

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday  
November 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall  
Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone.**

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

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton, public and press.**

Before opening the meeting the **Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation.

Members of the public commented on the following:

Could the Paramount website be upgraded?

Could the bus time tables be re- visited as it appears the service now is very intermittent into Penistone. **Cllr. Unsworth** agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Rural Transport Group.

Could the road markings around the “square about be renewed? **Cllr. Hand – Davis** replied that arrangements had been made to have these repainted.

“Penistone Community Marketeers” were finding it difficult in accessing funding for a website at this present time and asked if Penistone FM would give any publicity?

The Town Mayor opened the meeting proper.

## **1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, and Millner.**

**RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

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

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which the **Mayor** declared interests in items 7c requests for financial assistance from Penistone Players and Penistone Church FC and **Cllr. Hinchliff** also declared an interest in 7c request for financial assistance from Penistone Church F.C.

**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 **Town Mayor** accordingly,

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2013
- b) The Planning Committee held on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2013

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

**Cllr. Starling** reported that the ward alliance and mini councils were operating satisfactorily and that Cycle Penistone had recently been awarded a grant.

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** commented that a recent planning application for the erection of a wind turbine in Ingbirchworth which had been refused by Barnsley MBC as planning authority had been won on appeal by the applicant.

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** referred to the recent planning approval at Penistone Grammar School and was disappointed there had been no provision for affordable housing on the site and would instead be executive homes and confirmed that along with the other ward councillors he would strive for the provision of affordable housing in the area.

Signed.....Mayor 16/12/13

## Ward Members reports continued.

Cllr. Unsworth asked if section 106 monies would be available on this site and what is the position with any buyout clause?

Cllr. Webber stated he was disgusted at the lack of affordable housing as the Penistone Community Led Plan makes reference to the fact.

Cllr. Hand – Davis confirmed he would carry out further investigations with officers.

Cllr. Hand – Davis also alluded to the Tour De France and the planned route. Unfortunately due to financial constraints, highway repairs would not be carried out on the route and he would continue to update members with information before the event as this will be good for the local economy.

Cllr. Barron asked about traffic and crowd control and was informed that the transport implications had not yet been addressed.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the ward councillors for their reports.

### **5. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Letter from Mr. Brearley – the Town Clerk to reply
- b) Upper Don Action Group – objection to wind turbines
- c) War Memorials Trust preservation of memorials
- d) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- e) Barnsley MBC Adults and Communities Directorate – consultation on branding

**Cllr. Pilkington** commented he was appalled that the timescale for a response on this matter was seven days and did not give justice to the request and asked the Town Clerk to reply to the Directorate on this matter – **AGREED**

### **6. Leisure and Amenities Report.**

**Cllr. Starling** commented on the following:

**Paramount:**

**Bar** No report for this period.

**Programme** Attendance to films has performed well

**Live** The ELO Tribute band has sold out

Paul Jones and Tom McGuinness (Manfred Mann) will be bringing a blues band in February and this has already shown good interest.

The live show “Looserville” performed by Razzamatazz Theatre Group will be on stage for three nights as of November 28<sup>th</sup> although this show has done well in Leeds, the bookings for the Paramount has been steady. The show appeals to a “teen and twenty” audience not normally associated with the Paramount however it is anticipated that sales will increase both online and verbally.

**Box Office** The new box office system is now complete and the website is functioning as expected. Online bookings are up and increasing. Work is expected to install the satellite/digital system in the very near future.

**Cllr. Starling** 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 **£16,731.70**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£26,309.78**

Signed.....Mayor 16/12/13

Accounts and Finance continued.

- c) Requests for financial assistance were also approved to
- 1) Thurlstone Community group £150.00
  - 2) Penistone Players £250.00
  - 3) Penistone Church F.C. £250.00

The grants to be taken from the section 137 budget.

**8. Resource Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that Surestart had a surplus of money and asked if permission could be granted from the Town Council to:

- a) Replace the flooring.
- b) Build floor to ceiling cupboards.
- c) Decorate throughout.
- d) Replace the tables.

A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed the request be acceded to subject to the approval of the Town Clerk particularly with the colour of the decoration.

**9. Community Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that bookings and income had increased and there had been interest from new users wishing to take advantage of the centre's facilities and it continued to flourish despite the economic climate.

**NOTED**

**10. Community Led Plan.**

**Cllr. Webber** reported that the ward alliance was progressing, with various requirements in the plan, however he was disappointed overall with the lack of comments from the general public

**Cllr. Starling** added elements of the plan have been adopted by the area councils with Cllr. Hand – Davis also stating providing a Neighbourhood Plan may influence events with planning issues, with housing being very contentious, however producing a Neighbourhood Plan may be costly should a referendum be required.

**NOTED**

**12. Public Toilets.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that the lease had been signed and the building transferred to the Town Council.

The Town Council had accepted the offer of a local shopkeeper to keep the building open and clean during the interim period prior to closing and refurbishment.

**Cllr. Marsh** was in the process of obtaining actual costing for the work and he had drawn up plans (yet to be approved) by the Town Council for the interior alteration. As soon as these costs were obtained, the work would be offered out to tender.

Repairs to the roof on a rechargeable basis would be carried out in the very near future.

**Cllr. Mrs. Webber** again raised concern over further dumped rubbish to the rear of the building and this may lead to a health hazard.

The **Town Clerk** agreed to investigate the matter.

**NOTED**

Signed.....Mayor 16/12/13

**13 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that the lease had now been completed.

Arrangements have been made with Yorkshire Water for the water connection, and an estimate for the garage was being obtained.

**Cllr. Marsh** has excavated the base for the garage, unfortunately the recent inclement weather had halted any further progress with this and the car parking area, nevertheless all the plots had now been taken and were being tended.

**NOTED**

**14 Date and Time of the next meeting.**

**Ordinary Town Council**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm**

**It was agreed to observe a minutes silence for former mayor and town councillor Bas Lucas prior to proceedings.**

Signed.....Mayor 16/12/13





