

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, M Milsom & J Black

Messrs: T A Jones, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE, J Hardy, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis, C Watkins, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, R Huitson & D Milsom

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

194. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor C Robbins (doing charity work abroad), Councillor R W Jones (heart problems) and Councillor J I Measor (ill health).

195. POLICE -UPDATE

Unfortunately, the Police were not in attendance, and the Leader advised he would forward the items submitted to him directly to the Police.

RECOMMENDED that this action be endorsed.

196. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
197. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 24TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
198. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTY OF THE 27TH JANUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
199. THE REPORT OF THE EDEN LANE FOOTBALL CLUB LIAISON GROUP OF THE 31ST JANUARY 2011, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members was agreed subject to Councillor J Alvey been shown as appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
200. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
Matters Arising
Minute Number 153 – Request for Traffic Calming Measures on Chapel Hill Road
The meeting was advised that the normal County policy is that there has to be houses on both sides of the road before traffic calming measures were installed, however, the view was expressed in the meeting that the numbers of children walking to the new Seascape School also needed to be taken into consideration.

RESOLVED that a letter to be sent to County Council Members for the ward asking for the number of children walking to and from Seascape school to be taken into account and asking for reconsideration of this request.
201. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each

Member, was agreed.

202. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute No 73 – Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that an appropriate card to be forwarded to Councillor Hall.

203. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute No 77 (i) – Peterlee Annual Charity Walk 29th May 2011

RESOLVED that the Sports Development Officer be on duty for 3 hours (on the basis of toil) to assist with this event.

(ii) Minute Number 77 (ii) – The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend

The Leader reported a response was still awaited from The British Legion on this and the St Georges Day Event.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted and further information be awaited.

(iii) Minute No 84 – Retirement of Town Clerk

RESOLVED that a networking evening be held of the “Big Five Group” which would incorporate acknowledgement of the Town Clerk’s retirement and this event be organized for Friday 25th March 2011.

204. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2011, a copy of which had been

circulated to all Members was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute No 11 – St George Day Event – 23rd April 2011

The meeting was advised that a response from the British Legion was still awaiting and that consideration had been given to this event at the last meeting of the Pavilion Management Board as suggested.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

205. 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

- (i) Minute Number 96 – Peterlee Cemetery - Request for Memorial Bench

The Horticultural Supervisor had prepared a plan with a suggested location for the seat, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

RESOLVED that if the person requesting the seat was happy with this suggested location, then the request is agreed.

- (ii) Minute Number 100 – Nesta Grant Bid

It was reported that the Stage 2 application had unfortunately been unsuccessful.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

206. THE REPORT OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF 15TH FEBRUARY 2011, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Passfield Community Association – Rental

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to next month's meeting.

207. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were given details of the applications submitted to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that no objections be made on the applications submitted.

208. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO PASS 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.

209. PETERLEE INFORMATION CENTRE – REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO FRONT DOOR

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the next Information Centre Committee Meeting.

210. LINE CLEANING

The meeting was advised that the Facility Managers and Leader had met with the representative of the company to get further information on this line cleaning system.

The offer had been made of the months free trial period.

RESOLVED that this offer of a months free trial period be taken up at The Pavilion.

211. THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE HELFORD ROAD WORKING PARTY WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE CRICKET CLUB, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were

agreed.

RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to Hall and Co from the Council Solicitor.

212. LETTER FROM MR G CANAVAN

RESOLVED that this letter be referred to Council's solicitor for further consideration.

213. LEADER'S REPORT

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

From AAP Meeting of 9th February 2011

- County Council policy on the sale of grazing land;
- Members expenditure allocation – spent on where and what;
- Cut in budget for Park Rangers.

From The Larger Local Council Meeting of 11th February 2011

- Answer on derogatory statement on Northerners made by speakers at last Larger Local Councils Conference;
- Double Taxation Update;
- Should LLCC pursue legal entity for position of Leader of a Town / Parish Council?
- Service Level Agreement – Overcharging;
- Provision of Dog Bags by Town and Parish Councils;
- Localism Bill – Planning Aid – would this organization continue.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.