

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell & J Black

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

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

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillors
G Cowie, (family bereavement) and E W Hall, (ill)

110. APOLLO PAVILION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Chairman welcomed Alison Lister, Project Manager who gave a short update on the status of the Pavilion and the education and community programme that had been developed since its restoration. This included information about a new high profile workshop programme that was due to start in local schools. Alison was accompanied by David Taylor Gooby, David Jaques and Jake Cameron from the Group, along with an interested member of the public. The link to an exhibition to be held at the DLI Durham with young contemporary Arts Prize winner, Toby Patterson was given,

with his work being influenced by the work of Victor Pasmore and the Apollo Pavilion.

The Chairman opened the meeting for a question and answer session. The Chairman thanked the representative for coming along to the meeting and asked for the Council to be kept informed on progress with the project.

RECOMMENDED that for future presentation or invitations to meetings these be held at the Parks Meeting evening.

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

Matters Arising

- (i) Halloween Party Budget 2011

RECOMMENDED this report be re submitted with the correct cost of bar sales.

- (ii) Alterations to the Minutes

(iii) RECOMMENDED the minutes be altered to include (iv) a copy of the judgment in the Burroughs v Peterlee Town Council case be obtained and circulated to each Member.

Meeting with Grahame Morris, MP – Monday 13th February 2012 at 11.00am, Shotton Hall

Members were asked to note that arrangements had been made for this meeting. It was noted that one of the Members that worked had recently missed the meetings being held during the day, although he would have appreciated the opportunity to attend.

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted.

- (iv) Code of Conduct Issues, Alleged Noise and Nuisance – Feedback from the Pavilion Management Board

It was felt that the report made verbally at the meeting was not correct.

RECOMMENDED that feedback be given to the organisers of the Youth Groups held at The Pavilion about the need for strict supervision of youngsters for their safety and the conduct expected in this public building.

112. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 12TH JANUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

There was a query regarding a payment made to Taylors Bakery for the food provided at the quiz held at The Pavilion. In considering this reference was made to the recent request made by the footballers. The Deputy Town Clerk assured this was to be considered at the Clerk's Advisory Meeting.

RECOMMENDED that this report be awaited.

113. SELECT TENDER/APPROVED CONTRACTOR LIST & REVIEW OF ALL CONTRACTS & SERVICES

There was no cost given for this advert. It was also suggested that other Councils be contacted on this matter.

RECOMMENDED that the cost for an advert in the local newspapers be obtained and this be considered at the Council Meeting.

114. SHOTTON AIRFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2011– SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS

Consideration was given to the report from this meeting. It was agreed that Councillor Alvey, as the Town Council's representative, was freed to speak on issues at the meeting if they related to Peterlee.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Councils support be given to the airfield and an appropriate letter be sent.

115. REPORT OF THE MEETING WITH CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS & LICENSING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, 13TH JANUARY 2012

Consideration was given to the report of this joint meeting.

RECOMMENDED arrangements be made for the meetings to be held, with transport provided and they run in tandem for the various issues in each ward if possible. Consideration be given to the timing of the site inspections particularly for the schools closing time of around 3 o clock.

116. WARMHOMES CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER – ISSUE JANUARY 2012

Members felt this was an excellent campaign, whilst one Member expressed caution with it.

RECOMMENDED that the info given be noted.

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

118. BUSINESS RATES – 2005 RATING LIST – SHOTTON HALL

It was reported that a reduction in the Rating Assessment for Shotton Hall under the 2005 list. The assessment had been reduced from RV £22,250 to RV£21,250 from 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2010 when the list ended. Storeys Edward Symmons were now looking at the current assessment under the 2010 list of rateable value of £26,000, and the fee for this work was given to Members.

RECOMMENDED that the info given be noted and the action taken in engaging Storey Edward Symmons, be endorsed.

119. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION – CASTLE EDEN DENE
NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Members were circulated with a letter from the Senior Reserve Manager, Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve, asking if it was possible for the Town Council to maintain the same level of funding for 2012/13 and it outlined what the contribution would be used for.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) A meeting be held to set the budget;**
- (ii) This request be considered at this meeting, it being noted that this was a very well used and visited resource in the Town.**