

**The minutes of the of the Annual Town Assembly
Held in the Main Hall of St Johns Community Centre
On Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at 7pm**

PRESENT

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Barron, Cllrs. Chapman, Cutts, Green, Marsh, Millner, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Pilkington, Mrs Rusby, Starling, Unsworth and Webber.

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

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

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

ABSENT

Apologies for absence were accepted from **Cllrs. Hand – Davis and Mrs. Webber**

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Town Assembly held on 25th April 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor accordingly.

THE MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor presented his report on the municipal year.
Copy of the report attached

In return Cllr. **Unsworth** thanked the Mayor for his year in office and for the way he had conducted himself with selflessness and dignity on the many public engagements he had carried out, and that he had been a credit to Penistone in what had been a very difficult year personally for him and to his sister in law, who had since accompanied him on several engagements as consort, following the passing of his wife

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

A summary of the most recent audited accounts was presented to the meeting with an explanation of any variances on the previous year.

RESOLVED to note the accounts

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Comments and Suggestions from the Electorate of Penistone on Matters relating to Penistone Town Council

Q Could the bus timetables be reviewed, as the last bus to Silkstone is via Hoylandswaine and not Oxspring and Thurgoland?

Cllr. Unsworth agreed to investigate with the Rural Transport Partnership.

Q What is happening with the community grants from the wind farm companies and could a policy be drafted on future applications for wind farms

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby agreed to investigate the grant funding however was aware a grant of £1,000.00 had been donated to the model aircraft club.

Cllr. Pilkington added that as part of planning determination the Town Council is unfortunately not the planning authority Barnsley MBC, is and that the Town Council can only register its objections or comments.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby also added that a delegation of members of the Planning Regulatory Board have seen how the turbines have blighted the area. However it is central government policy that is pushing for renewable energy.

Signed.....Mayor 15/04/14

Q The folk festival in the market building was cancelled could organisation and communication be improved with Barnsley MBC for future events.

Cllr. Millner commented that Barnsley MBC will not allow the Town Council to administer events

Q. Is the Road Safety Committee still in existence?

No

Q. Could a stop sign on the approach road from the railway station on to Sheffield Road be provided?

Cllr. Millner replied that the road is the maintenance responsibility of Network Rail and would investigate the feasibility of having one provided

He also agreed to the disabled parking bay outside the Spar supermarket reinstated

Q. The square about and one way system is totally inadequate.

Cllr. Starling replied that he has met representatives from the Highways Division within Barnsley MBC and it has admitted there are problems, and has agreed to re site the No Entry Sign, replace the road markings and the possibility of providing a physical barrier outside HCBC Bank.

Q. Vehicles are using the pedestrian access on Back Lane to the market

Cllr. Pilkington replied that the Town Council is still objecting to the plans for this use in conjunction with phase three of the proposed Bridge Street development.

Q. Will there be any items of children's play equipment erected on the field following the completion of the allotments.

Cllr. Pilkington replied that it was not the intention of Barnsley MBC which owns the land to provide any play equipment, however this would be investigated with the Authority.

There being no further questions the members of the public expressed their customary vote of thanks to the Town Council for the work that they carry out.

There being no further business, the Town Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed..... Mayor 15/04/14

