

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Penistone Town Council
held remotely on Monday 29th June 2020 at 6.30 p.m.

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

Also present

- A. Hart – Acting Town Clerk & Finance Officer
- B. Barnsley – Cinema Manager
- E. A. Wright – taking the Minutes

2 members of the press and public were present.

2020/28 Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kimberley.

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

2020/29 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.

It was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** by the meeting that Cllr Cutts declared an interest with respect to item 5 – the appointment of the new Town Clerk.

2020/30 Proposed Renovation Projects at the Paramount

Cllr Bradbury inquired about the installation of air conditioning which was looked at several years ago. The Cinema Manager reported that as the system would have to silent it made any system very expensive and not straight forward to install.

This was noted by the meeting.

- a. Replacement of carpets.

The quotations to replace the carpet in the auditorium, stalls, circle and common passageway, dressing rooms 1 and 2, the Millennium room and the second common passageway were considered. This would result in all the carpets, with the exception of the bar, being replaced over the last three years. The carpet in the bar will be replaced when the improvements required in that area are completed

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Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Unsworth and

RESOLVED the lowest quotation received from the Carpet and Bed Shop for £8,600 be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

b. Internal & External Decoration of the Paramount

Quotations were requested for the redecoration of the main auditorium which included rubbing down of the surface and painting in a matching colour, it was noted that scaffolding towers will be required and the seats will have to be removed. It also included the redecoration of the circle emergency stairs, projection room lobby, ice cream room, ladies circle toilets. It includes the preparation of the surface, treating the damage done by recent damp problems and two coats of paint.

The Chair explained he felt it was sensible to request quotations for the external decoration of the Paramount to be done at the same time. As a result quotations were considered for the painting of the render to the side and front of the building, and the preparation and repainting of the window frames. It was noted all work is to be carried out from road side lift during this period of closure.

Cllr Bradbury asked whether it would be cheaper to have new render outside. The Cinema Manager reported it was not as most of the existing render was in good condition.

Moved by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and

RESOLVED the quotation received from Halls for the internal decoration for £9650 be accepted and the quotation received from Halls for the external decoration for £2975 be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

c. Refurbishment or replacement of seating

It was agreed that the seats should be replaced rather than be refurbished primarily for health and safety concerns and for the need to constantly clean the seats. The existing seats were hard to clean around the floor area due to their design and they had multiple touch areas. The seats are of an old design and are set too low against current standards.

The quotations from Audise and Euro Seating were considered. Whilst the recommended quotation was not the lowest, it would last for at least twenty five years and it would help comply with anti Covid work.

The Cinema Manager was looking at a sponsor a seat campaign which could offset some of the cost and help build back rapport with the local community.

The Chair reiterated that a sum had been placed in reserves to undertake this work and thanked the Cinema Manager for the amount of work he had done on this item.

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Moved by Cllr G. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and

RESOLVED the Bristol seat supplied by Audise be selected as it was a traditional seat that is built in a strong but light frame. It has a high seat pad to floor height with a polished wooden back and arm rest and comfortable seating in a rich red velour, all of which can be easily cleaned. The total cost is £63,428.30 which works out as £182.26 per seat. This was agreed unanimously.

It was noted that a Covid assessment was to be carried out at the Paramount and the Community Centre.

2020/31 The reopening of the Community Centre

The Acting Clerk reported that the Community Centre could officially reopen and she had already been approached by Slimming World and Weight Watchers to resume classes. Both organisations had official Covid procedures in place. The Country Market wished to resume on 16th July 2020, no tea and coffees would be served and the organisers were finalising Covid procedures.

Cllr Perkins and the Acting Clerk had met with the architect and an officer from Barnsley MBC to look at the proposed extension and as a result they were going to obtain a quotation for a fire and security system. Whilst it was only an advisory measure, it was decided to obtain a quotation.

The Acting Clerk hoped that other groups and organisations would be able to return in September.

The Acting Clerk had asked the Penistone Lodge to remove the piano from the bar room.

Cllr Bradbury asked about possible catering at events. The Acting Clerk replied this would depend on the Covid assessment.

It was agreed that following the deep cleaning and redecoration of the Community Centre the rules for hiring building would be reviewed especially after the Covid assessment.

Cllr Rusby asked that the caretaking staff be thanked for their work and commented that following redecoration the Community Centre was looking very good.

The reported was noted by the meeting.

2020/32 To approve the appointment of a new Town Clerk

It was noted that Cllr Cutts withdrew from the meeting

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Rusby and

RESOLVED the press and public to be excluded during consideration of the following item 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 of 1972 as amended.

The Chair reported that the interviews for the new Town Clerk had taken place. The interviewing panel had gone away after interviewing the two candidates and had a further remote meeting to discuss the appointment. It had proved a difficult decision to make as there was little between both candidates but a decision had been made. The Chair and Cllr Kimberley had drawn up a contract which included a probationary period and it was proposed that the new Town Clerk would take up the position the first week in August.

Moved by the Chair, Seconded by Cllr Unsworth and

RESOLVED that Tara Ball be offered the position of Town Clerk.

2020/33 Date and time of the next Ordinary Town Council meeting.

It was noted that this will be held remotely on Monday 20th July 2020 at 7.00pm

SignedTown Mayor 20th July 2020