

# PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone**

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

Also present the **Town Clerk Keith Coulton Dr. Alan Billings South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Inspector Julie Mitchell South Yorkshire Police, public and press.**

The **Town Mayor** introduced **Dr. Billings** and **Inspector Julie Mitchell**

**Dr. Billings** began by making everyone aware of the challenge facing police services amidst reducing budgets and the need to maintain service and consider and understand the needs of the people of South Yorkshire valuing highly visible and dedicated police teams and consider it a priority and have to find ways of securing it at less cost and the new Local Policing Model is intended to do that.

The new Local Police Teams (LPT's) will have the responsibility to solve community problems and manage local demand. Most staff will start their shifts at LPT bases across the 4 districts where they will be briefed together saving duplication then deployed straight out into the community. Members of the public will continue to see some officers and all PCSO's on a regular basis as they have always done.

Specific details about the new model are still being worked through however each geographical area will have named officers on duty 24/7 across each of the LPT's.

The current safer neighbourhood staff has built up excellent relationships in their communities and this knowledge and experience will be used when allocating officers in each area so that they are recognisable by name and sight.

PCSO's will continue to serve beat areas within LPT's providing a consistent presence for local people but the clear intention is to retain the local commitment in all our areas at a time when confidence in the police could be seen as fragile. Close engagement with the community by more officers is one of the most important ways in which visibility can be maintained and greater trust built.

Much discussion ensued between **Dr. Billings, Inspector Mitchell** and members on various items of his presentation to which **Dr. Billings** replied and was emphatic in stating on more than one occasion that there were **no** plans to close Penistone Police Station.

**Dr. Billings** also agreed to investigate parking enforcement in the town centre

Both were thanked for their presentations by the **Town Mayor**

The **Town Mayor** then offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting.

Questions asked were:

- 1 The Local Plan has Penistone been subject to a population explosion or are developers wishing to rob us of our green belt?
- 2 Clayton's developments
- 3 Lairds Way is it still a realistic proposal?

There being no further questions the **Town Mayor** opened the meeting proper

Signed.....Mayor 16/02/15

**1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from **Cllrs. Mr. & Mrs. Hinchliff**  
**RESOLVED** the apologies were accepted.

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

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011  
The **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which there were **NONE**

**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 December 15<sup>th</sup> 2014
- b) The Planning Committee held on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2014

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

**Cllr. Hand – Davis** reported that he was to meet Highways Engineers on Huddersfield Road to discuss safety issues.

On the subject of planning applications he did state that there are little both Barnsley MBC and Penistone Town Council can do as all this development is government led across the country with each authority having its allocation of housing targets to meet this is not just unique to Barnsley or Penistone. We need to look at the infrastructure and unite as a town with residents and work a formula to cope as a town

**Cllr. Unsworth** supported **Cllr. Hand – Davis's** comments and spoke regarding the size of developments. He also stated that he had raised the issue of dog fouling bins and snow plan with officers

**Cllr. Mrs. Rusby** commented that when in dialogue with planning officers always raises her concerns over the infrastructure and the need for affordable housing

**Cllr. Cutts** asked if his request for the reinstatement of road markings were to be implemented. **Cllr. Unsworth** replied that they are.

**Cllr. Millner** asked for an update on the speed indicator devices which are to be installed on Huddersfield Road. **Cllr. Unsworth** agree to instigate with officers

The **Town Mayor** asked if the snow blowers designated for this area had been removed. The **Town Clerk** agreed to investigate.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the members for their reports.

**5. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Open Spaces Society
- b) Wharnclyff Chapter – it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.
- c) Mr. M. Boaler traffic issues on Huddersfield Rd. – **Cllr. Hand – Davis** was to have a site meeting with highway officers from Barnsley MBC
- d) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- e) SYPTE changes to bus services in South Yorkshire
- f) SYPTE 2015/16 budget
- g) YLCA Section 137 limit for the financial year 2015/16
- h) Penistone Area Housing Management Team Steering Group minutes from the last meeting

Signed.....Mayor 16/02/15

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

**Cllr. Cutts** reported on the following:

**Staffing** - Currently fully staffed some of the relief staff have been deployed outside clearing leaves and gutters to prevent any over flow of water into the building.

This has worked well

**Bar** – Operating satisfactorily

**Programme** – The Christmas films lived up to expectations with Paddington doing very well. Unfortunately the inclement weather has not helped although this did not affect any shows the films on show that week did not perform quite so well.

The Pantomime is booking well as are all the forthcoming live shows.

Last year's film attendance figures show a 2.9% increase against a 3% decrease nationally as reported in the media over the New Year. 2015 looks like it may be a very good one for film, with quite a few "big films" appearing

**Building** – The electrical testing is mostly complete the projection room still has to be done and will be carried out during the pantomime closure

The results show that the bar area requires attention with the switch panel requiring updating. Some of the light fittings also need attention.

The stage floor is to be replaced after the pantomime

The stalls and gents toilets are to be painted during the pantomime rehearsals

**Box Office** – Quotations have asked to carry out a small update on the system to include a print at home ticket module and scanner so that patrons can print their tickets at home and then can be scanned on entry. This will speed up entry on busy nights.

**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 **£8, 686.39**

b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£ 56,941.85**

c) Request for financial assistance from Stocksbridge Tennis Club – **APPROVED** £250.00

## **8. Resource Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that water ingress had been observed around a window in the building and was being monitored

**NOTED**

## **9. Community Centre.**

The **Town Clerk** reported that following a recommendation from the internal auditor, the rates and hire charges needed to be reviewed in the very near future

**NOTED**

## **10. Public Toilets.**

The **Town Mayor** stated that the new furniture for the toilet had now arrived and he the floor, wall and electrical contractors to were to start work imminently

**NOTED**

**11. Penistone Civic Passport Scheme** – **Cllr. Webber** suggested inviting the author to a future meeting

Signed.....Mayor 16/02/15

**12. Date and Time of the next meetings.**

**Town Council February 2<sup>nd</sup> (precept setting meeting)**

**7.0pm in St John's Community Centre**

**Development and Regeneration Committee**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7.0pm in St John's Community Centre**

**Town Services Committee**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7.0pm in St. John's Community Centre**

**Town Council**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.0pm in the Council Chamber Town Hall Shrewsbury Road**

Signed.....Mayor 16/02/15

Signed.....Mayor 15/09/14



