

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Penistone Town Council
held on Monday 16th September 2019
In the Town Hall, Shrewbury Road, Penistone

Present: Town Mayor Cllr G. Millner in the Chair, and Councillors Barraclough, Bradbury, Chadburn, Cutts, Hinchliff, A. Millner, Perkins, Rusby, and Unsworth.

Also present

A. Hart – Acting Town Clerk and Finance Officer
E. A Wright – taking the Minutes

Councillor David Greenhough BMBC

Steph Pollard from “Penistone against Plastic Pollution”.

5 Members of the public and press were present.

The Town Mayor began by reading out the following statement:

“Penistone Town Council offers an apology to Andy Cudworth for the misunderstanding over the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting of 1 July 2019, namely under item 4 – Request for Financial Information. The minutes did not clarify that the cost of obtaining the financial information requested was only part of the total quoted of £685 and was in fact £187.”

This was noted by the meeting.

The Town Mayor introduced Steph Pollard and two colleagues who gave a report on a new initiative “Penistone against Plastic Pollution”. It is part of a national campaign originally started by Surfers against Sewage which aims to reduce the amount of single use plastic and promote a sustainable lifestyle. The campaign hopes to see Penistone achieve a similar status as it had as a Fair Trade town with respect to reducing the use of plastic. Examples were given as how this aim could be achieved. The campaign is to be officially launched on 8th October 2019 at St Andrews Church at 0 7.30pm. The Council was asked to lend its support to the campaign, send a named representative to meetings and a request for funding of a community event was made.

Mrs Pollard was invited to make a grant request to the Town Council and it was suggested she approached the Penistone Ward Alliance.

Cllr A. Millner recommended that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee for further discussion.

This was noted and agreed by the meeting.

Signed byTown Mayor 21st October 2019

Prior to opening the meeting the Town Mayor allowed ten minutes public participation.

A member of the public asked that item 9 on the agenda - To consider a complaint from a member of the public – be deferred until the next meeting. The Town Mayor responded that this item was subject to the formal complaints procedure and the Town Council had a duty to respond to the complainant. All Councillors were aware of the issue and according to procedures this matter would not be discussed in public.

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

16. Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kimberley, Marsh, Webber and Wood. It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence be recorded.

17. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest from Councillors

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011, the Town Mayor invited declarations of interest.

The Town Mayor, Cllr G. Millner and Cllr A. Millner declared an interest with respect to item 7 (c) on the agenda – Request for financial assistance from Penistone 41 Club – as they both acted as volunteers at the Club.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

18. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted for approval:

- a. The Town Council meeting held on 15th July 2019

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Hinchliff and **RESOLVED** they were a true record.

- b. The Planning Committee meeting held on 15th July 2019

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Hinchliff and **RESOLVED** they were a true record.

- c. The Development and Regeneration Committee held on 17th July 2019

Moved by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** they were a true record.

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d. The Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd September 2019

Moved by Cllr Hinchliff, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** to amend the Apologies for Absence to include apologies for absence from Cllr Bradbury, with this amendment it was agreed they were a true record.

e. The Planning Committee held on 3rd September 2019

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** to amend the Apologies for Absence to include apologies for absence from Cllr Bradbury and Cllr Perkins, with this amendment and it was agreed they were a true record.

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

Cllr Greenhough reported that a budget of £1.8m had been allocated for improvements to the A628. There would be an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposals and the improvements would be undertaken most probably in Spring 2020.

Cllr Millner commented that they were still waiting for the outcome of Penistone's bid for Principal Town funding.

Cllr Cutts raised a number of highways issues which he asked Cllr Greenhough to take up further. These included a resident on Chapel Lane who was having problems accessing the driveway to his property, the white lines at the top of Clarel Street required renewing and the car parking situation on the High Street especially at school times. Cllr Cutts again requested that a second pelican crossing be installed near the entrance to St. John's Primary School.

Cllr Bradbury requested a Stop Sign be considered for bottom of Chapel Lane.

Cllr Unsworth expressed his disappointment with the new town centre library, the Lightbox. He felt there were fewer books available to borrow and he asked Cllr Greenhough to look into this matter.

20. Correspondence

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Rusby and **RESOLVED** that the following items of correspondence be received and noted:

- Love where you Live 12/08/19 sent via email
- Love where you Live 23/08/19 sent via email
- Love where you Live 06/09/19 sent via email

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Moved by by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Unsworth and **RESOLVED** that the following items of correspondence be received and noted:

- Rural Services Network 16/07/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network 23/07/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network 30/07/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network 13/08/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network 20/08/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network 28/08/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network 10/09/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network Funding Digest 07/08/19 sent via email
- Rural Services Network Funding Digest 04/09/19 sent via email
- SYLTE Barnsley bus service changes sent via email. Cllr Greenhough commented that the community bus was becoming more sustainable financially.
- BMBC Temporary road closures 04/09/2019 sent via email
- YLCA - NALC Policy Consultation E-Briefing sent with agenda

21. Leisure and Amenities Report

Cllr Cutts gave a detailed report on the forthcoming films and live events at the Paramount.

It was noted that the cinema was fully staffed and cleaning staff were now employed by the Town Council.

As previously reported work to the steps is due to start. The festoon curtain requires attention again and there had been a roof leak which had been repaired by BMBC.

Cllr Cutts reported that issues with the lease were still ongoing and he would be raising issue of the Town Council right of access to the rear of the cinema.

Moved by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Perkins and **RESOLVED** an email be sent to BMBC about this issue.

22. Accounts and Finance

The following accounts, having been previously circulated to all Councillors were approved as follows:

- a. General Account £30,115.14

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cll Hinchliff and **RESOLVED** the above account be noted.

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b. Cinema Account £96,362.78

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Bradbury and **RESOLVED** the above account be noted.

c. Request for financial assistance from Penistone 41 Club

The Town Mayor and Cllr A. Millner had previously declared an interest with respect to this item

Moved by Cllr Chadburn, Seconded by Cllr Unsworth and **RESOLVED** the Town Council awards a grant of £250 to the Penistone 41 Club to help provide a community lunch for approximately 100 elderly residents.

d. Approve an estimate for winter/spring plant up for the planters

As an estimate had not been received it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Council meeting.

23. St John's Community Centre

The Acting Clerk reported that quotations had been requested to extend and improve the archive section in the Community Centre. As a result this popular section would be able expand and have its own separate entrance.

It was agreed that this item is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Development & Regeneration Committee when three quotations have been received.

Moved by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** that press and public be excluded during consideration of the following because of the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined by Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

24. Complaint by a member of the public

The Town Mayor read out a complaint made by a member of the public. This complaint has been forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at BMBC for attention and the Council was awaiting a response. The complainant had been informed of the action that had been taken.

25. Date and time of the next Ordinary Town Council meeting

It was noted that this will be on Monday 21st October at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone.

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