

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: COUN K HAWLEY (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- J I Measor, K Liddell, S Simpson, L M
Wood, M A Cartwright & V Watson

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

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

**The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the
meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that
photographs were taken.**

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S
McDonnell, (ill), H Bennett MBE, (had been leaflet dropping), and G
Cowie, (ill).

**RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reason submitted for
absence received from Councillors listed on the grounds given
above, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

72. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had
been previously circulated, were approved.

73. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 17TH DECEMBER 2015 copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

74. PUBLICATIONS

- (a) NALC Newsletters
- (b) DIS Extra Issue 874
- (c) Durham Association News
- (d) Bulletin on National Developments & Meetings
- (e) Larger Local Councils – Opportunity to submit items

- (f) Opportunities Bulletin – 11 December
- (g) New Year 2017 Honours – request for nominations

Members were circulated with extracts of the above documents and updates, with full copies being made available on request.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

75. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INVITE TO LGA LARGER TOWN & PARISH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Members were circulated with details on the above.

RECOMMENDED it be asked if this was an initiative that the Town Council could consider being part of in the future.

76. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

- (i) Extraordinary meetings of the council and committees and sub committees

RECOMMENDED this matter be considered further and it be deferred to the Council Meeting.

- (ii) Public Contract Regulations 2015

RECOMMENDED Standing Orders be altered to accommodate this change.

77. PETERLEE TOWN CENTRE – DESIGNS FOR BROADCLOSE
CAR PARK, PETERLEE BUS STATION & PETERLEE SUB WAY

Members were circulated with details of a project for the Town Centre where the County Council had asked if the Town Council could assist in the hanging floral displays. Durham County Council had been advised that the Town Council did not grow its own plants and there would be a cost to this provision.

RECOMMENDED Durham County Council be advised that unfortunately the Town Council were unable to provide floral displays for this project.

COUNCILLORS M A CARTWRIGHT, S MILES, V WATSON & S MILES DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

78. PETERLEE & NORDENHAM FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Members were circulated with a letter received from the PNFA.

It was suggested there was a document that recorded that four years notice needed to be given by the Town Council if it were to consider withdrawing its financial support to the NPFA. It was asked if a copy of this document could be provided to the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED a copy of the document be awaited and further consideration be given to budget provision at the budget setting meeting.

79. 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.

80. STOCK REPORTS PERIOD ENDING 23RD NOVEMBER 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.

RECOMMENDED that the reports be accepted.

81. RENEWAL & UPGRADE OF CCTV SYSTEMS, SHOTTON HALL & EDEN LANE

Further consideration was given to the prices received for these improvements to the CCTV systems at these two sites.

RECOMMENDED approval be given to accept the prices received to upgrade the CCTV systems at Eden Lane and Shotton Hall as detailed in the prices circulated. FURTHER RECOMMENDED on installation full training on the devices be given and a strict record be kept of the logs etc.

82. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

(i) Call for Resignation

(ii) Request for the ICO to issue a decision notice

Councillor Jeffrey made reference to an e mail received from Mr Ian Hall where he understood no reply had been made to it by the Mayor.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted and progress be reported. FURTHER RECOMMENDED a costing be prepared on the staff time and cost of dealing with FOI requests.

83. PRE ACTION LETTER

Members were circulated with a copy of a letter received, for information purposes only at this point, it would be properly placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

84. PADDY FOX

The sad news of Paddy Fox recent death was reported to the meeting. It was asked that a letter of condolence be sent and it was reported that a representation had been made for a memorial service to be held to give an opportunity for those who wished to show their respects for the role Mr Fox may have played in their lives. It was agreed the British Legion be approached to see if the Town Council could assist in any way with a memorial.

RECOMMENDED the local representative of the British Legion be approached in this regard.