



PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PETERLEE TOWN
COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2007

PRESENT: Coun. Mrs M Cartwright (Chair)

Mesdames: J I Measor, J Scott & M Milsom

Messrs: C J Metcalfe, W M Jeffrey, J Hardy,
B Scott, E W Hall, R Kyle, T Jones,
H Bennett MBE, C Robbins, D Langan,
J Alvey, R Curtis, C Austin, C J Metcalfe,
R Huitson & E W Hall

***MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO
DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.***

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillors; B Scott, C Robbins, G Cowie, D Milsom and L Wood.

60. TO RECEIVE DAVID BROWN – BURNS ARCHITECTS

The Chairman welcomed David Brown of Burns Architects to the Meeting. Mr Brown gave Members details of the tenders that had been submitted for the Helford Road MUGA Project.

RESOLVED that a Sub Committee Meeting be convened as a matter of urgency.

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61. POLICE UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Ian Dickinson and a P.C. Burns to the meeting, who gave a monthly report highlighting crime figures in Peterlee, and updating Members on issues discussed at the last meeting.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

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

63. THE REPORT OF THE NO SMOKING LEGISLATION WORKING PARTY OF 26TH JUNE 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

64. THE REPORT OF THE PETERLEE SHOW COMMITTEE OF 28TH JUNE, 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

65. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 2ND JULY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

66. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 2ND JULY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

67. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF 2ND JULY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

68. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF 2ND JULY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

69. THE REPORT OF THE PETERLEE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE OF 9TH JULY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.



MATTERS ARISING –

Minute No. 3 – Organiser’s Report – Teddy Bears Picnic

RESOLVED that as a matter of health and safety, the distribution of food from various functions cease immediately and this be recorded as a matter of Council policy.

70. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF 9th JULY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

71. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEET, SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES – PERIOD UP TO 2ND JULY 2007

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker’s Report for the period up to and including 2nd July 2007.

RESOLVED that the Stocktaker’s Report, be received.

72. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of the planning applications relating to Peterlee were circulated to Members for their consideration.

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on these applications.

73. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – A.G.M. NOMINATION

A letter had been circulated to all Members requesting nominations for the above outside body, the closing date of which was the end of August.

RESOLVED that Councillors D Langan and M Cartwright be submitted for nomination.

74. REPRESENTATIONS ON THE EAST DURHAM PRACTICE BASED COMMISSIONING SHADOW BOARD

Members had been circulated with information relating to the above, of which they requested a nomination from the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED that Councillor H Bennett MBE, be nominated.

75. PROPOSALS FOR A SINGLE COUNCIL FOR COUNTY DURHAM

Correspondence relating to the above had been circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED that the information, be received.

76. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – DEFRA CONSULTATION

A copy of the above document had been circulated to all Members for their information.

RESOLVED that the contents be received.

77. ARTICLE IN THE LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW “OUR YOUTH IN THE NORTH”

A copy of the above article detailing youth initiatives carried out by the Town Council had been circulated to each Member, for their information.

RECOMMENDED that the contents of the article be received.

78. TWINNING UPDATE

The Organiser had submitted a Report, details of which was follows:-

Visitors

To date there were 22 no. visitors expected from Nordenham, hosts were arranged for the whole group.

Programme

The Organiser had been in contact with Karin Tonjes regarding the visit to Eden Camp and she felt it would be a very good and informative trip. The Organiser made a suggestion that should the young ones prefer to go to Lightwater Valley, then this could be arranged. This offer had been declined.



Farewell Party

The Organiser had booked 'Steve Jones – Rat Pack Show' for the evening at a cost of £150.00. Hartlepool Ladies Choir had also expressed a wish to attend. She had been advised that the only fee may be their travelling costs, which was currently in negotiation.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) **the Organiser book suitable catering with Shotton Hall Catering**
- b) **all Members of the Council and their partners be invited to the Farewell Party**

79. LEADER'S REPORT

In his report, the Leader spoke on the following matters, the Dene Parks footpaths, Eden Hill Bowls Club – vandalism, NALC Larger Local Councils Committee, Helford Road MUGA Project.

80. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM 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.

81. IT SUPPORT – CONTRACT RENEWAL

The Deputy Town Clerk had prepared a report on the Town Council's IT support being renewed, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, for consideration.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until the Deputy Town Clerk sought satisfactory references for GBM Solutions of Boldon, the lowest tender submitted.



82. PETERLEE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Town Clerk circulated a report to all Members stating that the Town Council had taken over occupation of the above Club on Friday 6th July 2007. The Town Clerk added that a monthly stocktaking report would be circulated to Members.

As a result of that occupation, 2 no. staff had transferred into the employment of the Town Council, namely:-

Mrs J Iley (Facilities Assistant) Scale 4, Spinal Column Point 18
Mrs L Douglas (Bar Person) Scale 1(a) Spinal Column Point 4

The Mayor expressed her thanks to Councillor Mrs June Scott for all the voluntary work she had given to this Club prior to the Town Council taking over.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken by the Town Clerk, be endorsed.

83. SCOUTS – SUNRISE SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2007

The Town Clerk advised Members of a request from Peterlee Scouts asking for permission to use the grounds at Shotton Hall from 7.45am until 8.15am for the Sunrise Service celebrating 100 years of Scouting. An invitation was also extended to the Mayor to attend this Service.

RECOMMENDED that permission be granted.

84. DENE PARKS – NORTH & SOUTH

The Town Clerk advised Members that further to his report to the Parks and Cemetery Committee on 9th July advising of the need to carry out emergency repair works to the footpaths and steps in the Dene Parks North and South, he had now received a price for this work (based on a recent tendering exercise) from Debat Surfacing Limited. The Town Clerk also advised he had also applied for the necessary temporary Footpath Closure Order for the work to proceed as soon as possible, subject to Council's approval.



RESOLVED that the quotation submitted by **Debmat Surfacing Ltd** of Ryton, in the sum of **£17,352.00**, be accepted, and work commence as soon as possible.

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