

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMM OF THE 3RD
MARCH 2014

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER SHOTTON HALL PETERLEE
ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2014

PRESENT: COUNCIL KYLE (CHAIR)

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

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of
Councillor J I Measor, (family commitments), F Price, (ill health until
further notice) and G Cowie, (ill health).

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been
circulated to each Member, were agreed. The item raised under these
minutes at the Council Meeting was detailed. The Council Leader spoke
at length on the process of approving the minutes and how amendments
or alterations were made at the Council Meeting and the way they were
reported back into the next Committee. He felt that his first this had always
been the way of dealing with the minutes it may have been remiss of
them to do this.

East Durham LEADER suggested this approach would encompass grass roots community development and they hoped to:-

What they would like to:-

- Try to identify communities where partnerships already existed between parish/community and or local businesses (or where the Town Council feel they could exist);
- LEADER only had a couple of months to develop the strategy — so some quick meetings would be advantageous;
- AAP's across Durham have just completed a massive consultation — LEADER felt they did not need to reinvent the wheel, but wanted to look at a very local 'village/Town' level.
- There was no promise of funding at this stage — but LEADER could identify needs and discuss themes and the Town Council could assist in influencing the strategy.

LEADER asked for comments or feedback and for this information to be passed to anyone in the Community that might be interested in this model. It was suggested the details of the Twinning Group be passed onto the LEADER Manager.

RECOMMENDED the Twinning Groups' details be passed on to East Durham LEADER.

123. INVITATION TO NORDENHAM 15TH —17TH AUGUST 2014 Members were circulated with an invitation received for the Chairman of the Council, Mr Bill Jeffrey and the Mayor of Peterlee to the Stadfest in Nordenham 15th —^{4th}1 August 2014.

Councillor Jeffrey explained that this was unusual for himself to be invited, whilst the title in the letter was incorrect. The invitation would normally be for the Mayor and the Town Clerk to attend. Councillor Watson commented this was a perfect example of the confusion that this caused.

RECOMMENDED the invitation, be declined.

124. LAND AT DENE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Members were circulated with details of land was available due to a re modelling exercise at the school and would be sold on the open market for residential purposes and it was asked if the Town Council had any interest in the land.

Whilst the Town Council did not wish to purchase the land they felt they did have an interest in its future they have reservations at this use, in terms of traffic access and highway safety to and from any housing development on the site.

RECOMMENDED this comment be made by the due date of 4th March 2014.

125. ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015

Members were circulated with a final copy of the estimates which were the supporting information for the precept request made to Durham County Council.

There were several queries raised on the estimates information circulated. The majority of the issues had been raised previously at the Budget Meetings.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

126. 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, 1960 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

127. STOCK REPORTS PERIODS ENDING 15TH JANUARY 2014 & 12TH
FEBRUARY 2015

(A) Shotton Hall

(B) The Pavilion

Consideration was given to the stock reports for the above period for all of the Town Councils licensed premises. The Chairman of the Shotton Hall Sub Committee advised that there had been considerable debate relating to the way in which the line cleaning and waste was recorded. Two Local Members had attended Shotton Hall and viewed the line cleaning process and were totally satisfied that there was nothing that could be done to improve it in any way or reduce the cost.

RECOMMENDED that the reports be accepted.

128. EDEN LANE FOOTBALL CLUB — TENDER REPORT

Members considered the further report submitted following consideration at the Parks & Cemetery Meeting of the 10th February 2014. There were several queries on the report relating to the prices for security bars to the window, signage etc not being included.

RECOMMENDED the information requested be obtained and hits matter be considered again at the Parks & Cemetery Meeting on the 10th March 2014.

129. ITEM OF AOB REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR JEFFREY —EAST
DURHAM POSITIVE INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Jeffrey was very sorry to report that after over 10 years of service to people in East Durham EDPIP was to close its doors. Notice had been given to parents and the necessary paperwork was to be completed and the service would cease on 25th March 2014. EDPIP wished to express their sincere thanks for the help and support given by the Town Council and they were to hold a Farewell Party in Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

130. ITEM OF AOB RAISED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON FOLLOWING AGREEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It was asked for clarification on when decisions or matters could be openly discussed following meetings. It was explained that a local resident had raised the matter of the Fireworks Display being cancelled at a Resident's Association Meeting and there was concern that this decision had not been formally ratified by the Council Meeting. There was discussion on this matter and it was accepted that every Member was entitled to their opinion on issues.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

131. PETERLEE SHOW

(i) HOSTING THE STAGE

Following on from the Show meeting Karen Kennedy was contacted to ask if she would be interested in hosting the stage for the 2 days. Karen had also taken into consideration that being at the Show all day Saturday and the night she would be unable to take bookings to perform elsewhere on the night.

For the cost of £800.00 it would include the following:

- Host the stage on the Saturday from 11.00am until 22.15pm and Sunday from 10.00am until 14.00pm
- To perform for 1 hour with her partner — between 3.00 and 4.00pm, this cost alone would be £450.00
- To provide entertainment and organise dance groups to perform between 12.00 noon and 15.00pm which is needed as the stag entertainment is the only entertainment that will be on for the Saturday afternoon.

RECOMMENDED Karen Kennedy be booked for the amount o £800.00 to provide the above hosting/entertainment and plena powers be granted to action this booking immediately.

(ii) BANDS

The following prices had been received from bands to perform at the Peterlee Show:-

- Brigade - £500.00, 2 of the band members actually perform on the Voice last year, (called Diva) there play list includes Bon Jovi, Journey, Brian Adams etc.
- Gangsters of Ska - £700.00 always very popular, playlist - madness, specials, etc
- Bet u by Golly Wow- £450.00, they are a fantastic stylistics tribute band.

Total cost of £1,650.00, a saving of £425.00 from last year.

RECOMMENDED the bands given be booked in the sum of £1,650.00 and plenary powers be granted to action this booking immediately.

(iii) Temporary Accommodation

It was reported that following a conversation with the St Johns Unit, two units were required for the weekend.

RECOMMENDED two units be booked with Wernick Hire Ltd of Dunston in the sum of £450.00.