

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007

PRESENT: COUN. T JONES (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J I Measor, J F Scott, M
Milsom, M A Cartwright

Messrs: C J Metcalfe, T Jones, H Bennett
MBE, W M Jeffrey, J Hardy, R Curtis, R
Jones, E W Hall, R Huitson, C Austin & D
Milsom

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

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C
Robbins, G Cowie, L Wood & B Scott.

36. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, a copy
of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute No 30 – Cultural & Heritage Event 2007, the Town Clerk
reported that this year's event was the biggest and best yet, and he was
investigating what the opportunities were to extend the event even
further to another venue.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

Minute No 33 – Hill Rigg House Formal Lease – the Town Clerk reported that he was investigating the possibilities of a youth Café at Hill Rigg House and he would report back to Members in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

37. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was accepted.

38. NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PETERLEE YOUTH GROUP OF THE 25TH JUNE 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

39. 11 MILLION TAKEOVER DAY – FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2007, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO “TAKEOVER” THE HOUSE OF COMMONS’ CHAMBER

Members were circulated with details of Takeover Day, where on the 23rd of November 2007, the 11 million children and young people in England will be invited to takeover leading institutions, jobs and organizations. This was being done as part of celebrating the importance of children and young people in society.

RECOMMENDED that the Council agree in principle to take part in this day and the Town Clerk come back to Members with what type of activity may be planned.

40. INSTALLATION OF 8 DISABLED ACCESS RAMPS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, PETERLEE

Members were circulated with works ordered by the Highways Department, Durham County Council at various locations in the

Town.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

41. DISTRICT OF EASINGTON – EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES
– EDENHILL, NORTH EAST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE & OLD
BOYS CLUB SITE

Members were circulated with extracts of interest from the Minutes of the District of Easington. The Town Clerk advised that there was to be a joint meeting convened where a presentation was to be given by the developers of the North East Industrial Estate and Members would receive notification of the date in due course.

RECOMMENDED that further details be awaited.

42. VICTIM SUPPORT COUNTY DURHAM - UPDATE

Details were circulated giving an update from Victim Support County Durham.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

43. NORTH EAST ENGLAND TOURISM AWARDS 2007

The Town Clerk was delighted to advise that the Peterlee Information Centre had been shortlisted in the Tourist Information Centre of the Year category of the North East Tourism Awards 2007. The winner was to be announced at an awards ceremony to be held on Wednesday 19th September 2007 and it was asked for approval for 2 tickets to be purchased for the event, to be used along with the 2 free gratis tickets awarded.

RECOMMENDED that approval be given for the Chairman of the Information Centre Committee, Councillor Measor along with the Manager and two other Information Centre staff to attend this awards evening and if more tickets could be obtained

all of the Information Centre staff be allowed to attend.

44. LETTER OF APPRECIATION – SHOTTON HALL
BANQUETING SUITES

Members were circulated with a copy of a letter of thanks and appreciation from a very satisfied customer of Shotton Hall.

RECOMMENDED that this letter be circulated to all members of the Facilities Team along with a letter of appreciation from the Council.

45. 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.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM
COUNCILLOR J I MEASOR DECLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK
NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

46. PETERLEE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

(i) Installation of Sky TV

Members were circulated with a copy of a report prepared asking for consideration of the installation of Sky TV in the Peterlee Football Club.

RECOMMENDED that permission be given to install Sky TV in Peterlee Football Club.

(ii) CCTV

Consideration was given to a report prepared in the above regard.

RECOMMENDED that approval be given to the works as given in the report at a total cost of £5,740.00.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that a further report be prepared on security monitoring for the entirety of the Council's estate, and this be the subject of a further report.

47. SPORT ENGLAND – AWARD OF GRANT, HELFORD ROAD MUGA

The Town Clerk gave a progress report on grant applications for this project. He was delighted that two grant offers had been made for £128,000 and the results were awaited on one application.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

48. PETERLEE NEWTOWN AFC FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RECOMMENDED that this item be referred to the Council meeting for further consideration.

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

49. REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND FOR FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE

Consideration was given to this request. It was felt that the individual should make preliminary investigations with the District of Easington regarding his proposal and the Town Clerk intended to investigate and report back to Members on the matter.

RECOMMENDED that this course of action be followed.

50. SHOTTON HALL - USE OF CANDLES

RECOMMENDED that consideration of this matter be deferred.

51. POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF SLCC

The Leader advised that the Town Clerk had been invited to take up this position sooner than anticipated and he asked for the Council's approval for the Clerk to accept this offer immediately.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council support the Town Clerk with this prestigious appointment.

52. SHOW WEEKEND

The Mayor expressed her concern at incidents over the Show weekend. The Mayor was asked to put these points to the Clerk in writing when a full response would be made.

RECOMMENDED that this course of action be approved.