PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2010

PRESENT: COUN D MILSOM (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S Mc Donnell, L Wood, J I Measor & J Black

Messrs:- R Kyle, T A Jones, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE, J Hardy, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis, R W Jones, D Langan, C J Metcalfe, R Huitson, C Austin & E W Hall

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

1. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillor G Cowie,(asthma).

2. <u>THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u>, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were given details of planning applications received from Durham County Council.

A Local Member reported that he had been approached by local residents regarding the application relating to the change of use from The Royal George, Public House, to 2 dwellings. Local residents were concerned and unhappy at the thought of losing their local public house. The Local Member advised that he understood a petition was being gathered against the proposal. Members felt this would be the loss of a successful business and of an important amenity.

RECOMMENDED that an objection be made to the application relating to the change of use of the Royal George Public House and no further observations be made on the remainder of the application details submitted.

4. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were given details of the planning decisions received from Durham County Council.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

5. <u>COUNTY DURHAM PLAN – ADDITONAL LARGER LOCAL</u> COUNCILS FORUM MEETING

Members were advised that a Special Meeting of the Larger Local Councils Forum was being held on 2nd July 2010 at Great Aycliffe to consider the County Durham Plan.

An offer had been made for the meeting to be held at Shotton Hall but arrangements had already been made for it to take place at Great Aycliffe. It was asked if a future meeting of the CDALC Executive may be held at Shotton Hall instead on 14th July 2010, and following consultation with the Leader, this had been agreed.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken in this regard be endorsed.

6. <u>COUNTY DURHAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN</u>

Members were advised of receipt of details relating to this important document that would give a new planning framework for the County. It provided the opportunity for Durham County Council to look at the County as one and develop a new plan which would work for the whole area. As a key stakeholder in the County, the Town Council were invited to be continually involved with the document.

There would be a session at Peterlee Library on Tuesday 13th July between 2.00 – 7.00pm and Members were encouraged to attend or alternatively they could view the document electronically on line at www.durham.uk/ldf.

RECOMMENDED that further developments be awaited and this item be placed on the next Planning Agenda for further consideration.