

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on Monday  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall  
Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

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

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

The **Town Mayor** allowed ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting.  
Comments included: Could the Clarel coat of arms (the 4 martlets) part of the history  
of Penistone be identified with the town councils coat of arms and be used more  
prominently?

It was agreed to discuss this matter at a future meeting of the Town Services  
Committee.

The **Town Mayor** opened the meeting proper.

**1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Chapman, Pilkington, Marsh Millner and  
Webber**

**RESOLVED** accept the apologies.

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

The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllrs. Hinchliff** and **Mrs. Hinchliff**  
declared interests in item 8c request for financial assistance from Penistone Music  
Festival and **Cllr. Unsworth** declared an interest in item 6d Fairtrade in Penistone

**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 January 20<sup>th</sup> 2014
- b) The Planning Committee held on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2014
- c) The Development and Regeneration Committee held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014
- d) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2014
- e) The Town Council meeting to set the precept on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014
- f) The Town Services Committee held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014

**4. Casual vacancy on the Town Council**

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was agreed by all  
Member's present to exclude members' of the public and press.

(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

**RESOLVED**

Signed.....Mayor 17/03/14

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

**Cllr. Starling** stated that the Area Council is progressing with the Ward Alliance and Barnsley MBC with issues documented in the press.

He also alluded to the relocation of the library in Barnsley.

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** reported on the cut backs on free transport for the elderly and urged the services to be used as further cuts may be implemented otherwise.

Free passes on trains are to be removed shortly.

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** shared his concern with the concessionary passes for trains being removed from the scheme, however this did not affect buses or tram. He also commented on the bin collection in rural areas and was of the opinion each property should be assessed individually as recycling was also becoming more expensive.

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

## **6. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Thank you card from the 60<sup>th</sup> Penistone Guides for the donation
- b) Invitation to Grindavik for the anniversary of town twinning
- c) First World War anniversary - RBL is dealing with this event
- d) Fairtrade in Penistone
- e) Thank you letter from Penistone FM for the donation
- f) S.Y.P.T.E. travel passes online
- g) YLCA Minutes from recent meetings
- h) Barnsley MBC reply to a question from **Cllr. Barron** who thanked **Cllr. Millner** for investigating.
- i) Barnsley MBC – Buckingham Care Home / St. Johns School access issues (as above)
- j) YLCA referendum principles not to be applied for the financial year 2014/15
- k) Barnsley MBC temporary restrictions for Green Rd.
- l) Barnsley MBC temporary restrictions for Birks Lane and Royd Lane Millhouse.
- m) Barnsley MBC temporary restrictions for A628 Barnsley Rd. Hoylandswaine
- n) SYPTE budget challenges

## **7. Leisure and Amenities Report.**

**Cllr. Starling** referred to the following in his report

The budget for 2014/15 had been agreed and confirmed prices and charges

Investigations were being carried out to replace the cinema screen

The film 12 Years A Slave was very well attended and was to be nominated for a BAFTA for best film and actor

The digital satellite broadcast of King Lear will be shown on May 1<sup>st</sup>

The pantomime attendances were increased from the previous year

Live Events: The Blues Band was a sellout. Tickets were selling for the Phil Collins tribute and the Talon acoustic show.

To celebrate the centenary of the Paramount it was being considered to refer back to the ceremony in 1913 and re – inviting the Mayor of Huddersfield who opened the Carnegie building, with entertainment from Thurlstone Brass Band with tea and buns.

Period films were being considered with period dress and prices.

**Cllr. Starling** was thanked for his report

Signed.....Mayor

### **8. 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 **£18,606.89**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£47,599.78**
- c) Requests for financial assistance were approved to:
  - 1) Stocksbridge Tennis Club £250.00
  - 2) Penistone Competitive Music Festival £250.00

The grant to be taken from the section 137 budget

3) A request for financial assistance from Hoylandswaine Festival Committee was declined after being discussed in the absence of the public and press. **Cllr. Starling** stated that the organization had also applied to the Ward Alliance for £5,000.00 and the Town Council after studying the bank statement provided could not justify granting further money.

### **9. Resource Centre.**

**Cllr. Cutts** stated that he had attended the recent Surestart meeting.

**NOTED**

### **10. Community Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that quotations were being received for the refurbishment of the Bar Room. He also suggested that now the windows and doors had been replaced, could a painting programme be considered? It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

**AGREED**

### **11. Community Led Plan.**

**Cllr. Mrs. Webber** on behalf of **Cllrs. Millner/Webber** commented that a meeting was to be arranged in the very near future

**NOTED**

### **12. Public Toilets.**

The **Town Clerk** referred to the recent meeting of the Town Services Committee which recommended the erection of one unisex toilet with baby changing facilities, pay to enter remain open plan with no cubicles. Should demand for an extra toilet be deemed necessary following a three week period, this would be provided.

The recommendation of the committee would require ratification by full council.

**Cllr. Barron** opposed the recommendation and stated that two toilets were necessary and would rather see the existing toilets retained than spend money on the proposal and that the Town Council would be open to ridicule and criticism.

**Cllrs. Starling, Mrs. Rusby and Unsworth** in reply stated that much work and effort had gone into the design and state of the art development and fully supported the recommendation.

Further discussion ensued before **Cllr. Starling** proposed, seconded by **Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** to accept the recommendation from the Town Services Committee.

Voting was as follows: For 8 Against1 the vote was carried

**RESOLVED**

Signed.....Mayor 17/03/14

**13 Berrywell Avenue Allotments.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that the water discharge from the local farm had now ceased. Unfortunately due to the recent inclement weather it had been impossible to work on the site. It was anticipated that the minor work to complete the project would be carried out in the near future subject to weather conditions

**NOTED**

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

**Ordinary Town Council**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 7.0pm**

Signed.....Mayor 17/03/14





