added that despite shrinking budgets there is a schedule of high profile highway repairs and the list will be available in the near future.

Cllr. Cutts also asked if the Borough Councillors had considered having surgeries for members of the public.

Cllrs. Millner and **Hand – Davis** replied that surgeries had been held in the past and no one ever attended, and in their experience with today's technology they were easily accessible by phone or E mail. **Cllr. Millner** also added that it was the intention of the Borough Councillors in the near future to carry out "street surgeries" where they would walk around the area asking residents if they had any comments or concerns to discuss.

Cllr. Unsworth asked if Buckingham Care Home was working satisfactorily.

Cllr. Millner replied that unfortunately referrers have been nominating patients as residential rather than nursing as this saves money but gives the perception that the staff are performing un-economically. It was the homes intention to remain involved with the provision of nursing care as well as residential care.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
- b) Barnsley M.B.C. Modification of public bridleway No 76
- c) Thurlstone Community Group – thank you letter
- d) Y.L.C.A. nomination papers for the election of chair and vice chair to the associations

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts referred to the recent meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee in his report and had nothing further to add. He did however give a full list of forthcoming films and live shows

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 **£19,923.00**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£50,500.68**
- c) The following request for financial assistance was also approved:

Penistone Competitive Music Festival £250.00

The grant will be taken from the Section 137 budget

Requests for financial assistance from Penistone Grammar School and Penistone Cricket and Sports Club were deferred for further information.

Signed.....Mayor 15/04/13

Accounts and Finance continued

Internal Audit Report

The **Town clerk** read out the report from the internal auditor for the audit of accounts for the financial year ending 31/03/13

The report confirmed that the appropriate checks and tests had been carried out on the financial systems and the relevant internal controls at this stage of the audit, in accordance with the internal audit plan on the Town Council and Paramount Cinema. These confirmed that they are operating as expected and there are no matters to give cause for concern. Matters noted in the first report for 2012/13 been considered by the Town Council and action has been agreed and taken or is in progress.

8. Resource Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that the new kitchen in the centre had now been fitted which again showed Sure Starts commitment to Penistone

NOTED

9. Community Centre.

The **Town Clerk** reported that Penistone Archives were now available for viewing in Room B in the Community Centre and wished to thank Penistone History Group for its assistance in bringing the artifacts from the basement of the cinema where they had previously been installed. The archives would be available for viewing every Thursday from 10.0 to 12.0 however this may be subject to change.

The press officer from the Barnsley Chronicle was asked to carry out a press release to this effect.

It was also agreed to rename the room “**The Neville Roebuck Room**” in memory of Mr. Roebuck the founder of the archives.

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.

NOTED

12. Public Toilets.

Cllr. Marsh reported that the Town Council was still awaiting costs and financial implications from the Property and Procurement section within Barnsley M.B.C. due to officer leave, as the transfer costs submitted were unsatisfactory, and a meeting with the relevant officer on his return from leave was to be arranged on this matter.

Also serious structural damage had been caused to building by a bus and arrangements were in place to investigate this between Neighbourhood Pride, **Cllr. Hinchliff** and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. This damage would have to be repaired prior to the Town Council adopting the building.

Cllr. Millner stated that the bus shelter would be an ideal site for converting into a tourist information centre. **Cllr. Unsworth** agreed to ask the S.Y.P.T.E. for its consideration into erecting a standard shelter in the vicinity at the next meeting of the Rural Transport Group.

Signed.....Mayor 15/04/13

Public Toilets continued

Cllr. Marsh added that a design plan for the refurbishment of the toilet may be available for the meeting in April.

13. National School. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960

Due to the confidentiality of the business to be transacted it was RESOLVED to exclude members of the public and press during this item.

14. Berrywell Avenue Allotments.

Cllr. Marsh reported that Norfolk Property Services had marked out the exact area to be converted into allotments and the next stage would be to press on with the groundwork's which he was to arrange.

NOTED

15. Dates and Times of the next meetings.

Ordinary Town Council

April 15th 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm

Annual Town Assembly Monday April 22nd in the Main Hall St. Johns Community Centre at 7.0pm

Signed.....Mayor 15/04/13

