

.Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Penistone Town Council
held on Monday 18th November 2019
In the Town Hall, Shrewbury Road, Penistone

Present: The Town Mayor Elect Cllr Webber in the Chair, and Councillors Barraclough, Bradbury, Cutts, Hinchliff, Kimberley, Marsh, Perkins, Rusby, Trotman, Unsworth and Wood.

Also present

K. Coulton - Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

A. Hart – Finance Officer

E. A Wright – taking the Minutes

Councillors Robert Barnard, David Greenhough and Hannah Kitching BMBC

4 Members of the public and press were present.

There were no items raised under public participation.

36. Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for absence were received from the Town Mayor Cllr G. Millner and Councillors A. Millner and Chadburn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence be recorded.

37. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest from Councillors

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

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest in item 7e, Application for funding by Penistone Park Run as he took part in the Park Run.

This was **NOTED and RECORDED** by the meeting.

38. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted for approval:

a. The Town Council meeting held on 21st October 2019

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

SignedTown Mayor 16th December 2019

b. The Planning Committee meeting held on 21st October 2019

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

c. The Development and Regeneration Committee held on 4th November 2019

Moved by Cllr Kimberley, Seconded by Cllr Bradbury and **RESOLVED** they were a true record.

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

Cllr Kitching reported she had received several complaints about the number of pigeons in Penistone town centre. She has been working with the owners of the buildings where the pigeons are roosting and the BMBC Pest Control Team. The Pest Control officer has suggested an effective natural deterrent would be to encourage peregrine falcons to nest in the area. The officer was willing to find a suitable location for a nesting platform to be sited.

After further discussion it was agreed the proposal was acceptable and Cllr Kitching was asked to pursue it.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

Cllr Cutts reported that the litter bins near Penistone Grammar School had not been emptied and asked if they could be replaced with larger bins. It was noted that the bin on Wentworth Road had been reinstated.

Cllr Greenhough reported that larger bins were not available and he felt the problem was with the adhoc nature of when they were being emptied and he would raise this again with the appropriate department.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

40. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received:
Rural Services Network Bulletin 22/10/19 sent via email
Rural Services Network Bulletin 29/10/19 sent via email
Rural Services Funding Digest 05/11/19 sent via email
Rural Services Bulletin November edition sent via email
Parish Online 05/11/19 sent via email
Parish Online 08/11/19 sent via email

The above correspondence was **NOTED** by the meeting.

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SSAFA Day 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020.

It was agreed that this event be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Services Committee

Barnsley MBC proposal to locate an electric vehicle rapid charge point in Shrewsbury Road car park

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

Penistone Fairtrade Committee

The Committee reported its activity over the past year and requests that the Town Council reaffirmed its commitment to Penistone Fair Trade status.

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Trotman and

RESOLVED the Town Council fully supports the renewal of Penistone's status as a Fairtrade Town and will continue to support the Penistone Fairtrade Committee in its important work to promote the Fairtrade initiative in our area.

YLCA branch meetings dates 2020 and police information

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

YLCA Woodland Trust Tree Charter Day

The Woodland Trust are offering free young trees to community groups to plant.

Cllr Rusby requested as the Town Council did not own any land that this information is distributed to the schools in the Penistone area.

It was **AGREED** the Town Clerk circulates this information to all the local schools.

41. Leisure and Amenities Report

Cllr Cutts gave a detailed report on the forthcoming films and live events to be held at the Paramount leading up to and beyond Christmas. Eight local schools would be attending special matinee film performances. The pantomime tickets were already selling well and the preview booklet had been printed and distributed.

A recent staff meeting had included first aid training.

The lease was currently with Pennine Law and was near completion. BMBC had repaired some damaged slates and a broken downpipe. This report was **NOTED** by the meeting.

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42. Accounts and Finance

Cllr Wood commented on the cost of the town centre Christmas tree and reported he had spoken to Horsfield Nursery who would be willing to donate a tree for 2020 in return for an opportunity to place an advertising banner on the railings around the tree.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

The following accounts, having been previously circulated to all Councillors for comments were approved and formally recorded as follows:

a. General Account £18,029.80

Moved by Cllr Hinchliff, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** the above account be noted.

b. Paramount Account £71,990.30

Moved by Cllr Cutts, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and **RESOLVED** the above account be noted.

c. Request for financial assistance from The Upper Don Renewable Energy Group

It was **AGREED** that the application for funding be refused.

d. Request for financial assistance from Fairtrade in Penistone

The Chair suspended Standing Orders and invited a representative from Fairtrade in Penistone to address the meeting.

It was explained that the grant application was for a stand-alone banner to be placed outside when Fairtrade in Penistone were holding events.

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Trotman and **RESOLVED** the application for funding be approved.

e. Request for financial assistance from Penistone Park Run.

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest and took no part in this item.

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Bradbury and **RESOLVED** the application for funding be approved.

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43. St John's Community Centre

The Town Clerk reported that two long serving caretakers had decided to retire after several years of sterling service to the Town Council and to the people of Penistone.

An experienced caretaker had been employed on a temporary three month contract and the posts would be advertised shortly.

It was **AGREED** the retiring caretakers be asked to the December meeting and an official letter of thanks be sent to both caretakers.

The Town Clerk reported that a meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee would be called to meet the architect to discuss the proposed extension to the Community Centre.

Cllr Wood asked when the proposed extension was raised.

The Chair reported that the extension was proposed and discussed at the January precept meeting, the decision was ratified at the February Council meeting.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

44. Drugs in the Community

Cllr Wood expressed his concerns about drug use in the community and it is his opinion that dealers are targeting Penistone. As a result he had invited James Swallow Gaunt from Streetsafe to the meeting.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders so Mr Swallow Gaunt and the BMBC Councillors present could speak.

Mr Swallow Gaunt outlined the role of Streetsafe which works closely with the families of users. He felt there was a growth in low level drug taking and dealing and asked the Council to consider setting up a subcommittee to look into the issue.

Cllr Wood requested that the Council considered letting Streetsafe have the free use of a room in the Community Centre so people who are affected can attend for help and support.

As the rooms in the Community Centre are fully booked, Cllr Cutts asked the BMBC Councillors present whether a room could be made available at the Youth Centre.

Cllr Unsworth commented that BMBC has a statutory responsibility with respect of this issue and had been doing some work with local schools.

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Cllr Marsh felt there was a problem in the Penistone area and crime was being committed as a result and he would like to support the Streetsafe initiative.

The Chair asked the BMBC Councillors present to request that a room at the Youth Centre be made available one evening a week for the use of Streetsafe.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

45. Publicity restrictions during Electoral Purdah

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors had been issued with the guidelines notes with respect to Electoral Purdah period leading up to the General Election.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

46. Media Policy

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors had been issued with a copy of the Town Council's media policy and drew attention to the section on the use of social media.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

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

It was noted that this will be on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone.

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