

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on December 18th 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd. Penistone

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr. Hinchliff, in the chair, Cllrs. Cutts, Hand – Davis, Marsh, Millner, Mrs. Millner Unsworth, Rusby and Saunders

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

The **Town Mayor** introduced Elaine Equell from Penistone Ward Alliance and John Twigg from the Clean and Tidy Team who gave a description on the work both directorates carry out.

There being no questions the **Town Mayor** opened the meeting proper and thanked The officers for their attendance.

1. Apologies for absence –

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Chadburn, Hayler, Mrs. Hinchliff, Kimberley, Stanley and Ogle. **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 **Town Mayor** invited declarations of which there were none **NOTED**.

3. Approval of Minutes.

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

- a) The Town Council Meeting held on November 20th 2017
- b) The Planning Committee held on November 20th 2017
- c) The Leisure and Amenities Committee held on December 4th 2017

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

Cllr. Unsworth commented on the closure of Nat West Bank and the petition against the closure and the involvement by the M.P. Angela Smith. Relocation to the Post Office is unacceptable.

The closing day for the ballot on devolution is imminent with Barnsley and Doncaster both supporting a “One Yorkshire Deal” and Sheffield and Doncaster supporting a “South Yorkshire Deal”

Ward Members met with Highway Engineers with regard to the Town Centre and as part of the Principal Towns Initiative improvements are being considered for pedestrians.

The traffic lights on Chapel Lane are now installed.

The Tour de Yorkshire 2018 is to include Barnsley.

Cllr. Millner referred to the blocked culvert at Millhouse Green and the damage it was causing. He had been in contact with Drainage Engineers for it to be investigated.

An agreement had been reached with the recycling officers over health and safety issues regarding rural bin collections.

Signed.....Mayor 22/01/18

Ward Members reports continued

Cllr. Hand – Davis also referred to the meeting in the Town Centre with Highway Engineers. The recent survey had revealed the average speed around the town Centre was 27mph and he would ask officers to consider making the area a 20mph zone.

The Ward Members were thanked for their reports.

5. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**

- a) Rural Services Network
- b) Changes to Bus Services

6. Leisure and Amenities Report.

Cllr. Cutts reported on the following:

Live Events: The forthcoming live season is booking very well as is the early 2018 shows. The Pantomime is also selling well

Lease: The business plan is now with the relevant Officer at Barnsley MBC and the Town Clerk is to convene a meeting in the New Year

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 £18,552.62
- b) The Paramount Account to the sum of £56,922.70

8. Community Centre

The Town Clerk stated that business generally was highly satisfactory. He also commented that he had been approached by Cllr. Barnard regarding a local resident exhibiting military memorabilia from the Penistone area within the Community Centre.

Following a brief discussion members present supported the idea, however did not consider the Community Centre an appropriate building, and would investigate alternative premises.

NOTED

9. Neighbourhood Plan

No report for this period however thanks were expressed to Jill Cutts for updating the questionnaires.

NOTED

10. Parade and Gala 2018

Cllr. Mrs. Millner commented that the Gala and Parade was progressing and would take the format of recent years

NOTED

11. Penistone Town Council's Financial Regulations

Members present approved the amended version to include the credit card use

RESOLVED

Signed.....Mayor 22/01/18

12. Penistone Town Council's Financial Risk Assessment.

Members present approved the amended version to include use of the credit card.

RESOLVED

13. Christmas Light Switch on

The Town Mayor thanked all involved for the hard work with the event.

NOTED

14. Closure of Nat West Bank Penistone Branch.

The Town Clerk stated that he had spoken to the Business Manager at the Branch and would be arranging a meeting regarding the pending closure in the New Year.

NOTED

15. Date and Time of the next ordinary meeting.

January 22nd 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Rd, Penistone

Signed.....Mayor 22/01/18

