

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2007

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: A E Laing, M A Cartwright,
J I Measor

Messrs: H Bennett MBE, C J Metcalfe, R
Huitson, E W Hall, T Jones, C Robbins, R
Kyle, G Cowie, R Curtis & 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.**

278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B
Scott, R Jones, M Milsom and W M Jeffrey.

279. POLICE UPDATE

Unfortunately the Police were unavailable to attend, due to
operational demands.

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

281. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 19TH MARCH 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Industrialists Evening – 24th April 2007 **RESOLVED that the Council run and cover the costs of this event.**

282. THE REPORT OF THE SMOKING WORKING PARTY OF THE 19TH MARCH 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member was agreed.

283. REPORT OF THE SHOW MEETING OF THE 29TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

284. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 2ND APRIL 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor R Huitson being shown as in attendance.

285. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND APRIL 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor R Huitson being shown as in attendance.

286. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND APRIL 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed subject to Councillor R Huitson being shown as in attendance.

287. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 10TH APRIL 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 82 – Requests for Concessionary Use of Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites it was **RESOLVED that in correspondence organizations be advised that they must submit requests well in advance of their events(s) to allow the Council the opportunity to consider them fully.**

288. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH APRIL 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed was agreed subject to Councillor R Huitson being shown as in attendance.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 104 – Lowhills Warden's House – Quotes for Gas fire **RESOLVED that authority be given to accept the lowest quotation to renew the gas fire.**

289. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEETS, SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES – 27TH MARCH 2007

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Report for the period up to and including 27th March 2007.

RESOLVED that the Stocktaker's Report be received.

290. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of the planning applications relating to Peterlee were circulated as follows:-

Proposal	First Floor Side Extension
At	155 Brougham Court
For	Mr & Mrs

Proposal Rear Conservatory
At 40 Willerby Grove
For Miss L Dixon

Proposed Two Storey Extension & Detached Garage
At 3 Lorimers Close
For Mr & Mrs Day

Proposed Porch
At 5 Lancaster Hill
For Mr P Brown

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on these applications.

291. ANNUAL LCAS SEMINAR 2007 – 13TH JUNE 2007, SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES

RESOLVED that two places be reserved on this Seminar for Councillor M A Cartwright and an Officer.

292. UNITARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Circulated for Member's attention was a list of key stakeholders that were to be consulted on the above proposal. The Town Council re-affirmed their original position on the review of Local Government for Durham; that the general public should be allowed to decide the future structure of local government in the County. It was felt that the list of stakeholders did not represent the residents of County Durham in any way as most of the organizations listed were of a national level. Members were concerned that such a major restructure should be undertaken without taking into accounts the general public's views.

RESOLVED that these concerns be forwarded to Central Government.

293. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were circulated with details of amendments to the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED that as agreed previously a session be held with the District of Easington's Monitoring Officer on the new Code of Conduct.

294. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL'S SUBSCRIPTION 2007/2008

RESOLVED that the Council renew it's subscription for 2007/2008 at a cost of £1,816.29.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLORS J I MEASOR, M A CARTWRIGHT, H BENNETT MBE, A E LAING & R KYLE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE MATTER AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION OR VOTING WHICH ENSUED.

295. FRANK TURNBULL MEMORIAL AWARD & YOUNG CITIZENS AWARD

Consideration was given to the nominations received for these two awards. **RESOLVED that the Frank Turnbull Memorial Award for 2007 be made to Mr William Dunning, Peterlee who was proposed by Mrs Lilian Wood.**

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Citizens Award be made to Mr Steven Nattress of Peterlee who was proposed by Jaki Garside.

296. LEADER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Leader the Deputy Leader expressed his sadness at the recent passing of Councillor George Calvert; his thoughts were

with his family. He also thanked Councillor Coates and Laing who were to come to the end of their term of office with the Town Council.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

297. 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.

298. CLEANING STAFF

Members were circulated with a copy of a new working rota for the cleaning staff in the Parks & Cemetery Department.

RESOLVED that the new rota be accepted and implemented.

299. CASTLE EDEN DENE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

(a) Agreement between Natural England and PTC relating to the employment of Staff at CEDNNR

(b) Draft Agreement for Partners concerning CEDNNR relating to funding and other matters

RESOLVED that the terms included in the three year agreement relating to the employment of staff, be accepted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the contents of the draft agreement for Partners concerning CEDNNR be agreed with it being noted

that the three partners, Durham County Council, District of Easington and Peterlee Town Council contribute the same amount through to 2009/10.

300. PETERLEE REGISTER OFFICE – CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

Members gave further consideration to the request received from the Register Office, Peterlee.

RESOLVED that as far as possible assistance be given to Peterlee Register Office in making contingency arrangements with regard to their office accommodation, particularly in an emergency situation.

301. LEGIONNAIRES JAZZ BAND

The Town Clerk reported that the Legionnaires Jazz Band had achieved first place in a competition with 30 or so bands in Berwick recently.

RESOLVED that a letter of congratulations be forwarded on the Council's behalf.

302. CONSULTATION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE DOG CONTROL ORDER FOR THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON

Consideration was given to a further report prepared by the Town Clerk outlining what implications the new Order could have on the Town Council and the areas it controls/manages.

RESOLVED the Town Council in addition to its current regulations, commend to the District of Easington that all dogs are prohibited from all actual playing pitch areas.

303. GOOD DOG OWNERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Members were circulated with a copy of details of a good dog ownership campaign that was to be run over the period of 16th – 20th April 2007 in various towns and villages throughout the District. The roadshows would be offering free dog chipping and neutering vouchers and poop scoop bags.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

304. FREE HEALTH SCREENING AND ADVICE SESSION – FRIDAY 27TH APRIL 2007

Members were circulated with information and an invitation to attend the above session. They were asked to contact the Office if they were interested in coming along.

RESOLVED that Members contact the Office if they wished to attend the session.

305. FORMER TOWN COUNCILLOR – H SMITH

Members were advised that former Town Councillor Howard Smith had written a book “One too Many” and was holding an official book signing at WHSmith in Hartlepool on the 19th May 2007 between 12 and 2.00pm.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

At the close of the meeting Councillor A E Laing wished the Members and Officers of the Town Council all the very best and thanked them for their support over her term of office with the Town Council.