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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 13TH MAY 2013

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: C Baty, L Wood, M Milsom, M Thompson, J I Measor, V Watson, K Liddell & S Simpson

Messrs: L Cook, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, F Price, A Watson, D Sillito, R Curtis & S Miles

There were also 10 members of the public present at the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor R Kyle, welcomed Members of the public and residents to the meeting and handed over to Miss Kay Tweddle, Deputy Town Clerk.

The Deputy Town Clerk welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that she would like to bring residents up to date with the Town Councils activities over the previous year.

Details had been given in the report on the budget and explaining why the level of precept had been set at $\pounds 1,496,450.00$, an increase of less than 3%, equating to $\pounds 7.66$ per year on a Band D property on the previous year's bill.

It was reported that the Council had received an unqualified report from District Audit on its financial affairs and corporate governance. A series of Internal Audits had also been carried out during the year and the Town Council were financially sound and well run.

1. <u>AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS</u>

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The following agreements were made during the year:-

- The Town Council completed the registration effected in respect of the Sports England Award for The Pavilion, Helford Road.
- The Town Council entered into an agreement with Stonham, & EDPIP for use of the facilities at Eden Lane Community Facility.

2. <u>MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL</u>

The Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund in 2012/13 had raised in the order of £7,250.00 with over 14 organisations benefiting from the Appeal.

3. <u>LISTS OF PROJECTS CARRIED OUT</u>

It was reported works and achievements included the following projects:-

- Flag Flying Day The Pavilion was once again host to the annual 'Flag Flying Event' on 25th June 2012 in honour of 'Armed Forces Day'. The event was attended by local Veterans, Cadets, Members and Dignitaries.
- The opening of the Bistro, adding another service to the Pavilion, providing light snacks and refreshments to users and the general public.
- The Pavilion had the Official Opening of the Pavilion on Tuesday 7th May 2013. A plaque was unveiled by the Mayor of Peterlee Councillor R Kyle and was attended by key funding partners, local dignitaries, Members and users of the Pavilion.
- Maintaining Grant Funding for the PACES Project based at the Pavilion, a community exercise programme aimed at 40

 70 year olds, and a Project Worker employed to support this programme;
- Bronze Better Health Award with the support of the Town Council's Health Advocates;

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- Organisation of community events such as the Sports Relief Mile, the Annual Fireworks Display, Peterlee Show, Peterlee in Bloom, Mayoress at Home, Civic Church Service, Civic Christmas Carol Service, New Years Party for Senior Citizens to name but a few;
- An increase in events and bookings for the Shotton Hall Civic Offices and Banqueting Suites and The Pavilion, Helford Road;
- An Event Plan was produced and approved for 2013, including such events as family fun days at The Pavilion and Woodhouse Park & Christmas Family entertainment at Shotton Hall.

Reference was made to the Town Clerk's absence and the Town Council's best wishes were given for Mrs Russell to make a full and speedy recovery.

The Deputy 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 she thanked the public for their interest in the Town Council and its business.