

Penistone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Leisure Committee held in the Resource Centre, St John's Community Centre on Monday 10 February 2025 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Cllr. Frances Nixon (Chair), Cllr. Jason Barton, Cllr. Yvette Cooper, Cllr. Mandy Lowe-Flelo (Town Mayor *ex-officio*), Cllr. Matthew Nicholson, Cllr. Frances Nixon, Cllr. Nick Perkins, Cllr. Claire Redmond

Nigel Bailey – Town Clerk

Elaine Miller – Asst. Town Clerk

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Cllr. Jason Barton, Cllr. Yvette Cooper, Cllr. David Greenhough, Cllr. Hannah Kitching, Cllr. Mandy Lowe-Flelo (Town Mayor – *ex officio*), Cllr. Frances Nixon (Chair), Cllr. Nick Perkins, Cllr. Claire Redmond

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

E&L 2024/11 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Committee **RESOLVED** to note apologies and approve reasons for absence from Cllr. Hannah Kitching.

E&L 2024/12 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS

2.1 In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 members to declare any disposable pecuniary interests in items on this agenda.

It was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** that there were no declarations of interest.

2.2 The Town Clerk to report any written dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.

The Town Clerk reported that there were none.

E&L 2024/13 3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT 1960)

Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for the other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960.

The Town Clerk reported that there were no matters prejudicial to the public interest on the agenda.

E&L 2024/14 4. PENISTONE GALA / MAYOR'S PARADE 7/8 JUNE 2025

4.1 To receive an update from the Chair on the Gala Committee meeting held 03 February 2025.

The Chair Cllr. Frances Nixon reported she, Cllr. Hannah Kitching, the Mayor and the Asst. Clerk had attended the meeting. The Committee had discussed a letter from Penistone Town Council; in which the Council agreed to the Committee's request for financial support of £5,000 on condition that the Council is credited as chief sponsor of the event should no other sponsor offer more. The Committee voted to accept the terms of the letter; although there was some dissent regarding the Council being credited as chief sponsor, despite

unanimous recognition that the Council has always been the main source of financial support for the event. It was agreed that in subsequent years the Committee may wish to examine their Constitution with respect to the roles and responsibilities of the three organisations responsible for the Gala organising committee (Penistone Town Council, Penistone Round Table/Ladies' Circle and Penistone Scouts). Subject to this they will decide whether it is appropriate to continue to credit the Council as chief sponsor of the event.

4.2 To discuss the Paramount Gala event.

The Chair Cllr. Frances Nixon reported that on Saturday 7th June the Penistone Round Table will be running a music event in the Market Barn; the Round Table has taken ownership of this event. In parallel the Council will be running a Heritage Day at the Paramount Cinema, building on the success of the first Heritage Day held there in 2024. The current plan is to show the film "Kinky Boots" or similar; in keeping with the Gala theme of "Pride in Penistone".

E&L 2024/15 5. TO DISCUSS THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING / TOWN ASSEMBLY 2025

The Town Assembly must be held between 1st March and 1st June inclusive; in Penistone it has traditionally been held in April. The Clerks reported that they had put thought into holding this meeting in conjunction with an "open evening" to show the refurbished Community Centre to the residents of Penistone; however it has been reported that the work is unlikely to be finished even in May.

Discussion took place around the possibility of showing the partially finished Community Centre, provided that part of the building is in a state to accommodate the meeting. This was considered to be a possibility but a firm decision will be made later in the year when progress can be assessed. Alternative possibilities as a venue are the Resource Centre and the Millennium Room at the Paramount although neither are ideal due to small size and, in the case of the Millennium Room, intrusive noise.

The Cllrs **AGREED** that, in any event, the Assembly should include reports from the Mayor/Chair of the Council and the Chairs of the Standing Committees. The Clerks suggested that a representative from CashAccess UK could be invited to give a short presentation about the service. Light refreshments may be offered depending on the eventual venue. A possible date of 15th May was suggested to put to full Council, although this would be close to the Council's Annual Meeting / Mayor Making on 19th May.

E&L 2024/16 6. PENISTONE FILM FESTIVAL 18 / 19 OCTOBER 2025 - TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ABOUT THE PENISTONE FILM FESTIVAL PROPOSAL

The Clerks presented a draft project plan drawn up by Brian Barnsley, technical manager of the Paramount Cinema. The Committee were enthusiastic about the project which could draw media attention and bring visitors into the town. The project organiser has applied to the Council for a small grant and this application will be presented at the next Finance, Assets & HR Committee meeting on 10th March.

E&L 2024/17 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next Events & Leisure Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on **7th April 2025**.

Signed by.....Chair, 24th February 2025