

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on January 23rd 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

Present: The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Millner, in the chair, **Cllrs. Chadburn, Cutts, Saunders, Ms. Hayler, Marsh, Mrs. Millner, Ogle, Unsworth Mrs. Rusby and Mrs. Stanley.**

Also present the Town Clerk **K. Coulton**, **Finance Officer A. Hart** public and press.

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

It was apparent that since the closure of Penistone Police Station and deployment of officers crime in the area appeared to be on the increase.

It was agreed to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner or a representative from South Yorkshire Police to the meeting in March.

1. Apologies for absence –

Apologies were received from The Town Mayor Cllr. Hand-Davis, Cllrs. Hinchliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, and Ms. Kimberley.

RESOLVED that the apologies were recorded.

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. Cutts declared an interest in agenda item 7c (application for financial assistance from Penistone Church FC under 10's

RESOLVED that the declaration was recorded.

3. Approval of Minutes.

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

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on December 19th 2016
- b) The Planning Committee held on December 19th 2016

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

Cllr. Unsworth reported that he had met with drainage engineers and local residents with regard to flooding on Green Road. It was established that tree roots on the watercourse were adding to the problem and arrangements would be made to have these removed.

The shutters and signage at the ECloud shop on the High Street did not have planning permission and retrospective permission was now required.

He also commented on a presentation he had attended on Principal Towns in which a £5,000,000.00 capital programme had been earmarked and Penistone was included in this initiative.

He also reported that Barnsley is the poorest funded Local Authority in the country for Education and a new formula is to be phased in to aid this.

Cllr. Millner also spoke on the Principal Town Initiative and suggested that this is included in the NDP.

Signed.....Mayor 20th February 2017

Members report continued.

He also spoke on the permits to recycling sites in which there was no change to 4x4's and trailers

He also confirmed that the gullies in the area had been reported to the drainage engineers for cleansing and funding for the approach road to St. Johns School **may** be available.

Penistone Grammar School is to receive an increase in funding however the primary and junior schools are to receive less and he intends to address this with the school governors etc.

Cllr. Cutts raised his concerns about the local school cutbacks and asked if the scheme monitoring on the square about had been concluded. This was to be investigated.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue briefing notes
- b) Temporary closure of Millhouse Green Post Office – Cllr. Marsh commented that the business had recently been let and may be reopening
- c) Rural Services Network
- d) Fairtrade

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Staffing – fully staffed

Programme – Attendances for film over Christmas and New Year were fair, with the new Star Wars film not playing as well as the last offering revenues were good however.

Live Events – as this is written the “get in” for the pantomime Treasure Island is taking place bookings for this are fair. Future live events are booking as expected.

Building / Lease – NPS has inspected the damp on the back stairs and roof again and are preparing a report/cost of remedial action. The planned work is progressing decorating back stage is planned for w/c 6th February. We are in receipt of a quote for replacing the floor covering in the dressing rooms, and we have reserved a slot for the screen replacement should the budget be approved.

Town Clerks note* Voting for the replacement screen by a show of hands then followed which was unanimous would be carried out in the very near future.

The flood lights outside have been replaced with new modern fittings and the lighting on the box office has been renewed.

The hearing loop will also be commissioned when we reopen for film.

The Admit One box office update is half done this will be completed during the second week of the pantomime.

The box office will be decorated by staff during the rehearsal closure.

The motor has again been removed on the silver cinema curtains in an attempt to finally solve the noise issue.

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 **£22,718.85**

Signed.....Mayor 20th February 2017

Accounts and Finance continued

- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of **£60,648.85**
- c) A request for financial assistance from Penistone Church under 10's FC to the sum of £250.00 was approved.

NOTED

8. Community Centre

The **Town Clerk** stated that the refurbishment of the gent's toilets has now been completed. A tree causing damage to the wall on Church Street was to be removed however 2 semi mature oaks would be planted as a replacements.

Cllr. Mrs. Rusby expressed thanks from the Town Council on the display of Christmas lights.

NOTED

9. Public Toilets

The **Town Clerk** stated work is now complete and was awaiting an official opening by the Town Mayor.

NOTED

10. Neighbourhood Plan

In the absence of **Cllr. Kimberley the Town Clerk** reported that as the consultant was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting in January the team has decided to take a reflective view of the NDP in a workshop to be held early in February to coincide with the Barnsley MBC Local Plan. Once this work has been undertaken the NDP would be tabled to the full Town Council possibly in March due to the meeting being held on February 11th

Cllr. Saunders also commented that he and Cllr. Mrs. Millner had visited the local schools which were keen to be involved

NOTED

11. Tour de Yorks.

Cllr. Stanley tabled correspondence from "Welcome to Yorkshire" following a presentation she had attended with Cllr. Saunders.

Community Groups, schools and businesses and the Town Council would be involved and it was anticipated that 6,500 are expected for the Sportive passing through Penistone.

Demand for accommodation would be high and landowners were being encouraged to offer camping sites for the event.

Penistone FM and Cycle Penistone were very keen to be involved and offered spare bikes and parts to be used for decoration.

The organisers were very keen to showcase Penistone and in particular its historic buildings as many are key land marks on the route which will be televised both on the ground and in the air.

Car parking will be at a premium as up to 50,000 spectators are expected

There will also be a central website on Welcome to Barnsley where all the local facilities and events can be promoted.

Cllr. Stanley was thanked for her report.

Signed.....Mayor 20th February 2017

12. Date and Time of the next meeting.
February 20th 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Members of the public and press by resolution were excluded from the following business due to the confidential nature arising out of the business to be transacted.

Staffing Issues

Tenders for cleaning the public toilets.

Signed.....Mayor 20/02/17

Signed.....Mayor 20/06/16