

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMM OF THE 2ND
SEPTEMBER 2013

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, S Simpson, L Wood, M Milsom
V Watson & M Thompson

Messrs:- S Miles, D Sillito, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, L Cook,
C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, D Milsom & A Watson

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

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillors
F Price, (family commitments), C Baty and G Cowie, (ill).

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

Matters Arising

(i) Minute number 37 – Financial Risk Assessment – Review of
Banking Arrangements

Members were circulated with further details relating to the Co
Operative Bank from the press.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

(ii) Flag Flying Day – To consider the purchase of a combined services flag

RECOMMENDED contact be made with the Royal Signals representative about the type and cost etc of the desired flag and a further report be made to Members for their consideration.

44. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 18TH JULY & 8TH AUGUST 2013 copies of which had been previously circulated, were accepted. There was a query that would be answered after the meeting directly with the Member.

45. DURHAM ASSOCIATION NEWS – ISSUE 44

Members were circulated with a copy of the latest issue of this Newsletter.

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted.

46. YOUR COUNCIL'S CABINET

Members were circulated with a copy of this information which was a guide for local people to the Cabinet System on their principal authority. It was suggested that should Members be interested arrangements could be made to go along to such meeting(s) at Durham County Council.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

47. CORPORATE RISK STRATEGY

Members were circulated with a copy of the Corporate Risk Strategy for their consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDED that the Corporate Risk Strategy be accepted and the Action Plan be adopted and implemented immediately.

48. STREET LIGHTING POLICY CONSULTATION

Members were circulated with a copy of this document which was out for consultation. Several reports were made on lights that were either on or off in the Town. No comments were made of the consultation document.

RECOMMENDED no comments be made on this consultation and the reports be made on the faulty street lighting.

49. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND 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 AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

50. STOCK REPORTS PERIODS ENDING 2ND & 30TH JULY

(A) Shotton Hall

(B) The Pavilion

Consideration was given to the stock reports for the above three periods for all of the Town Councils licensed premises. There were issues with both wastage and staffing and it was suggested that these be considered in more detail at their appropriate service Committee.

RECOMMENDED that the reports be accepted and discussed in more detail as suggested.

51. INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT – APRIL, MAY JUNE 2013

Members were circulated with a report detailing the first quarter income and expenditure for the town Council. There were several items raised and they were noted to be taken up individually with the Member concerned.

RECOMMENDED the first quarter income and expenditure report be accepted.

52. TOWN TWINNING – COACH TENDERS

Details were given to Members of two tenders returned for this service, following an invitation extended to seven local coach companies. The coaches were to be inspected on Friday 6th September 2013, as was previous practice, and further consideration would then be given to all aspects of the tender submitted, not just the price.

Members were also circulated with an invite to join the trip next Summer.

RECOMMENDED the action taken in this regard be endorsed and authority be given to accept the most suitable tender for the provision of a coach to Germany.

53. STEADFAST SECURITY SYTEMS LIMUTED v PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

A verbal progress report was given on this issue along with a brief history for new Members. It was reported that the court had agreed a stay until November as requested by the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED further progress be awaited.

54. INSURANCE CASE SETTLEMENTS

Members were circulated with details of two settlements that had been agreed by the Town Council's insurers for a claim following accidents at the Dene Parks and in Woodhouse Park.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

55. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CAR PARKING AT SHOTTON HALL

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Members were advised that a request had been received from Shotton Hall Academy for assistance with car parking for teachers for the first week of the new term as their new car park was not yet complete.

RECOMMENDED that action taken in giving permission to this temporary arrangement, be endorsed.

56. INVITATION EXTENDED BY GLOBAL SPORT

Members were reminded of the invitation extended by Global Sport for them to visit on Thursday 5th September 2013 and view progress with the building.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.