

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE OF THE 16TH
MAY 2011

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS
OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE

HELD IN THE BURDON SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2011

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, J I Measor, M
Milsom & J Black

Messrs: R Kyle, J Hardy, W M Jeffrey,
R Curtis, C Watkins, D Langan, C J
Metcalf, R Huitson, D Milsom, & C
Austin

There were also 14 members of the public present at the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor L Wood, welcomed Members of the public and residents to the meeting and handed over to Miss Kay Tweddle, Acting Town Clerk.

The Acting Town Clerk welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that she would like to bring residents up to date with what the Council had been doing in the previous year.

Details had been given in the report on the budget and explaining why the level of precept had been set at £1,407,621.00.

It was reported that the Council had received an unqualified report from District Audit on its financial affairs and corporate governance.

The Town Council has also adopted and used the Power of Well Being in granting donations to Sophie Allen, Jessica Lloyd and Richard Rowe.

1. AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS

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The following agreements were made during the year:-

- The Town Council entered into a three year rental arrangement with Comfortcall for meeting rooms at Shotton Hall;
- NHS South of Tyne & Wear continued renting a room in the Tourist Information Centre;
- The Town Council granted an easement across Town Council owned land to assist the development of 13 No bungalows on behalf of DAHMA on the site of the Former Sports Centre at Lowhills Road.
- The Town Council entered into a further Service Level Agreement with Durham County Council for Building Services for 2010/11.

2. MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL

The Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund in 2010/11 had raised in the order of £9,950 with over 11 organisations benefiting from the Appeal.

3. LISTS OF PROJECTS CARRIED OUT

Works and achievements include the following projects:-

- Works virtually complete on The Pavilion, Helford Road New Sports and Community Building. The Team are now busy promoting and developing it along with the newly appointed Sports Development Officer;
- Installation of a permanent skate park with partner funding from four of the six County Councillors and support from the East Durham AAP and Seaham Town Council;
- Grant Funding for the PACES Project based at the Pavilion, a new community exercise programme aimed at 40 – 70 year olds, and a Project Worker employed to support this programme;
- Kickz Project in partnership with SAFC;
- Organisation of new events such as the Sports Relief Mile;
- Part demolition of the existing Helford Road Cricket Club and the creation of a new car park at The Pavilion;
- Green initiatives, providing low energy lighting at Shotton Hall Civic Offices and Banqueting Suites;

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- External Re Decoration of Shotton Hall Civic Offices and Banqueting Suites;
- Development of Tasty Plots in partnership with Peterlee Leisure Gardeners Association and East Durham Groundwork Trust to provide additional trial plots for new gardeners in the form of raised beds.

The Acting Town Clerk then asked members of the public for any questions or comments on the information given. None of the members of the public had any questions or comments for the Council. In closing, she commented that the Town Council, Members and staff have had a very busy and fruitful year, notwithstanding the hard work and efforts of all of its staff and Members and its various partners.

The Chairman thanked them for their interest and attendance and invited them along to next year's Annual Parish Elector's Meeting.