

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2011

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, J I Measor, M Milsom
& J Black

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

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

179. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted for the meeting.

180. POLICE -UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PCs Kelly Taylor and Gordon Brown. The Police gave updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

On behalf of the Council the Leader gave the following issues for attention:-

- Comments made by the Police to the press on the Cricket Club fire;

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- Continued problems with parking in Basingstoke Road
- Driving conduct of taxi drivers in the Town
- Parking on footpaths.

RESOLVED that these issues be further investigated by the Police and they be thanked for their attendance.

181. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
182. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 20TH DECEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
183. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTY OF THE 7TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
184. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
185. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
186. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
187. THE REPORT OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 11TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

188. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 17TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

189. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 17TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 86 – Horticultural Supervisor's Report – Bonfire Night

RESOLVED that the event continue to be held on the 5th November but in an effort to reduce costs no bonfire be held this year.

190. THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING OF THE 18TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

A further report had been circulated to each Member where the Clerk had revised the budget having regard to comments made by Members at the Special Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) the precept of the Council be set at £1,456,894;
- (ii) sports letting fees be increased by 25% and applied from 1st April 2010;
- (iii) the Town Council begin a review of its structure and future service provision over the next three months.

191. ALLOCATION OF CONFERENCES

RESOLVED that no conferences be taken up by Officers or Members in 2011/12. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that courses still be considered, each on their merits.

192. ENERGY, TRANSPORT & THE ENVIRONMENT, LYTHAM ST ANNES, 11TH – 13TH FEBRUARY 2011

RESOLVED that this course not be accepted but the Executive Member attend on the Town Council's behalf and report back to the Town Council, a further request being made for NAC to consider paying the representative's fees/expenses.

193. LEADER'S REPORT

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

- budget cuts by Durham County Council;
- the Big Debate and the Big Society;
- speakers appointed to sessions at the National Conference should not express disrespectful opinions;
- Regeneration and links to tourism – with Peterlee Town Council running an award winning Centre and possible opportunities for joint use.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.