

## PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Resource Centre St. Johns Community Centre on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

**Present:** The Town Mayor Cllr. Hinchliff (In the Chair) Cllrs. Mrs. Hinchliff, Hand – Davis, Rusby, Mrs. Millner, Saunders, and Cutts.

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

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs. Webber, Kimberley, Millner and Unsworth.  
RESOLVED the apologies were accepted

**2. Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest**  
Cllr. Mrs. Millner (Item 5 Mayors allowance)

**3.**

a) **Paramount Lease.** – The **Town Clerk** updated members on the lease informing them that Asset Management within Barnsley MBC fully supported the application for the new lease and will in the near future be presenting the document to Barnsley MBC Cabinet for approval.

b) **Level of reserves** – The **Town Clerk** commented on the level of reserves currently held by the Town Council and mooted the suggestion of taking the Town Hall back into Town Council ownership. Members present supported the idea in principal however suggested an in-depth survey of the building prior to any further commitment.  
The Town Clerk agreed to investigate

**4. Data Protection Act.** The Town Clerk reported that he and the Finance and Administration Officer were to attend a course on the Act on Thursday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) and would give a summary of what is entailed in the Act and the way forward at a future meeting.

**5. Mayors Allowance.** Following a brief discussion it was recommended to raise the Mayors allowance from £1,900.00 to £2,500.00 this to be paid in 4 payments. Any surplus to be returned or paid into the Mayors chose charity.

**6. Penistone Foundation Governors vacancy.** Cllr. Mrs. Millner expressed an interest in the current vacancy on the Governors and it was recommended the Town Clerk informs Barnsley MBC Governor Services accordingly.

**7. Town Council vacancy.** Following the resignation of Michael Ogle the Town Clerk informed members present he would advertise the post in accordance with current legislation.

Signed.....Mayor 16/04/18

**8. Future Banking Arrangements after the closure of Nat West.** Following a brief discussion the **Town Clerk** agreed to write to both the Coop and Tesco to ask if they would consider opening banking facilities in the Town. It was also recommended investigating the provision of a card machine for the Community Centre.

The report from Paramount Manager was also tabled for the handling of cash following the closure of the Bank and outlining the actions to be taken to ensure a smooth transition.

**9. Date and Time of the next meeting**

To be arranged

