

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT: COUN C J METCALFE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell & J Black

Messrs:- T A Jones, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE,
C Watkins, C Austin, R Huitson, E W Hall, R Curtis, G
Cowie, C Robbins, D Milsom & W M Jeffrey

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

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

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 53 No Need For Nuclear – House Of Commons
Early Day Motion No 557, it had been agreed at the Council Meeting
not to support this motion.

(ii) Minute Number 61.Durham County Council - Licensing Act 2003
– Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation, it had been agreed at
the Council Meeting that the view be expressed that local input was
needed into licensing issues.

76. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
OF 23RD SEPTEMBER 2010 was agreed, there were several queries
that were to be taken up out of the meeting.

77. PUTTING BIODIVERSITY AT THE HEART OF DURHAM
EVENT, 21ST OCTOBER 2010, COUNTY HALL, DURHAM

Members were circulated with an invitation to attend this event.

**RECOMMENDED Councillor W M Jeffrey and C J Metcalfe
attend on the Town Council's behalf.**

78. DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN – 20TH SEPTEMBER TO 17TH
OCTOBER 2010

Members were circulated with information on the Dog Fouling Campaign running 20th September through to 17th October 2010. Specific areas in each AAP were being targeted. The East Durham AAP has identified Seaham Promenade and beach and Crimdon Dene car park and beach. It was asked if any areas could be included and suggested if this was possible could Lowhills Road football fields and Helford Road football fields be added.

**RECOMMENDED that this request be made o the East Durham
AAP.**

79. THE REGISTERED TRADER SCHEME

Members were circulated with details of the Registered Trader Scheme which provides contact details of local vetted traders whom can carry out work or provide goods or services to consumers.

**RECOMMENDED that these posters be displayed throughout
Town Council premises.**

80. EAST DURHAM AAP PRIORITY GROUPS & DATE AND TIME
OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Members were circulated with details of the East Durham AAP Priority Groups which were job creation, infrastructure and regeneration, education, transport and children & young people.

Dates for the meetings of the sub groups were circulated along with the next Board Meeting to be held on 21st October, Robin Todd Centre, 6-8pm, where everyone was welcome.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

81. EAST DURHAM LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND (RDPE)

Details of the East Durham LEADER project were circulated. The Leader asked if any of the staff had investigated this programme any further for funding opportunities. This was to be checked.

RECOMMENDED that a representative of the East Durham LEADER Project be invited to attend a future meeting.

82. FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Members were circulated with an update on the future of the standards framework for Members of Local Authorities in England. Confirmation and further detail in respect of the proposals would be available when the Localism Bill was before Parliament and any new legislation was unlikely to take effect until the end of 2011 or early 2012.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

83. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEETS

Members were circulated with a copy of stock take sheets for the three licensed premises belonging to the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED that the reports be accepted.

84. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC
IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE
PASSED 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.

85. MAYOR'S BALL

The Chairman of the Mayor's Committee asked for Members support with this event, purchasing tickets and donating prizes for the tombola. He was concerned that the ticket sales were low and the prizes becoming more and more difficult to obtain.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

86. FIRE DAMAGE - NOTES OF THE MEETING WITH THE
INSURANCE COMPANY HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
2010

RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Town Clerk be given authority, with plenary powers being granted to do so immediately, to obtain legal/insurance advice on this matter.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the options be presented to the Council Meeting.