

THE MINUTES OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE MAYOR'S ANTECHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2010

PRESENT: COUN W M JEFFREY (CHAIR)

Mesdame: L Wood

Messrs: J Alvey, R Kyle, C J Metcalfe, C Austin,
D Langan & H Bennett MBE

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

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of
Councillors T Jones, (illness), and J I Measor, (family illness).

77. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had
been previously circulated to each Member, were accepted.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 69 – Town & Parish Councils Neighbourhood
Development Programme

The Town Clerk updated Members on the current situation regarding
the submission of grant applications and financial support. He had
also circulated for information the findings of the latest Resident's
Survey.

RECOMMENDED a separate meeting be held to consider the

findings of the Resident's Survey and that progress on the grant applications, be awaited.

78. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Consideration was given to the request for financial assistance received from this organization.

RECOMMENDED that the Mayor be requested to consider making a donation to this organization as part of the Charity Appeal.

79. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES

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

- (a) Peterlee & District Flower Club – Wednesday 12th May 2010 & Wednesday 10th November 2010

RECOMMENDED that the Peterlee & District Flower Club be granted free use of the Banqueting Suites for their demonstrations on 12th May and 10th November 2010.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR W M JEFFREY DECLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

- (b) EDPIP Charity Ball – Friday 19th November 2010

RECOMMENDED that East Durham Positive Inclusion Partnership be granted free use of the Banqueting Suites for their Charity Ball to be held on 19th November 2010.

(c) The Salvation Army, (Northern Division) – Retreat Day
Wednesday 12th January 2011

RECOMMENDED that the Salvation Army be granted, “in principle”, free use of the Banqueting Suites for their Retreat Day on 12th January 2011, but this be confirmed at the April meeting.

80. REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF HILL RIGG HOUSE
– COMMUNITY SPIRIT – YOUTH CLUB MONDAY NIGHTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request for concessionary use of Hill Rigg House from Community Spirit for their youth club held on a Monday evening at Hill Rigg House.

A Local Member expressed his concern that there seemed to be no information from the organization as to what efforts were being made to draw down grant to financially support hire of the building. It was also asked that the financial standing of the organization be ascertained.

RECOMMENDED that free use of a room in Hill Rigg House be granted to this organization up to 31st March 2010, and the Town Clerk forward an appropriately worded letter to the Secretary expressing the view the Council will find it difficult to renew this approval again if no evidence can be provided of attempts to source grant income to cover the rent.

81. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF THE PAVILION

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request for concessionary use of the Pavilion from the following:-

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM
COUNCILLORS H BENNETT MBE, R KYLE & C AUSTIN ALL
DECLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK NO PART IN THE
DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

(i) Macmillan Cancer Support – Saturday 6th March 2010

RECOMMENDED that free use of the Brian Joyce Suite be granted to this organization for their fundraising event on the 6th March 2010.

(ii) Peterlee Pumas – Saturday 8th May 2010

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk obtain further information on this application.

82. REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF THE HELFORD ROAD MUGA

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request for concessionary use of the MUGA from the following:-

(i) Schools in Peterlee

The Sports Development Officer had requested whether schools could be granted one free use, during the day time, of the MUGA per year as part of her development work with the School Sports Co-ordinators and to promote the MUGA.

RECOMMENDED that this matter be considered further at a future meeting.

(ii) East Durham Homes, Saturday 3rd July 2010, Summer Fair including a “5 a side” Competition

RECOMMENDED that free use of the MUGA be granted to East Durham Homes for a youth “5 a side Tournament, subject to them booking the Brian Joyce Suite for their Summer Fair.

83. LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT – APPEARING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OR PUBLIC MEETINGS – 4TH MARCH 2010, CHESTER LE STREET

Members were advised of receipt of an invitation to attend this event.

RECOMMENDED that the invitation be accepted and the Town Council be represented by two Members from the course rota.

84. LETTERS OF THANKS

- (a) Harbour – Women's Refuge
- (b) Peterlee Labour Party
- (c) Special Needs Children's Carnivals

The Town Clerk was pleased to report receipt of a letter of thanks from these organizations following a donation or concessionary use being granted by the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted.

85. ADVERTISING REQUEST – PARISH MAGAZINE ARTICLE – SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request from the Spinal Injuries Association asking if the Council would publicize their Great British Fish & Chip Supper to be held on Friday 21st May 2010, in the next edition of "About Town".

RECOMMENDED that this request be agreed.

86. ST GEORGE'S DAY EVENT – 23RD APRIL 2010

The Town Clerk asked for direction on arrangements required for this event.

RECOMMENDED that this event go ahead as a Mayor's afternoon event, the details of which to be discussed at a future meeting.

87. NORTH EAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2010/11

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FEBRUARY 2010

Members were asked to give consideration to the renewal of the Town Council's membership of the NECC.

RECOMMENDED that membership of N.E.C.C. not be renewed in 2010/11.