PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council to set the precept on February 3rd 2014 in the Resource Centre, St. Johns Community Centre Penistone

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr.Cutts, in the Chair

Cllrs Hand – Davis, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Marsh, Millner, Mrs.Rusby, Starling and Unsworth.

Also present the Town Clerk K. Coulton and Finance Officer A.Hart

1) Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Chapman, Webber and Mrs. Webber. **RESOLVED** the apologies were accepted.

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2) Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

The Mayor invited declarations of which there were NONE

3) Town Council Precept 2014/15

Members were circulated with an up to date set of accounts for perusal for the Town Council and Paramount. These accounts were studied individually and a thorough explanation and answers to the satisfaction of members given on questions, by the **Finance Officer**.

Following a lengthy debate it was **RESOLVED** to agree the following.

Projects:

Cinema subsidy and fees, £20,000 for 2014/15 Cinema new screen approx £10,000.00 Allotments £2,000.00 Gala Funding £2,000.00 Public toilets £16,000.00 (£8000.00 grant from ISG Pearce) Section 137 £4,000.00 Church clock £300.00 Hoylandswaine church clock £165.00 Millhouse Green Institute rates £90.00 Hoylandswaine institute rates £210.00 Bonfire £1,500.00 Penistone in bloom £1,600.00 Christmas lights £7,000.00 Earmarked Reserves £17,000.00 future liability for the Paramount and Town Hall

Improvements at the Community Centre:

General Maintenance - £4,000.00 Car park marking £800.00 Car park fencing £500.00 Electrical repairs £3,500.00

Civic Expenses Mayors allowance £1,820.00

Public events £500.00 Photographs/ engraving £250.00 Website / Newsletter £450.00 Signed.......Mayor 17/02/14

Income:

£12,600 per annum for the lease of the Resource Centre.

Balances:

The reserves and cash balances are now slightly lower than at March 31st 2013. Following a brief discussion it was:

Proposed by **Cllr. Marsh** and seconded by **Cllr. Unsworth** and agreed unanimously to increase the budget presented and set the precept for 2014/15 from the

existing £147,330.00 to £162,063.00 and that the expenditure for the financial year 2014/15 is monitored stringently.

This equates to an increase on a Band D property of 8p per week **RESOLVED**