

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON
MONDAY 15TH MAY 2006

PRESENT:- COUNCILLOR R CURTIS (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J I Measor, M A Cartwright,
A Wake, M Milsom
Messrs: C Robbins, C J Metcalfe, E W Hall,
B Joyce, H Bennett, W M Jeffrey, D Coates,
D Milsom, R Jones, T Jones, G Calvert, R Kyle

There were also 16 members of the public present at the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor R Curtis welcomed members of the public and residents to the meeting and handed over to John Arthur, Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk said that he would like to bring residents up to date with what the Council had been doing in the previous year.

He gave details on the following items:-

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
MARCH 2006 & AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

When the Town Council's budget for 2005/2006 was set in December 2005 it was anticipated that gross expenditure would be £1,637,598.00, with a net expenditure of £1,157,881.00.

The precept was set at £1,062,288.00. At the time it was anticipated reserves by the year end 2005/2006 would be £285,000.00.

At the year end as in the previous years, the Banqueting Suites showed an increase in income, and the Council had received a number of small grants. At the end of the financial year, the balances of the Council stood

at £441,529.23 and the Town Council received an unqualified report on it's financial affairs and corporate governance from District Audit.

2. AGREEMENTS & LAND TRANSACTIONS

(i) NEW CATERING AGREEMENT AT SHOTTON HALL

Following on from the report to last year's Parish meeting the Council had awarded a three year catering contract to Mrs J Cockburn of a Touch of Class Catering, following a tender exercise.

3. LIST OF PROJECTS CARRIED OUT DURING 2005/2006

Peterlee Regeneration Plan – Stage 1 completed; Stage 2 in Progress

Completion of Feasibility Study into Rebuilding at Helford Road, Currently a sports building

D.D.A. Work at Various Sites

New Youth Shelter at Woodhouse Park

Improvement of Shower Facilities – Hill Rigg House

Creation of New Website

Relocation of Passmore Pole

4. BEST VALUE – PROGRESS REPORT/AUDIT

The Town Council received an unqualified report from District Audit on it's Best Value Performance Plan. The Council is also undertaking two major reviews of services including Horticultural Services where a review has been undertaken in partnership with Seaham Town Council, and the Public Buildings Review in partnership with the District and County Authorities.

5. MATTERS WORTH A SPECIAL MENTION

In addition to projects that improve facilities, the Town Council has also carried out a number of other projects. The Town Clerk felt that the following were worthy of a special mention including:-

The development of the Youth Council to give the young people of the Town a voice

Development of the Peterlee Heritage and Cultural Days

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The success of the Mayor's Charity Appeal, with support from Buckingham Bingo

Wayne Harriman, Cemetery/Records Officer representing England in the Sea Angling Competition

The Leader of the Town Council had been elected Chair Elect of the A.L.L.C. and that Councillor B Joyce had been elected to the N.A.L.C. Larger Local Councils Committee. The Town Council voice was therefore being heard at a national level.

None of the members of the public had any questions or comments to make to the Council. The Mayor thanked them for their attendance and invited them along to next year's Annual Parish Elector's Meeting.