

78. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE
PASSED THE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE
PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PERSUANT TO
THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1998
& THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION)
ACT.

79. ELWICK MILLENIUM ASSOCIATION – MASKED BALL
FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2006

The Town Clerk informed Members of correspondence between the
Town Council and Elwick Millenium Association following the
Association's Masked Ball held on the 29th September 2006.

The Town Clerk went on to advise that according to his calculation
the Council were still owed £44.51 by the Association, but this sum
had been disputed by the Association. The Secretary of the
Association, in correspondence, suggested the explanation given by
the Facilities Manager was "pure fiction".

In view of the small amount of money involved the Town Clerk
RECOMMENDED:-

- (a) that no further action be taken to recover the debt of
£44.51, and,
- (b) no future bookings of the Banqueting Suites be accepted
from the Elwick Millenium Association, and the Association
be advised accordingly.



PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE MAYOR'S ANTE CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2007

PRESENT: COUN R HUITSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames: M A Cartwright

Messrs: D Coates, G Calvert and T Jones

**MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE
ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W
M Jeffrey and C Robbins.

64. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Matters Arising

Minute No. 212 – Hiring of Shotton Hall in December it was
RECOMMENDED that:-

(i) The Council amend it's current policy to restrict the
number of evening hirings any one organization can make in
December, (excluding Council hirings), to a maximum of two
per organization;

(ii) that applications for concessionary use be restricted to
Monday to Thursday hirings only. This would mean that
concessionary use could not be granted in the month of
December, Bank Holidays, or for Friday, Saturday or Sundays.
The Town Clerk be given authority to waive this in exceptional
business circumstances.



63. THE LATE FRANK TURNBULL MEMORIAL AWARD &
YOUNG CITIZENS AWARD 2007

Consideration was given to the launch of this year's Award. Members were circulated with a letter received from the Peterlee Branch of Amicus suggesting an amendment to the current rules in connection with the award.

RECOMMENDED that approval be given "in principle" to the rules of the award being amended as follows, subject to approval at the Council meeting that no member of Amicus Committee or sitting Council Member, or their immediate family member, shall be considered for this award.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the closing date for nominations be set as Tuesday 10th April 2007.

64. CHEWING GUM REMOVAL

Members were circulated with a proposal from a local resident for a "chewy tube" for the disposal of chewing gum. A copy of the letter had been sent to the Town Centre Manager as well as the District of Easington. It was suggested that she should contact street furniture manufacturers also.

RECOMMENDED that the letter be received and Miss McKinney be wished lots of luck with her idea.

65. GOOD PRACTICE SEMINAR – "JOINING FORCES – HOW
PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS CAN DO MORE IN
PARTNERSHIP" – THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2007 (10.30am –
3.30pm), LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT,
LONDON

RECOMMENDED that the invitation be accepted and two Members from the Conference Rota along with the Clerk (if appropriate) attend this Seminar.

66. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF SHOTTON
HALL BANQUETING SUITES



Consideration was given to the following requests for concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites:-

- i) Easington Carers Collaborative – Thursday 14th June or Friday 15th June 2007
RECOMMENDED that concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites be granted to Easington Carers Collaborative for Thursday 14th June 2007.
- ii) Peterlee & District Flower Club – Wednesday 9th May & Wednesday 14th November 2007
RECOMMENDED that concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites be granted to the Peterlee & District Flower Club on 9th May and 14th November 2007.
- iii) Haswell & District Mencap – Friday 25th January 2008
RECOMMENDED that consideration of this request be deferred pending discussion on the concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites on a Friday evening.
- iv) Easington & Peterlee Rotary Club – Friday 15th June 2007, Friday 9th November 2007 and Friday 7th March 2008
RECOMMENDED that consideration of this request be deferred pending discussion on the concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites on a Friday evening

67. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to the following requests for financial assistance:-

- i) Durham Wildlife Trust
RECOMMENDED that no donation be made in view of the annual contribution being made to the Castle Eden Dene National Nature reserve.
- ii) Peterlee Town Ladies Football Club
RECOMMENDED that a donation of £250.00 be made towards the transport costs of the Peterlee Town Ladies FC attending the Nottingham Forrest International Victoria trophy 5 a side Competition.
- iii) Cancer Research UK & Great North Air Ambulance



RECOMMENDED that this request be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration.

68. LETTER OF APPRECIATION - EAST DURHAM POSITIVE INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP - CHRISTMAS PARTY/PRESENTATION NIGHT HELD 12TH DECEMBER 2006

The Deputy Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from EDPIP following a donation made.

RECOMMENDED that the letter be received.

69. BEST VALUE UPDATE

Members were circulated with an update on Best Value. Within the "Strong and Prosperous Communities: Local Government White Paper, Making it Happen, The Implementation Plan" it was stated..."we will deregulate and simplify best value to enable authorities to secure continuous improvement through involvement of local people and strategic commissioning. This will include removing the requirements to prepare an annual Best Value Performance Plan and conduct best value reviews, exempting parishes from best value and replacing the Best Value Performance Indicators with the new indicator set. We aim to implement this from April 2008."

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.



PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLERK'S

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE HERITAGE CENTRE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2007

PRESENT:- COUN W M JEFFREY (CHAIR)

Messrs: R Curtis & T Jones

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Calvert and G Cowie.

53. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Matters Arising

Minute Number 44(i) – Request for Financial Assistance – Victor Passmore Pavilion Residents Steering Group – Attendance at a Conference in London

To note that a Member of the Group did not attend and therefore a donation was not made.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

54. REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF SHOTTON HALL

Consideration was given to the following requests for concessionary use of the Banqueting Suite(s):-

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