



THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2007

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

204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G
Cowie, G Calvert, A Geldard, R Jones & C Robbins.

205. POLICE UPDATE

The Police representatives gave an update on crime in the Town and gave feedback on issues raised at previous meetings. It was explained that taxi operators and owners had been spoken to about their conduct on the Town's roads, and assurances were given that tickets would be issued if complaints were received. Details were given of a taxi carrying out a right hand turn at the junction opposite Asda, and it was reported that other motorists not only taxi drivers did this on occasion. The Leader gave details of problems being experienced by a resident of Beaumont Place with noise and nuisance. The Police assured that



they would look into these issues and these neighbour problems would be taken up with East Durham Homes, (if appropriated).

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM
COUNCILLOR J I MEASOR DECLARED AN INTEREST AND LEFT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FOR THE DURATION OF THE
DISCUSSION.

206. PETERLEE FOTBALL CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Mr P Mulcaster to the meeting. Mr Mulcaster wished to update Members on developments at the Club. It had been just over six months that he had been with the Club and he felt that there had been a massive turnaround in the Club with it's atmosphere, the functions being held, the help and support being given etc. He had prepared a draft set of accounts and which Mr Mulcaster considered gave indications that the Club was going in the right direction although internal organization and relationships were still being established. Mr Mulcaster said his decision to withdraw financial support to the football side of the Club was nothing to do with Councillor Cartwright.

The Chairman opened the meeting for questions and comment. L Local Member said he was pleased to see the Club moving in the right direction. The Clerk emphasized that the Council still needed to see a formal agreement set up between the Social and Football side in terms of financial support. The building was still being operated under the existing lease and the Clerk felt it was important that the financial arrangements between the Football Club from the Social Club were agreed and put in place as soon as possible.

Mr Mulcaster felt that the next six month period would give a picture of the financial standing of the Club ie at the end of a year of trading.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk meet with Mr Mulcaster to determine an acceptable agreement between the Social and Football Club sides of the Club.

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

Matters Arising

Minute Number 192- Letter of Resignation, Mrs A Lowden
RESOLVED that in view of the elections in May 2007 this vacancy not be filled at this time.

208. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 18TH DECEMBER 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

209. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 8TH JANUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor G Cowie being shown as in attendance at the meeting.

210. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed subject to Councillor G Cowie being shown as in attendance at the meeting..

211. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor G Cowie being shown as in attendance at the meeting..

212. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute Number 56 - Learning & Development

- (i) Training in Chairmanship Skills, Module 3- The Public and the Media, Saturday 27th January 2007
- (ii) Training in Chairmanship Skills, Module 4 – Conduct and other Challenging Issues, Saturday 27th January 2007



RESOLVED that Councillors M A Cartwright and G Calvert be nominated to attend parts 3 & 4 of this course as they had attended parts 1 & 2.

Minute Number 60 - NALC Conference 2007, 5th – 7th October 2007, Bournemouth it was **RESOLVED** that two Members along with the Clerk and Leader attend this Conference.

Minute Number 62 -Hiring of Shotton Hall In December,

RESOLVED that further consideration be given to the following recommendations:-

(i) The Council amend it's current policy to restrict the number of evening hirings any one organization can make in December, (excluding Council hirings), to a maximum of two per organization;

(ii) that applications for concessionary use be restricted to Monday to Thursday hirings only. This would mean that concessionary use could not be granted in the month of December, Bank Holidays, or for Friday, Saturday or Sundays. The Town Clerk be given authority to waive this in exceptional business circumstances.

213. THE REPORT OF THE PETERLEE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

214. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed subject to Councillor J I Measor being shown as in attendance at the meeting.

Matters Arising

(a)In connection with Minute Number 75 – Peterlee Newtown Football Club – Boiler further prices had been received details of which were circulated around the meeting. **RESOLVED** that the tender from Modec in the sum of £1,063 be accepted. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that it be recorded that it was the Council's Policy to use local labour and services wherever possible and that staff dealing with procurement be reminded of this policy.

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215. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEETS, SHOTTON HALL
BANQUETING SUITES – 19TH DECEMBER 2006 & 3RD JANUARY
2007

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Report for the periods up to and including 19th December 2006 and 3rd January 2007. Members felt that these reports were an excellent result and asked that the Council's thanks and appreciation be passed on to the Facilities Team.

RESOLVED that the Stocktaker's Report be received and thanks be forwarded to the Facilities Team.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR J I MEASOR DECLARED AN INTEREST AND LEFT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISCUSSION.

216. 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. Details of applications received following the compilation of the Agenda were also circulated.

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on these applications given.

217. "SHAPING THE LINK" DURHAM EVENT – FRIDAY 2ND
MARCH 2007, GLEBE CENTRE, MURTON

Members were circulated with details of an open invitation to attend the above event.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

218. BEST VALUE – APPOINTMENT OF TEAM FOR THE REVIEW
OF THE LEISURE GARDENS SERVICE



Members gave consideration to the selection of a Team to consider the Best Value Review of the Leisure Gardens.

RESOLVED that Councillors R Curtis, D Milsom, C Robbins and W M Jeffrey make up the review team and Mr John Rippon Chairman of the Leisure Gardens Association be invited to join the Team. It was noted that the first meeting was to be held on Monday 29th January 2007.

219. REPRESENTATIVE – CONSULTATION PANEL FOR PARISH COUNCILS (EDC)

Councillor H Bennett had resigned from his position as the Council's representative on the Consultation Panel for Parish & Town Councils at the District of Easington.

RESOLVED that Councillor A E Laing be nominated to take this place up on the Town Council's behalf.

220. NALC CONFERENCE, "CLOSER TO OUR COMMUNITIES" CONFERENCE, CHESTER, 17TH – 19TH NOVEMBER 2006 – DELEGATE'S REPORT

Members were circulated with a copy of the delegate's report following their attendance at this Conference.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

221. APOLLO PAVILION – CCTV PROTECTION

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a formal enquiry by the District of Easington asking if a proposal to house CCTV control equipment for use with the Apollo Pavilion Visitor Centre at Helford Road was a feasible suggestion.

RESOLVED that approval be given "in principle" to this suggestion and the Town Clerk be given authority to pursue this

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further.

222. ADVERTISING - THE PHONE BOOK - ENTRY

The Town Clerk asked for endorsement of action taken in placing an advert in the Telephone Book for 2007/08 at a cost of £635.00.

RESOLVED that the action taken in this regard, be endorsed.

223. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2006/2007

RESOLVED that this report be considered at the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

224. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader hi-lighted the following areas in his report:-

Football Fixtures

He asked that particular attention be given to the football pitches as he felt with recent inclement weather there would be a number of cancellations making the pitches, when playable, well used.

New Super Hospital

He expressed his disappointment at recent headlines that there was to be a new super hospital at the expense of the University Hospital of Hartlepool, with the transport issues associated

Security at the Cemetery

He was pleased to have progress on the new CCTV and lighting scheme.

Helford Road - New Build

He was looking forward to this development beginning.

Appointment of a new Deputy Leader

He congratulated Councillor Huitson on his appointment as Deputy Leader to the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor R Huitson be elected as Deputy Leader of the Town Council.

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225. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED THE COMMITTEE PASSED THE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1961 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION), ACT 1985.

226. MR S BURROUGHS – ESTATE OFFICER – EMMERGENCY CALL OUT- TELEPHONE ARRANGEMENTS

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

RESOLVED that the Town Council pay for the Estate Manager's home telephone line rental and reimburse the cost of any work related calls.

227. REQUEST TO RETRIEVE MEMORIAL STONE

The Town Clerk advised the Council of proposed action to be taken by a memorial supplier in relation to the recovery of a memorial stone sited in Eden Lane Cemetery. In the circumstances the Company also asked if the Town Council would consider waiving the erection fee. Members were concerned to ensure that the party concerned was aware of the action proposed by the memorial company.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk ensure that the party concerned had been notified of the proposed action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council do not waive the erection fee.

228. RE-DECORATION OF THE BANQUETING SUITES



The Town Clerk advised that he was seeking prices for the re-decoration of the Banqueting Suites and asked for authority to proceed with this work at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED that authority be given to the Town Clerk to arrange for the re-decoration of the Banqueting Suites and tender prices be reported to Member's for their information.

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