

MINUTES – PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL, 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2006

258. LEADER'S REPORT

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE  
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,  
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006

PRESENT: Coun. R Curtis (CHAIR)

Mesdames: A Lowden, A E Laing,  
M Milsom, J I Measor & M A Cartwright

Messrs: T Jones, B Scott, G Calvert,  
G Cowie, C J Robbins, H Bennett, W M  
Jeffrey, C J Metcalfe, E W Hall,  
R Huitson, B Joyce & D Milsom

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

219. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Jones and D Coates.

220. PETERLEE STAR - CIRCULATION

The Chairman welcomed Shiela Argument, Advertising Manager and Joanne Spence, Classifieds and Media at the Hartlepool Mail. The invitation had been extended to representatives of the newspaper to allow the Council the opportunity to discuss problems with the circulation of the free newspaper, the Peterlee Star.

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The representatives assured Members that they wished to work with the Council to get the distribution right in the Town. They offered to check out specific addresses with their independent distribution company where there were problems.

The Chairman thanked Ms Argument and Ms Spence for their attendance at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted and any specific problems with circulation be given to the Office to be passed on to the Hartlepool Mail.

221. POLICE UPDATE

The Police representatives gave an update on crime in the Town, and on the position regarding traffic management on the Wellfield Flyover.

The Leader expressed concerns on the increase in crime which seemed “across the board”. Local Members also raised concerns about indiscriminate car parking across the Town, and complaints about ASDA delivery wagons parking adjacent the main Peterlee roundabout.

In relation to teenagers drinking, the Police confirmed in particular hot spot areas they do implement the policy of parents having to collect their children after the Police have detained them.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

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

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 215 - County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Authority – Integrated Risk Assessment Plan – Draft Year 3 Improvement Plan **RESOLVED** that the contents of the draft proposals be noted and no comments be made on it.
- (ii) Minute Number 217(ii) – North Blunts Former School Site, the Town Clerk advised on information he had been given regarding interest received from various types of retail outlets for this site.

**RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

223. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

224. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 165 – Credit Card for Business Use, the Town Clerk reported that he had received advice from NALC that, if necessary, the Town Clerk's personal card should be used and the Council then reimburse him by a cheque requisitioned through the Finance Sub Committee.

**RESOLVED that the Council not proceed with an application for a credit card for Council use and the procedure as given be used.**

225. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

226. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

227. THE REPORT OF THE TWINNING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

228. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising



In connection with Minute No. 74 – Peterlee Newtown Football Club it was **RESOLVED** that a donation of £900.00 be made at a rate of £100 per week over the next 9 weeks of the Football Season. This would be subject to the production of receipts and would be towards the expenses incurred in running the football team.

229. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

230. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 72 - Petition – Hedge at Woodhouse Park it was **RESOLVED** that whilst taking into account the petitioner's issues the Council agree to allow the hedge to grow to its full height and at that point the Council re-consider the issue.
- (ii) Minute Number 75 – Fees & Charges – Shotton Hall, it was **RESOLVED** that the suggested fees and charges for the hire of Town Council premises including Shotton Hall be agreed, in line with the report submitted.
- (iii) Minute Number 82 – Peterlee Football Club Lease to the Social Club - Rent Review it was **RESOLVED** that consideration of this item be deferred.

231. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEET – SHOTTON HALL – 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2006

Consideration was given to the Stock taker's Report for the period up to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

**RESOLVED** that the Stocktaker's report be received.



232. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of the planning applications relating to Peterlee, which had been submitted to the District of Easington, had been circulated to each Member for consideration. An additional application had been received for a proposed conservatory at 2 Wansbeck Court, Peterlee for Mr and Mrs Lenaghan.

**RESOLVED that no observations be made on the applications received.**

233. SCHOOLS WITHIN THE TOWN

(i) Denehouse School, Members were circulated with a recent press release relating the possible closure of the school. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the Director of Education, at Durham County Council to ascertain what exactly the position was.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be sent to John Cummings, MP, requesting his advice/expertise on the issue if needed.**

(ii) Proposal to Rebuild Eden Community Primary School, the Town Clerk had circulated to Members a report prepared by the Director of Education on the matter, and it was **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

234. SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE EVENT MAGAZINE

Consideration was given to the taking up of an annual subscription for the Event Magazine.

**RESOLVED that an annual subscription be taken out for this magazine at a cost of £67.00.**

*PRIOR TO DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING ITEM  
COUNCILLOR J I MEASOR DECLARED AN INTEREST AND  
TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.*



235. SUBSIDIES FOR THE TWINNING VISIT TO NORDENHAM 2006

Consideration was given to the level of subsidy to be granted by the Town Council for this Summer's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary visit to Nordenham, Germany. The Town Clerk and Liaison Officer had prepared several options for Member's consideration and following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that **Option 6** be selected, ie that **the ferry costs for the short trip be paid in full by the Council and that a subsidy of 50% be granted to any young person under 18 travelling with the main Twinning Party.**

236. INVITATIONS TO COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

To clarify any confusion, the Town Council **RESOLVED** that **when an invitation was given by the Mayor/Town Council to Members or officers, unless otherwise stated it was extended to them and their partner. Partner being interpreted as their husband/wife/common law partner or civil partner. In the event of a Member having a carer this could include that person as their "partner".**

237. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Town Clerk gave Members details of discussions he had recently had with the Chief Executive of the District of Easington and Town Clerk of Seaham Town Council regarding the above proposals for a further review of the two tier system of local government.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

238. 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, PERSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1961 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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239. SHOTTON HALL CATERING FRANCHISE

Members were circulated with a report prepared by the Town Clerk on this matter.

**RESOLVED** that the Licence Fee submitted by Mrs J Cockburn, "A Touch of Class" of Wheatley Hill, be accepted and the licence be awarded to Mrs Cockburn for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The Council having the option to extend the contract for a further two years by negotiation with Mrs Cockburn.

240. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader in his report made reference to the following matters:-

- (a) Train Service to Hartlepool
- (b) Members Survey of their constituents
- (c) Sale of the College Site
- (d) Vandalism and Youths causing a nuisance

**RESOLVED** that the items contained within the Leader's Report be noted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. [unclear]', is written over the text 'Report be noted'.