



THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE  
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,  
PETERLEE

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

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)  
Mesdames: A E Laing, M Milsom & M A  
Cartwright  
Messrs: T Jones, B Scott, D Coates,  
R Curtis, W M Jeffrey, C J Metcalfe,  
R Huitson & 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.**

154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G  
Cowie, R Jones, H Bennett, G Calvert, B Joyce and J I Measor.

155. POLICE UPDATE

The Police representatives gave an update on crime in the Town.  
They gave details of high visibility patrols being carried out in the  
Town and reported on progress on items discussed at previous  
meetings. A Local Member asked for feedback on incidents at Eden  
Lane, both in the cemetery and next to the Football Club. In  
discussions Members asked if, with the introduction of the PCSO's  
had the Police priorities changed. The representative confirmed that  
roles had not changed and gave details of the system of grading  
incidents by priority which also had not changed.

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

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

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute Number 146 – Renaming of 1-5 The Bungalows, Neville Road, the Town Clerk advised that he had raised the request that Town and Parish Councils be consulted/asked for their suggestions on street naming at the last meeting of the Central Area Forum.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted, and progress be awaited.

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

158. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute Number 99 it was **RESOLVED** that any Member/Officer receiving an invitation to attend this event be reported to Council. It would be each individual's responsibility to declare their invitation.

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

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

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

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute No 40 (i) Wheatley Hill Centenary Heritage Festival 28<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 it was **RESOLVED** that a **donation of £50.00 be made towards this event.**

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

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute Number 52 – Cotoneaster & Conifer Hedges it was **RESOLVED** that a breakdown of costs be prepared along with advice from the Estates Manager regarding if the hedge should be cut, to what height etc or if not to what height it should be allowed to grow to, to allow Members to have all of the information on which to base a decision.

163. 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 since compilation of the agenda as follows:-

Proposed    Fascia Sign

At            2A Yoden Road

For           Premium People

**RESOLVED** that no objections be submitted on the applications given.



164. NALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION,  
LIVERPOOL 22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 – DELEGATE'S  
REPORT

A copy of the Delegate's report following their attendance at this Conference was circulated for each Member's information.

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

165. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – 32<sup>ND</sup> NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE, 20<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2006 – DELEGATE'S  
REPORT

A copy of the Delegate's report following their attendance at this Conference was circulated for each Member's information.

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

166. DISTRICT OF EASINGTON – DEVELOPMENT OF NEW  
HOUSING STRATEGY

Members were advised of receipt of a consultation survey from the District of Easington on their housing strategy which was being sent to residents and partners on it's development.

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

COUNCILLOR D COATES DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

167. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN  
I (2001 – 2006) – 5 YEAR DELIVERY REPORT

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Members were advised of receipt of a cd rom which contained a copy of the County Council's current Local Transport Plan (LTP2) for the period April 2006 to March 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted, and that the disk was available to peruse, should any Member wish to do so.

168. HELFDOR ROAD PROPOSED SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB – AMENDED PLANS

The amended plans for the above development were on display at the meeting for Members. The Town Clerk gave details on discussions with the Football Foundation other Sports Development Officers. He advised that he intended awaiting formal responses from the Development Officers before asking the Architect to further revise the plans.

**RESOLVED** that the plans be amended to take into account the suggestions made by the Football Foundation and other Sports Development Officers, when received.

169. RESIGNATION FROM APPEALS COMMITTEE

Members were advised that Councillor B Scott had offered his resignation as a member of the Appeals Committee.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor D Milsom be elected to sit on the Appeals Committee.

170. PROJEKT SENSATION – REQUEST TO HOLD FURTHER EVENT

The Town Clerk requested authority to hold a further Projekt Sensation event in December or January 2007.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given for this event to go ahead.



171. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader mentioned several items within his report. He was pleased to report the retention of both Shotton Hall and Dene Community Schools and he asked that the Town Council send a letter of appreciation to the County Council for such a positive result.

He was also pleased to see that the scaffolding had been taken down around Ridgemount House.

He reported that he had been speaking to the local press recently regarding the vandalism both at Woodhouse Park and in the Cemetery at Eden Lane. The Leader asked if the Town Clerk could provide the costs of vandalism to the Town Council.

The Leader also took the opportunity to commend Councillors of Peterlee Town Council who he felt had proved themselves time and time again as worthy ambassadors for their wards and Town, carrying out their roles in a professional and caring manner.

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

172. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC  
RESOLVED THAT 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 1961 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

173. LOWHILLS ROAD LEISURE GARDENS – PROVISION OF TOILET FACILITIES

The Town Clerk reported that he had met with the Leisure Gardener who had requested consideration be given to the provision of toilet facilities at Lowhills Road. It was felt that this was a possibility at the Lowhills Road site as there was already a toilet in the shop area.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk investigate this further and report back to Members.

COUNCILLOR W M JEFFREY DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

174. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF PETERLEE COLLEGE (TOWN CENTRE SITE) – REQUEST FROM K.F. SHADBOLT AND PARTNERS LLP

The Town Clerk gave Members details of a request received and asked for authority to appoint the District of Easington Valuation Section to negotiate with K F Shadbolt and Partners LLP on the Town Council's behalf on a recharge basis.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be given authority to appoint the District of Easington to negotiate with K F Shadbolt and Partners LLP on the Town Council's behalf on a recharge basis.

175. TEMPORARY RESTRUCTURING IN PARKS DEPARTMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk in the above regard.

**RESOLVED:**

i) a new temporary post, Scale 6, be created on the Parks Department establishment, which would be responsible for organising activities in Woodhouse Park, and also be responsible for supervising the horticultural maintenance and development of the Park under the direction of the Estates Manager;

ii) this post be offered on a temporary basis to the existing Horticultural Supervisor, Scale 6. The resulting Horticultural Supervisors post (Scale 6) post be offered internally for existing





**Parks Staff to apply for. Any resulting vacancies may also have to be addressed;**

**iii) the Scale 4 Administrative Officer post be re-instated in the Parks Department which would take on much of the organisation of the Show. As the former post holder had tendered her resignation, this post could be advertised in accordance with normal recruiting procedures.**

176. PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING VODAPHONE MAST TO ACCOMMODATE HUTCHINSON 3G EQUIPMENT – PHILADELPHIA STRUCTURES, 4 PALMER ROAD, SOUTH WEST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The Town Clerk advised receipt of information in relation to the above site. This fell outside of the Parish boundaries.

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

177. ACTION PACKED FUTURES FESTIVAL – 23/24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request from Durham County Council for permission to use land at Helford Road Playing Fields to hold the 2006 Action Packed Futures Festival. This festival was now in it's fifth year and is a free fun family festival aimed at promoting green and sustainable modern living. It is run in partnership with the County Council, all the District Councils and the Groundwork Trust.

**RESOLVED that permission be granted for Durham County Council to use land at Helford Road Playing Fields for the Action Packed Futures Festival planned for mid June 2007.**

178. COUNTY SCOUTS – WALLPLANNER 2007

The Town Clerk asked for consideration of supporting placing an advert on the County Scouts Wall Planner for 2007.

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**RESOLVED** that the Town Council support the County Scouts and an advert be placed on their 2007 Wall Planner at a cost of £79.00.

179. EDENHILL PLAY PROPOSALS

On display for Member's approval were the proposals for the play equipment submitted by East Durham Groundwork Trust. There would be only a nominal cost, if any, to the Town Council. Within the proposals it was intended a new youth shelter would be installed, but should that not be financially viable then the current shelter would be re-furbished at no cost to the Town Council.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the proposals.





