



PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

Date of Issue: 29TH August 2017

A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE, SR8 2PH at 6.30pm

Mr I Morris M.C.I.H

Town Clerk

A G E N D A

Members of the Committee and members of the public are reminded that the public part of the meeting may be recorded in both audio and video, and photographs may be taken.

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are cordially invited to inform the Deputy Town Clerk of their apologies as soon as practicable

2. To receive declarations of interest

Members are reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Please seek advice from the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk prior to the meeting if in doubt.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Members are recommended to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Resources Committee on Monday 5th June 2017 as a true and correct record.

(Minutes of previous meeting, copy attached)

4. Notes of the Human Resources Sub Committee of the 17 July 2017

To note the contents of and agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of this Sub Committee held on 17 July 2017

(copy attached)

5. Report of the Finance Sub Committee of the 20th July & 24 August 2017

Members are requested to note the payments approved at the meeting of these sub committees.

(Minutes of the Finance Sub Committee of the 20th July & 24 August 2017, attached)

6. Internal Audit Reports – Shotton Hall & Events & Activities

Members are asked to note the findings from the Internal Auditors Report (Report of the Town Clerk to follow detailing actions from the report)

7. Requests for grant funding:-

1. Football for Children, Peterlee Helford Utd FC, £500.00 – to help fund children playing football, buying footballs, poles and help pay for the MUGA and fees

(power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 (3))

2. Oakerside Toddlers – to replace old and broken toys; to do an activity like baking (healthy eating), to buy musical instruments and to organize events such as the Christmas Party

(power: Local Government Act 1972 s137)

3. Out of School Hours – £500.00 contribution towards sports equipment in delivery of out of school hours clubs in local primary school projects, (power: Local Government Act 1972 s137)
4. GT Group Band – £1,000 - to buy music and music stands and help sustain the band (power: Local Government Act 1972 s137)
5. Howletch Residents Association - £200.00 to enable residents to meet for a coffee and get to know each other, also towards a trip (power: Local Government Act 1972 s137)
6. MS Active - £800 towards the cost of transport for day trips, non profit group of 12 persons (power: Local Government Act 1972 s137)

(verbal report of the Deputy Town Clerk, individual applications will be available at the meeting for information/reference)

8. Request for concessionary use of Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites

Members are asked to consider the following applications for concessionary use of Town Council Facilities:-

- (i) Families First North East, Charity Ball on 23 September 2017, Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites
- (ii) Durham Deafened Support, Social Event, Out of the Comfort Zones, 15 June 2017, Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites
- (iii) Cancer Utd, Support and Social Club, 13 September – 13 December, Harry Bennett Room, The Pavilion, 14 weeks
- (iv) Peterlee Cricket Club, Presentation Evening 9 September 2017, The Pavilion

(power: Local Government Act 1972, s.144)

(A verbal report of the Deputy Town Clerk, the application forms will be available at the meeting for information/reference)

9. Expressions of thanks and appreciation

- (i) Peterlee Bowling Club & Cleveland Hedgehog Society

Letters of thanks and appreciation following grants made under the Members' Initiative Fund are attached for Member's information (letters attached)

ITEM 3

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Hawley, K Duffy, A C Long, S Simpson, V Watson, K Liddell & S McDonnell

Messrs:- S McGlen, S Franklin, R Moore, T Duffy, S Meikle, J Robinson, L Cook & A Wilkinson

The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs were taken.

The Chair also took this opportunity to congratulate and welcome the new Members of the Council to this their first formal meeting of the new municipal year.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S Franklin (work commitments), M A Cartwright & G Carne.

RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

16. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

17. The Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting of this Committee and they were signed as a true and correct record.

18. Peterlee Town Council Bonfire Night Celebrations

Members were asked to approve the award of contracts for various services in relation to the Annual Bonfire Night celebrations at the Helford Road Pavilion, in line with the Town Council's Financial Regulations. There was discussion on ways in which the Town Council might improve upon the number of tender returns it received. The Town Clerk assured officers were using DCC procurement framework and advice and it was hoped this would increase returns and interest.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) **the quote received from Colas of Swalwell, Tyne & Wear, in the sum of £705.13 for the provision of traffic management at the event, be accepted.**
- (ii) **The quote received from Beaver 84, of Gateshead to provide fencing for the event, at a price of £251.00, be accepted.**
- (iii) **The offer to supply fire extinguishers free of charge, from Hutton Fire Protection, be accepted.**
- (iv) **The quote received from SPL of Stockton in the sum of £495.00 for the provision of PA and audio systems for the event, be accepted.**
- (v) **The price from ShowSec in the sum of £844.32 for the supply of security stewards, be accepted.**
- (vi) **The quotation from SPL of Stockton in the sum of £748.00 for the supply of lighting towers, be accepted.**

19. **The Report of the Finance Sub Committee Meetings of the 22nd June 2017**

RESOLVED the payments listed and made, be noted.

20. **Members Initiative Fund – Requests for Grant Funding**

- (a) **Murton FC – support to set up an under 17s football Team.**

RESOLVED this grant application be refused as it did not meeting the funding criteria of having 51% of the organisation's members or users who were Peterlee residents.

- (b) **Hedgehog Rescue**

RESOLVED a grant of £200.00 be made to Cleveland Hedgehog Preservation Society from 10 of the Members present at the meeting, (under the power: Local Government Act 1972 s137).

- (c) **Cricket Club Funding – Training equipment for junior and senior cricket**

RESOLVED a grant of £679.00 be made to Peterlee Cricket Club towards additional outdoor training equipment, (under the power of the Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19(3)) .

- (d) **Grampian Court – Friendship Garden**

RESOLVED this request be refused.

- (e) **Peterlee Indoor Bowling Club**

RESOLVED a grant of £200.00 be made towards an annual outing and Christmas Party for the Peterlee Indoor Bowling Club.

21. Request for Concessionary use of the main hall, The Pavilion

Members gave consideration of a request received from the Peterlee pumas to use the main hall, Brian Joyce Room at the Pavilion on 16 September 2017 for their end of Season Awards Night. **RESOLVED free use be granted for this event.**

22. Land at Oakerside Drive – potential development scheme

Members considered the proposal by Durham County Council to sell the identified land at Oakerside Drive. **RESOLVED the Town Council strongly oppose the sale of the identified land at Oakerside Drive, Peterlee, on both aesthetic and operational grounds.**

23. Disciplinary Policy and Procedure

A copy of the updated policy was circulated for Member's consideration and approval. This was an update of the policy that was already in place with slight amendments to make it more suitable for Peterlee. **RESOLVED the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure be adopted for use by the Town Council.**

24. Use of Reserves Policy

Members were asked to approve an interim use of reserves policy for the Town Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. Members asked for it to be recorded this was merely an interim policy. **RESOLVED the information contained in the report be noted and the Council's interim use of reserves policy for 2017/18 be approved as follows:-**

	£
General fund	428,000
Ear marked reserve	426,121
Usable capital receipt*	268,398
*(restricted for use on capital expenditure)	
Total reserves at 1 April 2017	1,122,519

Ear marked reserves:

Shotton Hall refurbishment	100,000
Pavilion MUGA	50,000
Parks & Play area strategy	200,000
Dene Parks	75,000

ITEM 4

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES SUB COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 2017

PRESENT: COUN S MILES (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Duffy, (Observers K Liddell, S Simpson, S McDonnell & M A Cartwright)

Messrs: R Moore, S Franklin, R Kyle, T Duffy, J Robinson, L Cook, G Carne & A Watson

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor S Meikle and A Wilkinson. **AGREED the Council accept the apologies for absence be recorded.**

2. Appraisal & Development Policy

The Town Clerk gave the sub committee a presentation on the proposed staff appraisal and development policy and in particular he asked for their feedback on the suggested competency framework. Members took it in turn to ask questions at various points in the presentation and the Town Clerk answered each in turn. The Town Clerk requested that members of the committee consider the detail of the competency framework and provide any feedback to help to make the wording more relevant for the Town Council and its staff.

It was **AGREED the principle of adopting a competency framework and appraisal and development process as detailed in the Town Clerk's presentation be accepted. FURTHER AGREED that members of the Committee feedback to the Town Clerk on any specific points relating to the competency framework.**

3. Casual staff holiday pay

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update on the Council's position on holiday pay for casual staff. It was **AGREED the Town Clerk present a further report to Council in August once further details are known.**

ITEM 5(A)

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors

Mrs K Duffy, R Moore, L Cook & A Watson

5. PAYMENTS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT & USING THE DEBIT CARD

RECOMMENDED the list of payments made in June 2017 by direct debit or using the debit card, be accepted.

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment for July 2017 amounting to £46,285.98 including all payments made for that month, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were considered.

RECOMMENDED the payments as listed, be made.

ITEM 5(B)

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors

Mrs K Duffy & A Watson

7. PAYMENTS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT & USING THE DEBIT CARD

RECOMMENDED the list of payments made in July 2017 by direct debit or using the debit card, be accepted.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment for August 2017 amounting to £71,633.55 including all payments made for that month, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were considered.

RECOMMENDED the payments as listed, be made.



CANCER UNITED

July 2016

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- PLEASE HELP US BY DONATING
WHATEVER YOU CAN – thank you x**



Cancer United members were thrilled to support The Arunners Beach Run on 8th June 2016 especially this year as Cancer United is their chosen charity.

THE BEACH RUN



All the members were inspired by every participant especially the young ones who had their own race challenge and were just as focused and competitive as their parents. The youngster's medals were given out by some of our founder members before Jan Sheward had the honour of setting off the 500 runners. It was the most amazing sight to see so many different running clubs from far and wide who came together to enjoy the evening. Even more amazing to see them running past and then within only 30 minutes some of the first ones racing in to beat their own PB's. So well done to all who took part and who made it a truly enjoyable evening.

**United by One Life-changing Experience.
Join Cancer United and bring about extraordinary changes**

RUSTINGTON STREET FAYRE



The Cancer United team were in action again on the 18th June at The Rustington Street Fayre. Apart from the proceeds of the object da and tombola stalls, this year the Lions had agreed to support both Cancer United and First Responders. The members were very pleased to have had a great day together whilst raising £562.00 for their charity from their two stalls.

Cancer United changes the lives of cancer patients with its CU Fitter initiative and through its active recovery club where people come together to chat, have a cuppa, get some exercise if they wish, or just have a good laugh together and we all know that a good laugh alongside enjoying some exercise in a very special environment is the very best medicine and it's free...x



GILL SHEEN SWIMS PEER TO PEER FOR CANCER UNITED

13th JULY 2016 GILL SHEEN SWAM FROM ONE BRIGHTON PEER TO THE OTHER FOR CANCER UNITED AND THESE ARE THE WORDS FROM HER MYDONATE PAGE

A couple of years ago I couldn't swim a length of front crawl and I used to jealously watch wet suit clad swimmers head off into the sea in Brighton, really wanting to be able to join them. For me, swimming, especially outdoors, is great for my head and general well-being. I know how important exercise and diet is for my health and I'm really happy to be able to offer a bit of my time and effort in the sea to raise some funds for these marvelous gyms!

Gill raised a wonderful £573.50 for CU Fitter so we say THANK YOU GILL for your amazing effort

ASHLEY ANDREWS COME TO THE WICK MEETING



**Great Night at our Group in Wick.
Ashley our fantastic dance teacher showed us
How to OutdanceCancer.**

BROADWATER CARNIVAL



All of the supporting members Kate and Julia, Pam and Pete, Derek and Jacqui, Janet, Alison and Maureen were all doing their bit, selling wrapping and talking to those enquiring about this wonderful charity. Well done to everyone who made it such a special and rewarding day.



Oh dear - someone has finally got a shot of Jan when she wasn't looking..! Who did that I wonder?



MORE RADIO'S EVENT IN STEYNE GARDENS

It was a lively day at Broadwater Carnival on 23rd July and the Cancer United Members were in great form. There was the usual very special Cancer United Tombola 'every ticket wins a prize' created by the CU Tombola Queen herself Yvonne Walker and as usual The 'Del Boy' of Cancer United Sefton Cheskin was manning his pitch like the professional that he is, taking him back to the years he spent in Petticoat Lane.





MEMBER YVONNE AND LORRAINE WITH TRUSTEE ERICA AND HER HUSBAND MARTIN

At the end of the Broadwater Carnival a lot of the members attending that event turned around as soon as they had got home to join their fellow members representing Cancer United at the More Radio Event in Steyne Gardens in the evening.

Cancer United was thrilled and proud to have been chosen as **More Radios** charity of the Year this year and the members jumped at the chance to have the opportunity to tell people about the fantastic work that the charity does. Peer to peer support is a primary benefit of Cancer United as the photos show.

Cancer United is unique because as well as the fantastic support and help it offers to cancer patients and their families, it is the only cancer support charity offering a programme of Exercise classes specifically geared to help cancer patients FROM DIAGNOSIS onwards.

CU Fitter is a very special physical activity imitative and is making remarkable improvements to the fitness and mental wellbeing of those on the programme. It is proving so successful that in September the charity will be offering its first CU Fitter training course for Personal Trainers, Exercise class specialist, Pilates coaches and those interested in training to become a CU Fitter trainer.

With the help of all the wonderful people and business who have supported us and continue to do so, we have been able to reach out to so many more people with cancer. So thank you so much to our supporters, to our members and on the night to **Becky and Roy, Maureen, Maureen's Grandchildren Max and Olivia, Derek and Jacqui, Pam and Pete, Sefton, Lorraine, Judi and Laura, Yvonne, Stephen & Sue, Wendi, and Erica and Martin.** Well done all - we are determined to continue to move forward **UNITED AGAIN CANCER...x**

SKITTLES AT THE SPUR



Although The Spur at Slindon didn't know what was on approach last night, they welcomed some of the Cancer United members who were booked to enjoy some skittles and a bite to eat. Always with a positive attitude and a determination to win, the contest commenced with all the players competing to see who could achieve the most strikes.

The night was full of fun, laughter and was very noisy and in the end it was a very close call with the winning team only a few points ahead. So "Well Done" to Jan Sheward's team. It was a good job she has her talented son in law on her

side who managed a strike with every turn. Brilliant evening and big thank you to CU members Pete and Pam Gudge for their GREAT organisation...



We are now well underway with our plans for OUTRUNCANCER. After the run this year we will be creating a fitness festival with many experts offering their time to come along and give their expert advice whilst challenging people to try their skill and fitness. There will be a plank challenge, a tyre flipping challenge and for those who like to go for a more holistic experience there will be Yoga. We will also have a wellbeing marquee where attendees will be able to try all sorts of alternative options to enhance their fitness levels.

EVENTS

OUTRUN CANCER ON 25TH SEPTEMBER

OUTRUNCANCER WITH CUFITTER

Sunday 25th September 2016

5k or 10k trail run through Angmering Park Estate
Family festival fun day

Join us to Out Run Cancer and raise money for Cancer United, a Sussex-based charity offering exercise classes for people fighting and recovering from Cancer through our fitness programme 'CU Fitter'

Meeting point:
The Fox Patching Inn, Arundel Road, Angmering, Patching, BN13 3UJ

8.00am - Registration
10.30am - Warm up
11.00 - Race begins

Family festival with food, drinks and activities from 12pm - 5pm

You can take part however you like... OutRUNCancer, OutJOGCancer or OutWALKCancer over the 5k course. Or, if you're a more seasoned athlete run the course twice and do 10k.

£18 entry
(Includes official race t-shirt and entry to festival site)

To sign up and register online visit:
www.cancerunited.org.uk/outruncancer

As well as raising money by entering the race, we'd love you to fundraise for CU Fitter and help us Fight Cancer With Fitness, so that we can continue to OutLIVECancer.

You can set up your own fundraising page on www.mydonate.bt.com or download a sponsorship form from www.cancerunited.org.uk/outruncancer

(CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1155747).

NEWS



Once more The New Inn in Littlehampton held a fund raising day on Sunday 5th June when they raised a fabulous £594 for Cancer United. We are ever grateful to James Crossley and his team for all the wonderful work that they do for us and for the other two local charities that they support.

M&C ARE NOW SUPPORTING CANCER UNITED

M&CSAATCHI
BRUTAL SIMPLICITY OF THOUGHT

M&C Saatchi was founded in 1995 and is now the biggest Independent Creative Agency Network in the World. Founded on one core principle, **Brutal Simplicity**

The **14th June 2016** was the date that will forever remain as the date the history of Cancer United changed forever.

The introduction to this **AMAZING** opportunity was brought to us by Jo Bayles who is already proving herself to be an exceptionally special lady. Having worked for M&C before she had her children she contacted them to tell them about how CU Fitter had changed her life.

M&C are starting to rebrand Cancer United and CU Fitter and with their help we are confident that we will be able to achieve our goal which is to change the cancer recovery pathway forever through exercise – Cancer United's CU Fitter programme will be **FIGHTING CANCER WITH FITNESS'**

CU FITTER NEWS UPDATES

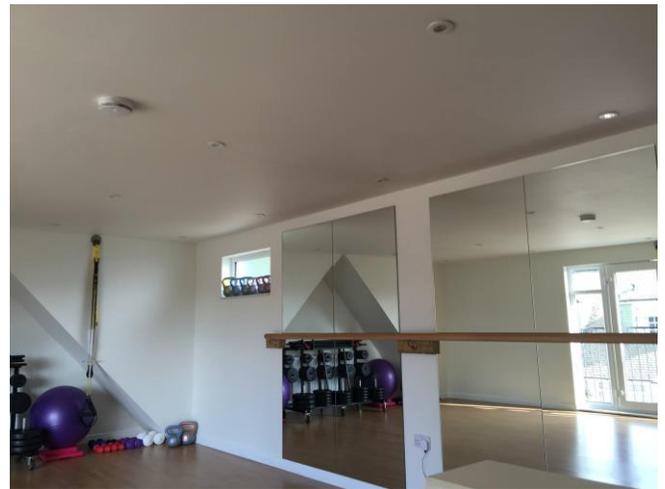
Because of all the wonderful sponsors who have raised money for us over the past few months we have been able to buy even more equipment. This is enabling the instructors to widen the exercises for those attending the classes and having one to one PT.

We cannot continue to undertake the life changing work that we do without the support of our sponsors whether it is through a Mydonate challenge, money in a donation goblet, playing the lottery or by sponsoring a cancer patient through our website.

Some of the Proskick class using new Kettlebells to do Farmers Walks up and down the drive to the gym



Upstairs studio with new mirrors and 3 new suspension trainers



PLEASE SPONSOR A CANCER PATIENT

For the price of a coffee from your favorite Coffee Shop, you can help us give someone with cancer a chance of recovery through exercise - £3.00 a week will give one patient an opportunity to attend a life changing exercise class



From the moment you are diagnosed with cancer the world seems to stop; nothing feels normal anymore, and in many cases people feel alone, frightened, and isolated.

Make a difference to a cancer patient and help us help them. Cancer United is a cancer support initiative with a difference for during the weekly meetings we offer a physical exercise session which is part of our CU Fitter programme

Although our gym attendees are increasing we need to get to more patients. This is the first ever dedicated gym space specifically for cancer patients which is run by specialist fitness coaches trained in cancer recovery. Already we have witnessed physical and mental wellbeing of cancer patients dramatically improving over a very short period of time and now we are working with an academic team to measure the impact of what we are doing.

More and more evidence is being produced to show that exercise at the very start of cancer diagnosis is essential for recovery and for prevention of a recurrence.

Whilst Macmillan have hailed physical activity for those living with cancer as the 'underrated wonder drug', many patients will not be in a position to join a health club or main stream gyms and even if they were, they wouldn't have access to the specialist cancer fitness trainers offered by CU Fitter to help and support them through their fitness recovery.

So we urgently need your help to get as many cancer patients in West Sussex as we can through the unique CU Fitter programmes. Very soon we will be able to offer the programme nationally so by sponsoring a cancer patient you could be helping potentially thousands more patients in recovery or going through treatment.

By becoming a CU Fitter sponsor, you will be helping us give a cancer patient a better chance of recovery. Just £3.00 per week will enable a cancer patient to undergo a fitness test, to assess which class is suitable for them, after which they will be able to take part in group exercises especially designed for their type of cancer, and enjoy the challenge in a non-judgemental, non-competitive environment with others who have gone through the same experience.

It will also give them the opportunity of becoming a member of the Cancer United Support Group, where they will receive all the benefits of the group including, most importantly, peer-to-peer support.

Here is the link to the web page <http://www.cufitter.co.uk/sponsor-a-cancer-patient-today/>

If you would like to know more, or wish to sponsor a patient, then please call us on 01903 779880, or get in touch using our online contact form

**MAYBE YOU PREFER TO HELP US
BY PLAYING OUR LOTTERY OR
BY PERHAPS JUST MAKING A
ONE OFF DONATION**

You can also help by playing our lottery which is really simple to do. Just go online and type in Unity into your browser - click on Charities and when Cancer United appears in your screen click on and sign up. Only £1 a week and the chances of winning are much higher than the National Lottery or Health Lottery.

It's only £1 a week and the charity receives .050p for every £1 spent and as we all know "Every Little Helps!"

DONATE VIA MYDONATE

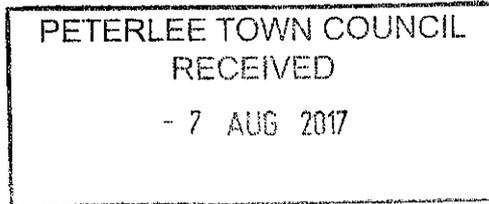
If you believe that you would like to help us on an ongoing basis or would like to make a once off donation, we have a Mydonate button on our website. Every penny you donate goes directly to help our members – **UNLIKE SOME OTHER CHARITIES WE HAVE NO COSTLY OVERHEADS.**

MEETINGS

**Cancer United meetings are held in
Wick and Worthing so please
phone for details 01903 779880 or
see the website**

www.cancerunited.org.uk

ITEM 9(a)



72 York Road
Petelee
Co Durham
SR8 2DH
31st July 2017

Peterlee Town Council
Shotton Hall
Petelee
Co Durham
SR8 2PH
31st July 2017

Dear Ms Tweddle

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peterlee Bowling Club to thank the council for the generous funding of £200 towards our annual outing and Xmas party.

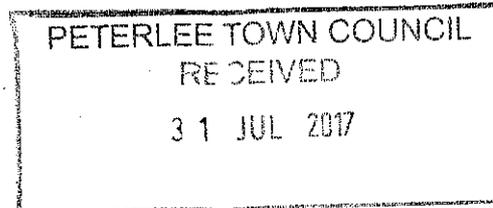
It is greatly appreciated and whilst we have already had our summer outing, it will help towards our xmas party. When we have discussed our plans for xmas we will certainly inform you.

Yours sincerely

Joan Garnham
Treasurer

Item 9(b)
**Cleveland Hedgehog
Preservation Society**

Registered Charity Number 1048803
www.clevelandhedgehogs.org.uk



9 Richmond Crescent
Billingham
Cleveland
TS23 2JP

Email : CHPS98@yahoo.com
27th July 2017

Dear Kay

May I say how pleased and grateful we were to receive the donation from yourselves that was passed to me today by Susan Boyd. As you probably know we are a charity and rely solely on donations to keep us going, our main expenses being food and vet's bills, some of which can be quite high.

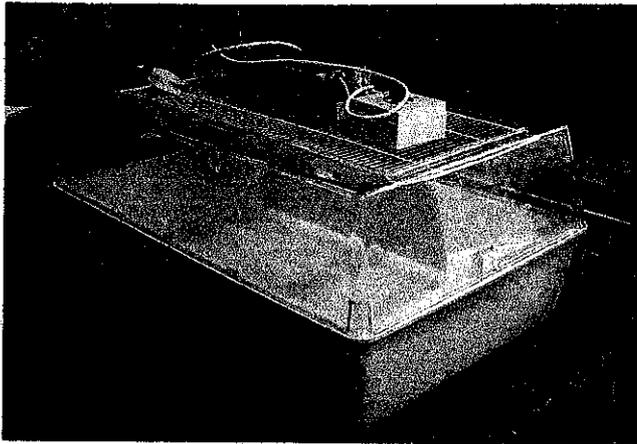
However, sometimes we need to purchase equipment and this is where a donation such as yours will come in handy. Small hedgehogs need a constant source of heat and this can be provided by an incubator or a heat pad both of which can be expensive. Also baby hedgehogs like some of the ones that Susan has in at the moment, need a special baby milk which is fed to them every 2 to 3 hours, again this isn't cheap. So we really do appreciate every penny that's donated to us.

When we decide how the money is to be spent we'll send some pictures and keep you up to date, meanwhile I enclose some pictures of the equipment I've mentioned and a couple of hedgehogs receiving treatment.

Please can you pass on our thanks to the councilors involved in this welcome donation.

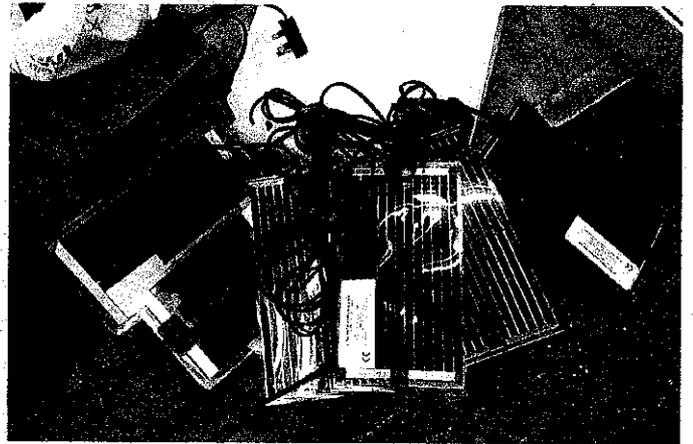
Yours sincerely,

Chris Firth
Chairman
Cleveland Hedgehog Preservation Society.



This is an incubator or brooder that we use to house baby or very sick hedgehogs.

These are heat pads that provide a gentle heat for hedgehogs that are under the weather.



This poor hedgehog was caught with a strimmer and lost quite a chunk of flesh, he should make a full recovery.

This little hedgehog is less than 2 days old and weighed in at 17 grams when Sue got him earlier this week, so far he's doing well.

