



PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2006

PRESENT: Coun R Curtis (CHAIR)

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

Messrs: B Scott, G Calvert, W M Jeffrey,
C J Metcalfe, E W Hall, R Huitson, D
Milsom, R Kyle, D Coates & E W Hall,

**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.**

241. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors T Jones, B Joyce, H Bennett and C J Robbins.

242. PATHFINDER – CHANGING LIVES IN EASINGTON
COLLIERY & HORDEN

The Chairman welcomed Mr R Chapman, (Deputy Neighbourhood Manager) and Peter Coe, District of Easington to the meeting.

Members had been circulated with information relating to Neighbourhood Management & North Peterlee prior to the meeting. This document explained that "*neighbourhood renewal is about reversing the spiral of decline in our most disadvantaged*"

and needy communities and tackling “postcode” poverty. It involves working from the grassroots to deliver economic prosperity and jobs, safer communities, efficient transport, good education, decent housing and better health, as well as fostering a new sense of community among residents”.

Mr Chapman re-capped for Members the principles of neighbourhood management and felt that it would give a clear point of access for the public, bringing partners together with one point of contact.

Mr Coe gave details on what had been achieved so far and what role the Town Council could play, connecting the Peterlee Masterplan to this work also.

The Chairman opened the meeting for a question and answer session. In closing it was agreed that the Town Council and the Pathfinder needed to work closely in partnership and assurances were given by the officers that Members would be kept informed and up to date with progress. The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

243. POLICE UPDATE

The Police representatives gave an update on crime in the Town.

General concern was expressed at the flagrant way in which taxi drivers were operating in and around the Town, in particular in the area next to Buckingham Bingo, and Aldi. The Leader once again asked for action on parking to the front of the Peterlee Lodge.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted, and a letter be sent to the District of Easington, Licensing Section, asking for their support in enforcing operational rules on the taxis.

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

Matters Arising 

- (i) Minute Number 220 – Peterlee Star Circulation – Members were circulated with information from the Advertising Manager of the Hartlepool Mail giving a list of areas that should be covered by the title. A direct telephone number was given for Members to report any future concerns regarding delivery.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (ii) Minute Number 233 – Denehouse School, it was **RESOLVED that the Director of Education, the Cabinet Member for Children’s Service, Councillor Neil Forster together with John Cummings MP be invited to come along to a future meeting to discuss this item.**

245. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR’S COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

246. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 23RD FEBRUARY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to the minutes being amended to record that one sweet concession had been awarded to Sonia Phillips of Hetton-le-Hole.

RESOLVED that this amendment be made and the minutes be accepted.

247. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 6TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

248. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

249. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

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250. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute No. 86 – Youth Council Events, a further report had been circulated to each Member for consideration.

RESOLVED that this item be considered further at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

251. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillors J I Measor and M Milson being shown as recording their apologies, and also that Councillor Mrs M and Mr D Milson recorded their interest in Minute Number 87(c) NVQ Work Placement.

RESOLVED that these amendments be made.

252. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEET – SHOTTON HALL – 27th FEBRUARY 2006

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Report for the period up to 27th February 2006.

RESOLVED that the Stocktaker's report be received.

253. 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. Additional applications had been received and a list was circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on the applications given



254. LOCAL COUNCIL CHARTER

Members were circulated with an amended version of the Local Council Charter between the Parish/Town Councils and the District of Easington.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

255. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE 2006/07

The Town Clerk requested authority to engage the services of Internal Audit, District of Easington, for 2006/2007. Their charge would be increased only by 2.95%, the amount of the pay award.

RESOLVED that the services of the Internal Audit Section, District of Easington, be engaged for 2006/2007.

256. RISK ASSESSMENT AWARENESS TRAINING, 27TH MARCH 2006, BEYOND LEARNING ORGANISATION, NORTH WEST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PETERLEE

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an invitation to attend the above training course.

RESOLVED that authority be given for the Estate Manager to attend this course.

257. SMP PLAYGROUNDS, CHILDREN'S PLAY & YOUTH PROVISION HALF DAY SEMINAR, 22ND MARCH 2006, THIRSK

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RESOLVED that authority be given for the Estate Manager to attend this course.



258. LEADER'S REPORT

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

- (a) Schools in the Town
- (b) Helford Road New Build
- (c) Peterlee Newtown FC and Social Club

He encouraged Members to look at the plans/display on show on the proposals for Helford Road and to make any comments/suggestions to the Town Clerk.

With the Peterlee Newtown Football Club the Leader advised that he and the Town Clerk had a meeting with both sides of the Club arranged for Tuesday 21st March 2006 and they would advise Members on the progress made.

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

259. INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The Town Clerk advised that he had received notification of the results of the industrial action ballot from GMB which showed an 80% vote for the strike. Indications had been given that this would take place on Tuesday 28th March 2006. The Town Clerk had a meeting with NEREO and asked for approval to take whatever action was necessary, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED authority be given for the Town Clerk to take whatever action was necessary, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

260. EASTER MEETING

RESOLVED that the Easter Meeting be held on Monday 24th April 2006.

