

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT: COUN C J METCALFE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell, L Wood & J Black

Messrs:- T A Jones, C Austin, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis, C Watkins, D Langan, J Alvey & C Robbins

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

152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillors R W Jones, (wife ill), G Cowie, (bronchitis), J I Measor, (Hospital treatment), E W Hall, (stroke), D & M Milsom, (holiday).

153. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 127 – Request for Traffic Calming Measures – Chapel Hill Road

This request had been received via a Local Ward Member; it was reported that this had been discussed some time ago when a decision was made to install traffic calming measures on Cumbrian Way instead of Chapel Hill Road, due to budget constraints.

(ii) Minute Number 141 – Approach for 2010/11 Accounts

Members were circulated with a copy of the details of the proposals to amend the Accounts and Audit Regulations issued by DCLG. The Town Clerk suggested that this be a matter to be discussed further to agree a united approach at the next meeting of the Larger Local Councils Forum to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**RECOMMENDED that the outcome of these discussions be awaited.**

(iii) Minute Number 144 - New Year's Eve Tickets 2011 – Member's Allocation

Members were asked to notify the Office of their intention of taking up tickets for this event.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.**

154. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 3.00pm, Shotton Hall.

155. APOLLO PAVILION STEERING GROUP – MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

Members were circulated with a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of this Group.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.**

156. STADT NORDENHAM

Members were circulated with a letter from the Twin Town of Nordenham sending the Town Council their best wishes.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.**

157. NALC'S DIS EXTRA

Members were circulated with a copy of the latest issue of the Direct Information Service Bulletin and items of interest were highlighted by the Clerk which related to the withdrawal of Planning Aid and coalfield area renewal.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.**

158. ELECTORATE NUMBERS

Members were circulated with information on the electorate numbers for the Parishes in Durham County.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.**

159. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT SEX ESTABLISHMENT/ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENSING POLICY

Members were circulated with a copy of this draft policy for comment.

**RECOMMENDED that no comment be made on the draft document.**

160. COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Members were circulated with a copy of this consultation document for comment.

**RECOMMENDED that this item be referred to the Parks & Cemetery Meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

161. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEETS

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

It was reported that a demonstration of a line cleaning system had been arranged for the next day and a report would be made following that.

**RECOMMENDED that the stock take reports be accepted and a report on the line cleaning system be awaited.**

162. PCT/NHS HPIER ACUTE STROKE SERVICES: THE CASE FOR THE PREFERRED MODEL – 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011, DARLINGTON

Members were advised of receipt of an invitation to attend this event. Councillor Metcalfe had attended the previous event and it was noted that the East Durham Model was the preferred model for this service provision.

**RECOMMENDED that Councillor Metcalfe attend this event on the Town Council's behalf.**

163. COST CUTTING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FOOTBALL CLUB

Members were asked to approve suggestions made at the meeting of the Eden Lane Football Club Liaison Group Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED that the following actions be taken in an attempt to reduce costs at the Football Club:-**

- (a) the juke box be taken out and the Manager investigate the licensing requirements;**
- (b) the one armed bandit remain but if possible the contractual arrangement for the hire be changed;**
- (c) the price of a game of pool be increased from 30p to 40p per game at both the Football Club and The Pavilion;**
- (d) the price of a pint of beer be increased to £2.00 and lager to £2.05 at both facilities after the next stock take.**

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED** that these actions be reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee with a request that plenary powers be granted to allow these actions to be taken immediately.