

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on June 15th 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Present: The Mayor Cllr. Millner, in the chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Chadburn, Hand – Davis, Hayler, Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Millner, Mrs. Millner, Ogle, Mrs. Rusby, Unsworth and Webber

Also present the Town Clerk **K. Coulton, Ian McKay** Leeds City Council, **public and press.**

The **Town Mayor** offered ten minutes public participation prior to the meeting proper. Comments from the public included:

An increase in parked cars in the vicinity of St. Johns school could road markings be provided?

Members of Community Action Penistone expressed their delight at Penistone receiving designation as a neighborhood area by Barnsley MBC and this may be a chance for Penistone to be at the forefront in its development and would be willing to provide volunteer help if needed at any time.

There being no further questions the **Town Mayor** introduced **Ian McKay** **Mr. McKay** gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans on why it gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. It can decide where new homes, shops and offices are to be built and what new buildings should look like and the infrastructure what should be provided.

It can designate local green space, promote more development than set out in the Local Plan, and decide what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood.

However it cannot conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan prepared by the Local Authority or be used to prevent development that is included in the Local Plan. It can also make provision to set up or expand businesses, transport and access, develop schools places of worship, health facilities, youth centres and village halls. It can restrict certain types of development and change of use, protect and create open space and nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens and planting of trees protect buildings and historic assets and promote renewable energy projects.

Following a brief questions and answer session the Town mayor thanked Mr. McKay for his presentation and opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Marsh, Denton and Kimberly
RESOLVED that the apologies are 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**

Signed.....Mayor 20/07/15

3 Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the following meetings were **approved** a true record and signed by the **Town Mayor** accordingly

- a) The Annual Town Council Meeting held on May 18th 2015
- b) The Planning Committee held on May 18th 2015

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

Cllr.Hand – Davis reported on his recent meeting with the Cabinet member regarding the current infrastructure, school figures, affordable housing, roads etc. and the recent press release.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Doctors in Penistone for its ten year vision on the town's envisaged expansion and capacity in moving forward.

Cllr. Unsworth reported on the shortages of G.P's in the NHS and the recent successful grants made by Penistone Ward Alliance to local groups.

Cllr. Millner spoke on future expansions of Thurlstone, Millhouse Green schools and Penistone Grammar School's sixth form and the fact that St. Johns school is already to increase capacity

Cllr. Webber commented that plans for school expansions may receive resident objection and the need to consult with local residents.

Cllr. Cutts referred to the obscured sight lines at the top of Green Road and the need for yellow lines near the junction, the pedestrian crossing near the Chapel and the absence of lighting in the vicinity of Buckingham House.

He also asked if an officer from the Highways Department could be invited to a future meeting to speak on how the criteria for repairs is decided.

The **Town Mayor** thanked the Ward Councillors for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Barnsley MBC temporary road closure Sheffield Road
- b) Minutes of Penistone Area Housing Management Team Steering group
- c) Revised guidance for recording Town Council meetings
- d) Green energy and fuel poverty
- e) Penistone Community Arts
- f) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- g) Growing Network

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing: We intend to employ one relief member to cover for people on holiday over the summer. This position has been advertised in the preview booklet and in the cinema itself. Candidates will be interviewed in the very near future.

Bar: We are looking into purchasing a new coffee machine when the current contract expires in July for the current machine.

Programme: Films continue to be well attended, satellite events less so however the Andre Rieu satellite concert in July is selling well. Razzamatazz Youth Musical Festival has unfortunately been cancelled due to cast withdrawing with other commitments.

Signed.....Mayor 20/07/15

Paramount Report Continued.

Building: We are currently working with AVLS on the following:

Control Package- desk upgrade, essential cabling and equipment designed to get the most from the existing lighting system. This package is designed to work with touring lighting systems and subsequently reduce “get in” times.

Communication Package – Supply a flexible six way communications system to provide discrete communication during shows, set up and rehearsals between multiple positions i.e. stage manager, curtain, sound and follow spot operators.

LED Package – Supply additional low energy multifunction theatrical LED fittings. All above have now arrived and are being installed as time permits.

Boiler – Barnsley MBC has arranged for a boiler survey to be carried out – this has resulted in it being shut down. We have been pursuing NPS about this and an officer has been out this week and has forwarded a plan to replace the boiler urgently.

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 **£17,974.71**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£30,573.21**
- c) The following requests for financial assistance were approved
 - Penistone Archive and History group **£250.00**
 - Millhouse Bowling Club **£250.00**
- d) Approval of the accounting statement and signing of the annual return for the financial year ended 31/03/15

The **Town Clerk** read out to Members present Section 1 the accounting statement and Section 2 the annual governance statement and reminded them of their responsibilities. There being no further questions the **Town Mayor** on behalf of the council signed the relevant sections for submission to the external auditor.

8.Resource Centre – The Town Clerk stated that the eternal condition of the building was now in need of refurbishment. It was **AGREED** to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

9. Community Centre – The **Town Clerk** reported that new fire doors had now been fitted to the Bar Room and I.T. Room
NOTED

10. Public Toilets – The **Town Clerk** reported that he and **Cllr. Marsh** had met with the contractor and the work to re – site the cables would be carried out in the very near future
NOTED

11. Neighbourhood Plan – **Cllr. Webber** confirmed that the Town Councils application for Neighbourhood Area designation had been approved by Barnsley MBC and a meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee had been arranged to progress the matter and possibly make a recommendation whether to proceed with a plan.

NOTED

Signed.....Mayor 20/07/15

12. Berrywell Avenue allotments

The **Town Clerk** informed members that the final plot had been prepared for planting and all plots had now been taken. It was **AGREED** to remove this item from future agendas

NOTED

13. Date and Time of the next meeting.

July 20th 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

14. Employment restructure and to give approval and instruction for YLCA to seek formal advice on this matter

(Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was **RESOLVED** by all members present to discuss the item under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Members of the public and press left the room

Much discussion ensued and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council

- a) Approves the investigation of an employment restructure on business grounds and
- b) Instructs YLCA to seek formal advice on this matter

Signed.....Mayor 20/07/15