

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, J Black & J I Measor

Messrs: C Robbins, W M Jeffrey, H Bennett MBE, T Jones, J Hardy, C J Metcalfe, G Cowie, C Austin, E W Hall & D Langan

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

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A 15 MINUTE “OPEN SESSION” WAS HELD TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and approved on behalf of Councillors, D & M Milson, C Watkins & R Huitson, who were all on holiday.

100. POLICE -UPDATE

The Police were unable to attend the meeting and had sent their apologies. It was agreed that the Leader supply the Deputy Town Clerk with the list of issues that he had to raise with the Police and

they be forwarded for attention.

RESOLVED that this course of action be followed.

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

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 85 – Durham County Council – Temporary Footpath Closure, it was asked if a reply had been received regarding the lack of consultation on road re surfacing works that had been carried out. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that she had not received a reply but would take this up once again.

RESOLVED that this course of action be agreed.

(ii) Minute Number 89 – Residential Care Homes Consultation - response from Durham County Council

RESOLVED that further investigation be made regarding the transfer of assets to the County Council.

102. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR’S COMMITTEE OF THE 16TH AUGUST 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

103. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 26TH AUGUST 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 19(v) Pet Cages

RESOLVED that these cages be retained by the Town Council and not sold.

104. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 53 - No Need for Nuclear – House of

Commons Early Day Motion No 557

RESOLVED that support not be given to this motion by the Town Council.

(b) Minute Number 61 - Durham County Council – Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy - Consultation

RESOLVED that the view be expressed that local Council involvement and commitment was needed with the issue of licensing.

105. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
106. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
107. THE REPORT OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject it being noted the Minute relating to one of the users from the bar coming along to future meetings had been brought up by the Leader of the Council.
108. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
- Matters Arising
- (i) Minute Number 36 – Civic Invitations it was **RESOLVED that this matter be considered further at the next meeting.**
- (ii) Minute number 39 – Payment of Honoraria it was **RESOLVED that this matter be considered at a Special Meeting of the Clerk's Advisory Committee to be held on 21st September 2010.**

109. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 33 – Completion of Deed of Easement – Lowhills Road – Nomad Housing Association Limited **it was RESOLVED that it be noted that legal fees were to be paid by Nomad Housing Association Limited.**

(b) Minute Number 34 - Bonfire & Fireworks

It was **RESOLVED:-**

(i) **children’s entertainment be hosted in the Pavilion from 5.30 – 7.30pm;**

(ii) **hot drinks be available from the Pavilion;**

(iii) **the bonfire be lit by the Deputy Mayor at 6.30pm, with the fireworks being set off at 7.30pm;**

(iv) **2 food concessions and one sweet concession be arranged though the caterer that attended previously;**

(v) **that a meeting be held with the Round Table to agree arrangements for this years’ event**

(c) Minute Number 35 - Annual Parks Inspection 2010 – Works at Eden Lane Football Club

A reply from the contractor following inspection of the works at the Football Club was circulated for each Member’s consideration.

RESOLVED that the Leader & Deputy Leader make arrangements to meet the contractor on site to discuss this matter further.

110. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were given details of planning applications that had been submitted to Durham County Council as follows:

(i) Proposed Fascia Sign
At 30 The Chare
For Alliance Boots

(ii) Proposed Single Storey side extension to provide garage & utility room extension
At 3 Stainton Way
For Miss K Dinsdale

- (iii) Proposed Boundary Fence, (retrospective)
At 15 Hambledon Place
For Mr D Burns

A further two applications had been received:-

Proposed Demolition & erection of a 7,990 sq m food store
and associated car parking

At Castle Dene Shopping Centre, Yoden Way

For Salford Estates

Proposed Change of use from Tanning Salon to hot food
takeaway

At 104 Edenhill Road

For Mr Singh

RESOLVED no observations be made on the details submitted, although it be commented that there were already three hot food takeaways in the Edenhill Area.

111. CHARTER REVIEW EVENT – COUNTY HALL, DURHAM, SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2010 - 10.30 – 12.10

Members were circulated with an invitation to attend this event.

RESOLVED Councillors W M Jeffrey and J Hardy be nominated to attend this event on the town Council's behalf.

112. EAST DURHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2010, AT THE BUREAU, 17 – 19 UPPER YODEN WAY, PETERLEE

Members were circulated with details of this meeting. **RESOLVED that any Member wishing to attend do so.**

113. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report covering the following matters:-

- He had a list of items to be passed on to the Police;
- Cost cutting train travel. He asked Members to take this on board and try to travel from local stations such as Hartlepool or Seaham if possible. He also stressed that travel arrangements be made as soon as possible to achieve the best rail deals;
- AAP Board Meetings – purdah had been called and so meetings had been suspended; views on the effectiveness of the AAP were being requested with a lack of elected Members attending;
- The Easington branch of the Association of Parish & Town Councils had been asked to extend the length of their meeting to accommodate an Officer from DCC coming along to the November meeting to discuss the issues of gypsy travelers;
- Larger Local Council Meetings – he had information on some very relevant issues, he highlighted some of the items and would arrange for Members to be supplied with a copy;
- SLCC Conference was to be held in Durham and the Town Council were to promote the skatepark.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted and action be taken where appropriate.

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