

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2006

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: M A Cartwright, M Milsom
J I Measor

Messrs: T Jones, G Cowie, A Geldard,
B Scott, G Calvert, W M Jeffrey, C J
Metcalf, E W Hall, R Huitson, D
Milsom, R Kyle & D Coates

**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.**

PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN
ASKED FOR A MINUTES SILENCE TO BE GIVEN FOR THE LATE
ROLAND BOYES. THE LEADER SPOKE ABOUT ROLAND BOYES
WITH GREAT FONDESS AND RESPECT FOR ALL OF THE
EXCELLENT WORK HE HAD DONE NOT ONLY FOR THE TOWN
BUT FOR THE NORTH EAST AND CHARITY.

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors T
Jones, A Lowden, A E Laing and R Jones.

34. POLICE UPDATE

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

They gave detail of high visibility patrols being carried out in the Town and reported on progress on items discussed at previous meetings. The Police confirmed that they had paid a visit to the Peterlee Lodge regarding parking to their frontage, and it was hoped that relining of parking bays would be carried out within the renovation plans.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted,

35. PETERLEE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Mr P Mulcaster who had asked to come along to the meeting to update Members on progress with the Club.

He reported that a deal had been secured with the brewery with a planned implementation date of 1st July 2006. The Junior Section and Ladies Football Club were now to be attached to the Club and permission was requested for the ladies team to play their games on the main Newtown Pitch. Having consulted with the Estates Manager, the Town Clerk advised this request could be accommodated without serious over wearing of the playing pitches.

Mr Mulcaster also referred to various social functions ie Peterlee Town Youth Football Club Presentation Night, the Sportsman's Dinner in July, the Club's 30th Anniversary in March 2007. All Members were invited to come along to an open evening at the Club to be held on the 14th July 2006 at Eden Lane.

Mr Mulcaster referred to the Club's new Management Team and to future plans for re-decorating the Club.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) permission be granted for the Ladies National League team to play their home games on the Newtown Ground, with the team changing their name to Peterlee Town Ladies Football Club; and also permission being granted for them to play their home games on the other pitch at Eden Lane;**
- (ii) permission be granted for the ladies reserve team to play on the pitch behind the Newtown Ground;**
- (iii) that approval be given to the lease of Eden Lane Social**

Club to be transferred to Peterlee Town Football Club, initially on a tenancy at will, and this be revised as soon as the brewery arrangements were finalised.

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

Matters Arising

Minute Number 233 & 244(ii) – Denehouse School, the Town Clerk circulated for Members information regarding this matter which outlined options which were to be the subject of further public consultation.

RESOLVED that the Town Council await the official notification and consultation and if necessary a Special Meeting be convened to discuss the matter.

37. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 25TH MAY 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor M Milsom as being shown as in attendance, and Councillor R Kyle's apologies being recorded.

38. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 5th JUNE 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

i) Minute Number 19 - National Association of Local Councils

Nomination for Larger Local Councils Committee it was **RESOLVED that Councillor W M Jeffrey be nominated to stand for election for this body, on behalf of the Town Council.**

(ii) Minute Number 26 – Members Participation Allowances, Members were circulated with correspondence received from Spennymoor Town Council. The Clerk advised the Durham Association of Local Councils was taking this matter up as it was felt that there was disparity in the levels of allowance recommended by Authorities in the North East.

RESOLVED that progress be awaited.

39. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
40. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
41. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
42. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 4 – Toddlers Play Area, Woodhouse Park, Members were keen to have the necessary remedial action taken as soon as possible to get this play area back into full use. It was suggested that the Estates Manager investigate the guarantees and workmanship on the equipment and its installation and proceed with the repair of this play area as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED that this course of action be followed.

(ii) Minute Number 4(e) – Apprenticeship, it was **RESOLVED that this apprenticeship be approved but reviewed at the appropriate time.**

(iv) Gardener's Hut, Low Hills Road Alton, **RESOLVED that the Estates Manager prepare a further report on the suggestion made that this building be made secure using a steel door.**

(v) Use of Facilities at Eden Lane Football Ground it was **RESOLVED that it be agreed that the Probation Service be granted use of the kitchen area and adjacent room at Eden Lane as a rest room, during the course of their work in Eden Lane Cemetery.**

43. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEET – SHOTTON HALL – 22ND MAY 2006

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Report for the period up to 22nd May 2006.

RESOLVED that the Stocktaker's report be received.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR C J ROBBINS DECLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

44. 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 since compilation of the Agenda and a list had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on the applications given.

45. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

Members were circulated with a copy of the Council's Statement of Internal Control covering the period up to the 31st March 2006.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Internal Control be accepted.

46. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2006

Members were circulated with a copy of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts for the 2005/2006 financial year, be accepted.

47. PERFORMANCE PLAN INDICATORS 2006/2007 –MEETING OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Members were circulated with a copy of a report listing suggested dates for the Finance Sub Committee to meet which would assist the Council in meeting it's Best Value Performance Indicators.

RESOLVED that the Council amend the dates of the Finance Sub Committee as suggested.

48. RESIDENT'S SURVEY 2006 – RESULTS

Members were circulated with a copy of the report detailing the results of the Resident's Survey for 2006. When considering the results it was suggested that a Comment Book be maintained at the Information Centre, to record visitor's views of the facility/service provided.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and the comment book be maintained at the Information Centre.

49. PROVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

Members were circulated with a copy of the report prepared by the Town Clerk regarding youth provision, and a copy of a letter received from the Youth Inclusion Programme Manager asking for support in maintaining and developing their work with young people and the community in this area.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Council review and look to long term funding for the future**
- (ii) a donation of £100 per month, for the remainder of the financial year, be made to the Youth Inclusion Programme from the Youth Council budget**
- (iii) enquiries be made into the re-introduction of the Summer Play schemes**
- (iv) a further report be prepared to look into the provision of youth services in the long term, and, possibly a youth worker.**

50. B149 NOTICE TO AN ADJOINING OWNER OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PERSON IN ADVERSE POSSESSION

The Town Clerk gave Members details of a Notice received in respect of land to the front of 11 The Village, Old Shotton, title number DU289718. This land was not in the ownership of the Town Council and members had no objections to offer.

RESOLVED no objections be offered to this application for registration.

51. GLASS GIFT TO MARK THE TWINNING ANNIVERSARY

The Town Clerk had a sample of a glass piece from the National Glass Centre which he suggested would make an ideal gift for presentation to the twin town of Nordenham in recognition of the 25th Twinning Anniversary.

RESOLVED that an order be placed for this glass gift at a cost of £290.00.

52. DECORATING THE OX FOR NORDENHAM

The Town Clerk asked for Member's approval to go ahead with the decoration of the ox for Nordenham. Prices were given for the work of £560.00 with an additional £200.00 for a picture of Shotton Hall and the Town Crest to be hand painted onto the ox.

Members suggested that the picture and crest be printed onto the display rather than hand painted and it was **RESOLVED that approval be given for the decoration of the ox as detailed.**

53. PUBLIC EXHIBITION SESSIONS – HASWELL MOOR PROPOSAL – WIND TURBINES

Members were advised that there was a public exhibition to be held at Haswell Community Centre on Thursday 29th June 2006 between 2.00pm and 8.00pm and Friday 30th June between

10.00am and 2.00pm. The exhibition was to give details on the Haswell Moor proposal and also provide information about energy efficiency.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

54. HELFDORD ROAD REBUILD – CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE BORROWING REQUIREMENT

The Town Clerk circulated for Members a report detailing the cost implications should the Council wish to borrow finances to fund the Helford Road re-build scheme. The Town Clerk gave details of premiums on loans and the potential implications on the precept.

RESOLVED that it be agreed that should the Council need to do so could approval be given to borrowing up to £1 million.

55. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006/2007

Members were circulated with a draft copy of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan for 2006/2007. There were no comments or alterations offered to it and approval was given for it to be printed and circulated.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the content of the Best Value Performance Plan 2006/2007 and it be printed and circulated.

56. ADDITIONAL ADVERT IN THE NORTH EAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY & YEAR BOOK 2007

The Town Clerk asked for approval to increase the size of the advertisement already agreed for the North East Business Directory.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the increase in advert size at a total cost of £400.00 this to include an on-line advert and a cd rom.

57. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader reported on discussions at a recent meeting of the ALLC where it was drawn to the attendees notice that Portsmouth City Council intended to make a draft recommendation to the Deputy Prime Minister that Southsea Town Council be abolished.

This move, it was felt, went totally against the current climate for Parish & Town Councils and the Leader asked for the Council's support if forwarding a letter of support for the Town Council to Portsmouth City Council.

RESOLVED that the items contained within the Leader's Report be noted and action as detailed, be taken.