

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2010

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J I Measor, J Black & M Milsom

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

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.

Mr G Canavan and Mr A Watson from Peterlee Cricket and Social Club were in attendance at this session. They had, as requested, supplied a number of questions and Councillor Huitson, as a Passfield Ward Member, answered them, one by one, on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED that a written response also be forwarded to the PCASC Committee’s questions.

135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and approved on behalf of Councillors G Cowie, (asthma) and S McDonnell, (stuck in traffic).

136. POLICE -UPDATE

The Police had given their apologies to the meeting. Members asked that the following items be passed on:-

1. elderly residents experiencing problems, (Brecon & Pentland Close), from Youths on scrambler bikes – apparently in a garage in Pentland Close;
2. Ice cram van on Granville Road still causing problems;
3. Item on latest Pub Watch Newsletter – worded badly – pub in EdenHill Area – reputation of the Royal Arms being affected;
4. Basingstoke Road – residents car blocked in for 7 hours Sunday 14th November 2010 – reported to the Police
5. Van parked on the pavement right on the corner of a junction at Appleby Way, Reg YG08 HDD, been there for around 10 days causing problems for pedestrians and drivers by obscuring their view whilst pulling out of a junction.

RESOLVED that the issues be reported to the Police, investigated and outcomes reported to the next meeting.

137. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 25TH OCTOBER 2010 copies of which had been circulated were approved, subject to Councillor E W Hall and R Huitson being recorded as in attendance at the last meeting.

138. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 18TH OCTOBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

139. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTY OF THE 22ND OCTOBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 2 – Toilet Provision

RESOLVED that the Working Party consider this matter in more detail.

Location of the Event & Site Layout

RESOLVED that the Working Party give consideration to potential alternative sites for this event.

140. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 1ST NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 102 – Precept Requirements - it was RESOLVED that all Members be involved in the budget setting discussions rather than a small sub committee.

141. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 1ST NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

142. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 1ST NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

143. THE REPORT OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 2ND NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

144. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 8TH NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 50 – Request for Financial Assistance – Horizon Pool & Social Club it was **RESOLVED that further consideration be given to this request following the meeting with the Leader and Deputy Leader to be held on 16th November 2010.**

(ii) Minute No 52 – Request for Concessionary Use of Meeting

Rooms – Peterlee 7 District Lions Club, Final of the Young Ambassador of the Year, Sunday 5th December 2010

RESOLVED that if the costs for staff involved were not unreasonable, (this to be clarified with the Chairman/Leader), then approval be given for this concessionary use.

(iii) Minute Number 53 – Requests for Funding under the Power of Well Being

RESOLVED that these requests be considered at the budget setting meeting. FURTHER RESOLVED that arrangements be made for Councillor Kyle & Watkins to attend Power of Well Being training when available.

(iv) Minute Number 54 – Twinning Visit 2011 – Trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo

It was reported that the tickets had been ordered for the event by the required deadline. Forty tickets at £30.00 each had been requested and orders were to be processed from 1st December 2010.

RESOLVED that the action taken in ordering the tickets, in consultation with the Leader, be endorsed.

145. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 8TH NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 57(d) Peterlee Newtown Floodlights

RESOLVED that the Horticultural Supervisor get prices to carry out the condition survey on the floodlights.

(ii) Minute No 64 – Call out – Peterlee Cricket & Social Club

RESOLVED that the Town Council agree to pay 50% of this bill for boarding up after a break in. FURTHER RESOLVED the way this contract had been cancelled, be attended to.

146. THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 9TH NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Request to Open Christmas Day

Members were circulated with a copy of a report prepared by the Facilities Manager giving a breakdown of costs which would be incurred if The Pavilion were to open Christmas Day 11am – 1.00pm. It was asked if possible a member of staff could be used rather than the security person on the door.

RESOLVED that The Pavilion be opened on Christmas Day and this be widely publicized.

147. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Proposed Rear Dormer Extension & Conservatory
(resubmission)

At 14 Acre Rigg Road

For Mr B Stephenson

(ii) BT Wind for Change – Junction House, Easington – application submitted by BT for one wind turbine

RESOLVED that no comments be made on these planning issues.

148. DURHAM COUNTY SCOUTS WALL PLANNER 2011 – ADVERTISING SPACE

RESOLVED that an advert be taken in this publication at a cost of £80.00 plus vat.

149. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

150. THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING OF THE 8TH NOVEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed. In this matter it was noted that one of the operators had requested to come along to a future meeting this request was agreed.

RESOLVED that the operators be invited to attend a future meeting.

151. ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

(i) Minute Number 51 – Retirement

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk/and or Deputy Town Clerk, along with the Facilities Manager, arrange to visit Mrs Douglas to clarify matters in connection with her continued employment with the Town Council, and if necessary, advice be sought from Occupational Health, Durham County Council.

(ii) Minute Number 54 – Peterlee Information Centre – Saturday Opening

As requested information relating to visitor figures for a Saturday were circulated to each Member for consideration. These figures were very positive.

RESOLVED that consideration of filling of the vacancy for a Saturday Assistant be deferred until the budget setting meeting was held and the Centre be closed on a Saturday in the meantime.

152. CIRCULATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – EAST DURHAM EDUCATION CENTRE

Members were advised that expressions of interest had been invited in this property which had been declared surplus to requirements.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted and no further action be taken other than the Clerk to ascertain the going market price.

153. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report which covered the following issues:-

- Portable goal posts – it was asked that three prices be obtained and a report be submitted for consideration;
- The AAP Annual Forum was to be held on 1st December where the opportunity would be given to comment on the five priority areas. Members were encouraged to attend the Forum if they were available and if not to submit their comments;
- A recent press article on options when the former District of Easington offices were relocated where it was hoped that there would be a one stop shop in Peterlee;
- Building works being carried to a home causing disruption – it was asked if this development work had planning permission;
- Peterlee Town FC had achieved Charter Mark status and congratulations were offered to Mr Les Measor and Councillor Janice Measor on this success. He made reference to the re-located youth shelter from South Hetton that was to be used for disabled persons at the ground and thanks were offered for this donation to Durham County Council;
- Lone working , it was explained these circumstances do arise but this was avoided as far as possible ;
- Remembrance Day Parade & Service, comments had been made from someone on the day that the Parade should not be on; it was felt that this was an important part of celebrating and marking this important day;

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