

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on October 19th 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

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

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

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

The increase in traffic on Joan Royd Lane is making the small bridge unsustainable.

Still no street lights near St. Johns School

Thanks were expressed for endorsing the Neighbourhood Plan.

There being no further questions the Mayor opened the meeting proper.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs. Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff Denton Marsh and Webber

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 **Deputy Mayor** invited declarations of which **Cllr. Unsworth** declared an interest in agenda item 5h Fairtrade

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 September 21st 2015

b) The Planning Committee held on September 21st 2015

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

Cllr. Unsworth referred to the proposed devolution of government powers and the possibility of a Sheffield City Region a combined authority with a cabinet system and directly elected mayor. Powers would be devolved to enable economic growth and transport. Small amounts of money would be available, £30million over 3 years.

There would be no money for Policing.

A meeting was to be held with the governors of Penistone Grammar School over budget matters. This was an issue all the borough councilors would be involved with. There had been no planning application received for housing on Joan Royd Lane at this present time, and he was to meet highway officers in the very near future over various issues.

Cllr. Hand – Davis referred to a recent meeting he had attended with the Leader of Barnsley MBC where **Cllr. Hand – Davis** had expressed his dissatisfaction over highway matters

Tate Buses had been instructed to improve its quality of service by the Traffic Commission.

Signed.....Mayor 16/11/15

Reports from Elected Members continued

He also expressed his concern over a lack of police presence in the area and also agreed to raise the item of extra ordinary traffic using the weak bridge on Joan Royd Lane.

Cllr. Chadburn asked when the consultancy period would take place with the electorate regarding the proposed Sheffield City Region.

Cllr. Unsworth agreed to investigate the question, however informed

Cllr. Chadburn that he had only recently been briefed on the matter.

Cllr. Chadburn also referred to the cuts at Penistone Grammar School particularly devastating within the 6th Form.

Cllr. Unsworth replied that Barnsley MBC receives a small budget compared with other local authorities and the problems encountered through this.

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

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Interim report from the internal auditor
- b) Penistone Area Housing Management Team
- c) Penistone Children's Centre
- d) YLCA Developing Councillor skills
- e) Barnsley MBC temporary speed restriction Halifax rd.
- f) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing note
- g) Police and Crime Commissioner
It was agreed to invite the commissioner to the November meeting
- h) Fairtrade

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing: Two relief staff have been appointed

Programme: Films over the summer have been well attended.

Live Events: these are booking well all the way to Christmas which is encouraging.

Building: Work on the replacing of the boiler has now been completed

Work will continue to keep the gutters clear of leaves to prevent water ingress and flooding.

Organ Trust: Next year's dates have been confirmed for concerts - these will be a mix of venues at the Paramount St. Andrews, and the new Astoria Centre.

The Paramount staff were thanked for all their recent hard work

Cllr. Cutts was thanked for his report

NOTED

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 **£8,345.85**
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£33,975.45**
- c) The following requests for financial assistance were agreed:
Springvale Community Garden - **£250.00**
Thurlstone Parochial Church Council - **£250.00**

Signed.....Mayor 16/11/15

d) In line with the National Minimum Wage all Paramount staff have received an additional 20p on their hourly rate (for notification only)

8. Resource Centre

The **Town Clerk** reported that Barnsley MBC met on September 23rd to agree changes to children's services.

The report was as follows:

From April 2016 there will continue to be early help and family support services based at the centre and within other community venues. There will be staff available through a planned timetable in operation during opening times.

From April 2016 Family Centres will expand the range of services with children aged 5 to 19 years old (25 if the person has disabilities) There will continue to be one to one family support services delivered at the centre.

NOTED

9. Community Centre

The **Town Clerk** reported that the roof of the building had been maintained slates replaced and repointing work to the ridge.

New ceiling tiles had been fitted to the top and lower halls and new internal doors Fitted.

Six new user groups are now booking the centre

NOTED

10. Public Toilets

No update in the absence of **Cllr. Marsh**

NOTED

11. Neighbourhood Plan

The **Town Mayor** in the absence of **Cllr. Webber** informed members that due to the last minute cancellation due to personal reasons of companies being interviewed as consultants for the plan, the new date for the meeting will now be on November 3rd

The **Town Mayor** apologised for any inconvenience.

NOTED

12. Internal Audit Recommendations

The **Town Clerk** explained the recommendations which the internal auditor had recommended and it was **RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The Town Councils Financial Risk Management since the Fidelity Guarantee was raised to £330,000.00 is satisfactory without further amendment
- 2) Financial Regulations: Due to recent changes to legislation for example the repeal of Section 150 of the Local Government Act 1972 enabling councils to make electronic payments and suggested model documents issued by relevant bodies to ensure that the Town council sound arrangements may be maintained this is written into the financial regulations.
- 3) The Town Councils Standing Orders were reviewed without amendment

12. Date and Time of the next meeting.

November 16th 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 16/11/15

Signed.....Mayor 19/10/15