

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2011

PRESENT: J HARDY (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, L Wood, J I Measor & M Milsom

Messrs: R Kyle, T A Jones, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, R W Jones, D Langan, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins & D Milsom

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.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of E W Hall, (ill), J Alvey, (ill), R Huitson, (on holiday) and C Austin, (on holiday).

35. POLICE – UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Dave Coxon, Neighbourhood Police Team Inspector Peterlee Police Office. Inspector Coxon thanked Members for the opportunity to come along to the Council Meeting and he gave

a brief history of his career and explained how he had a history with the Town and was pleased to return. He spoke on what his aims were in terms of Policing in Peterlee and gave assurances of the co-operation and support that he wished to nurture between the Town Council and the Police.

The Beat Officers present at the meeting gave updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

36. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor D Milsom being added to the Clerk's Advisory Sub Committee.

37. THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE 16TH MAY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed subject to the figure given for the precept being corrected to read £1,407,621.00.

38. THE REPORT OF THE HELFORD ROAD WORKING PARTY OF THE 16TH MAY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

39. THE REPORT OF THE TWINNING SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 26TH MAY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

40. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW MEETING OF THE 26TH MAY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 8 – Nobles Fairground

RESOLVED that a further meeting be held with Mr Noble and a report be made back to Members.

41. THE REPORT OF THE HELFORD ROAD WORKING PARTY OF THE 27TH MAY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to

each Member, was approved.

42. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 14 – Phoenix Line Cleaning System

RESOLVED the Phoenix line cleaning system trialed at The Pavilion be installed, at the costs as detailed in the previous report, and the necessary adaptations be made to the selections of beers/lagers offered.

43. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk make comment on the report that had been considered at the Special County Council Planning Meeting that had considered the retail developments.

44. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

45. THE REPORT OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 7TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 4 – Behavior Policy

RESOLVED that this policy be accepted and implemented immediately with the Youth Group at The Pavilion.

46. THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 10TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

47. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 7 (iv) (b) The House Youth Club

(ii) Minute Number 7 (iv) (c) Peterlee Ladies Focus Group

RESOLVED that a further three months concessionary use be granted but the Facilities Manager meet with the Groups to discuss ways forward to funding and room rental.

(iii) Minute Number 12 – LACAS Annual Seminar 2011

RESOLVED the Horticultural Supervisor be given authority to attend this seminar.

48. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

49. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 3(b) Date for the Parks Inspection

RESOLVED that the date of the Inspection be agreed as Saturday 23rd July 2011 from 9.00am until 1.30pm.

(ii) Minute Number 5 (iii) Peterlee Leisure Gardeners

RESOLVED that within the rules reference be made to the Appeal process that should be followed, should a gardener wish to lodge an appeal against a decision made.

50. REPORT OF THE SHOTTON HALL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 15TH JUNE 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.

51. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011

RESOLVED that the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance statement be approved and the Annual Return be submitted to the Council's new Auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward.

52. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report which included the following items:-

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- Traffic lights on the A19 should be only be used at peak times and a request be made to this effect:
- Signage at Shotton Hall School, and a request for a visit to the new schools, both secondary and primary;
- A request for a report similar to that produced by the Pavilion on takings from functions, for the Banqueting Suites;
- A request that an invitation be sent to Ken Cleary and his wife, Chairman of the Larger local Councils, to this years Show.

RESOLVED that the requests and actions listed be approved.