

Penistone Town Council

Minutes of the Penistone Town Assembly
Held in the Lower Hall, St John's Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone
Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr N. Shiggins (Chair), Cllr M. Barraclough, Cllr W. Chadburn, Cllr J. Cutts, Cllr R. Hinchliff, Cllr A. Millner, Cllr G. Millner, Cllr R. Pearson, Cllr N. Perkins, Cllr A. Rusby, Cllr R. Trotman, Cllr D. Walker.

Also present

N. Bailey Town Clerk
E. Miller Assistant Town Clerk

There were six members of the public present.

ABSENT

Apologies were received from Councillors H. Hayton, A. Kimberley and J. Unsworth.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Town Assembly held on the 28th April 2021 were signed by the Chair.

TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022 TO 2023.

The Town Mayor Cllr Neville Shiggins presented a report on his term of office; including a schedule of almost 200 engagements at which he has represented Penistone Town Council during the term. He offered thanks to his fellow Councillors for their dedication and support during the year; in particular the Deputy Mayor Cllr Andrew Millner and his wife Cllr Gillian Millner. The Mayor paid tribute to Cllrs Roger Hinchliff and Joe Unsworth who are both standing down after many years of public service. The Mayor also thanked the staff of PTC and the teams at St John's Community Centre and the Paramount Cinema for their work. Finally he thanked his wife and Consort Mrs Helen Shiggins, whose constant support has enabled him to devote so much time to Penistone Town Council.

PUBLIC SESSION – QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF PENISTONE.

A resident offered thanks to the Mayor and all the Councillors for their work and the time they have devoted to Penistone Town Council. The gentleman wished it to be noted that he understood that all the Town Councillors give up their time to public service on a voluntary

basis; and that much time is spent behind the scenes on unglamorous and time consuming work reading documents, sitting on committees etc.

Another resident asked the council to investigate the issue of having the Penistone coat of arms (in addition to the BMBC coat of arms) placed on the street name signs in the town. The Council agreed to look into the matter with the Borough councillors.

Another resident asked the Council whether it is possible to obtain from BMBC a figure for the proportion of the Council Tax which is spent on Penistone. The Council responded that they have already made this request in the past and BMBC is unable to produce the figure.

A further query was put to the Council regarding the S106 funding of £3.2 million awarded in relation to the Wellhouse Lane development. This money is to be spent in the area but thus far no details have been published. The Mayor responded that some of the funding will be spent on infrastructure such as schools and medical services. The Council will continue to press the BMBC councillors for further information.

Some discussion took place around the issue of the traffic bottleneck at Bridge End which remains an ongoing problem. PTC is being kept informed of developments regarding the A628 improvements project currently under way.

Another discussion arose regarding use of the land adjacent to Penistone Station which has been bought by BMBC. A legal challenge to the purchase is in process.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.35 pm.

Signed...
18th April 2024

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Mayor/ Chair of Penistone Town Council,