

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE

AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2006

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J I Measor, A E Laing

Messrs: H Bennett, E W Hall,
B Scott, C J Metcalfe, D Coates, G Calvert
& R Huitson

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

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G
Cowie, D Milsom, M Milsom, R Jones, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis, C
Robbins & T Jones.

71. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 59 – Nominations & Motions for the Executive
Committee, County Durham Association of Local Councils

It was noted that at the Council Meeting it had been agreed that
Councillor M rs A Laing would be nominated by the Town Council's
representative to the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

72. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was accepted.

73. EASINGTON & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
(i) Annual General Meeting
(ii) Proposal to become a Company Limited by Guarantee

Members were circulated with details of the AGM and the proposal by the Easington & District Citizens Advice Bureau to become a Company Limited by Guarantee.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

74. EASINGTON AREA ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Members were circulated with the Minutes of the last meeting of the Easington Area Association held on 4th July 2006.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

75. DURHAM HERITAGE COAST PARTNERSHIP, ANNUAL COAST FORUM 2006

Members were circulated with details of the Annual Coastal Forum to be held on Thursday 19th October 2006. At the meeting, the annual elections for the two open seats on their Steering Group would be held.

RECOMMENDED that the Members that represent the Town Council on the Partnership, Councillor R Curtis and C J Robbins be nominated to the Steering Group.

76. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that he had met with the Council's Insurers to review the Town Council's insurance responsibilities and claims history. It had been suggested that the Council's claims record was good and it was likely that the premium would be increased hopefully only by inflation.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

77. NOTIFICATION OF WORKS ORDERED – THORNTREE
GILL/EASTFIELD

Members were circulated with a copy of traffic management works planned for the Thorntree Gill/Eastfield area of the Town. A Local Member commented that this was the third time that works had been undertaken at this location, and he felt this was at the expense of other wards/areas.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

78. EXTRACT FROM THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON MINUTES –
ROLL OUT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT
PATHFINDER PROGRAMME INTO NORTH PETERLEE

Members were circulated with an extract of the District of Easington Minutes relating to the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder Programme. It was noted that Councillor M Milsom had been nominated to represent the Town Council on the Pathfinder Board.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

79. LICENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SKIPS, SCAFFOLDING,
HOARDINGS AND DEPOSITS OF MATERIAL ON THE
HIGHWAY

Members were circulated with a copy of an information leaflet and background reports produced by Durham County Council regarding the licence requirements for skips, scaffolding, hoardings and

deposits of materials on the highway.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

80. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – FURTHER INFORMATION

Members were circulated with a copy of further information received from Durham County Council's School Places Strategy Manager in connection with the proposals for the Dene Community School and Shotton Hall. It was understood that further documentation would be available on or around the 26th October 2006.

RECOMMENDED that further developments be awaited.

81. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO PASS THE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1961 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

82. PETERLEE HELFORD ROAD – PROPOSAL FOR PREPARING FUNDING BIDS

The Town Clerk requested authority to engage the Banks of the Wear Consultancy to prepare bids for funding for the Helford Road Project.

RECOMMENDED that the Banks of the Wear be engaged to prepare funding bids on the Town Council's behalf at a day rate of £400.00, up to a maximum of £1,200 per bid.

83. ARTS & CRAFTS MARQUEE

Members were circulated with a copy of a report prepared following an incident of theft at this year's Arts & Crafts Marquee. The report outlined new procedures which had been agreed with Internal Audit to mitigate the likelihood of this happening again.

RECOMMENDED that the report and procedures be adopted and reviewed after next year's Show .