

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2012

PRESENT: COUN. J HARDY (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, L Wood & J Black

Messrs: D Milsom, T Jones, W M Jeffrey, J Alvey,  
H Bennett MBE, C Austin, C J Metcalfe,  
R Curtis, C Watkins, R Kyle, C Robbins  
& R Huitson

**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. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillors R W Jones, Mrs M Milsom, G Cowie and Mrs J I Measor, all ill.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.**

160. POLICE -UPDATE

There was no representation from the Police.

161. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011, a copy of which had been circulated to each member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Item No. 147 – Finance Sub Committee Members asked the present position as to the procurement for external services. The Deputy Town Clerk advised Members that she had drafted a list in liaison with the Town Clerk and would present a report to the February 2012 meeting.

**RESOLVED that the report be awaited.**

162. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR’S COMMITTEE OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

163. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Councillor D Milsom being recorded as present at this meeting.

Matters Arising

- i) Item No. 98 (i) Halloween Party 2011 - Budget

**RESOLVED that this report be re submitted for consideration.**

- ii) Item No. 98 (iii) Stopping Up of 133 Yoden Way, Peterlee it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council explain that they felt they could not comment on the proposal at this stage.**

- iii) Item No. 108 – Code of Conduct Issues

**RESOLVED that the minute be amended to read “Local Member” and also to include at (iv) that a copy of the Judgment in the Burroughs v Peterlee Town Council case be obtained and circulated to each Member.**

164. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed subject to Councillor D Milsom being recorded as present at this meeting.

165. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed subject to Councillor D Milsom being recorded as present at this meeting.

Matters Arising

In connection with Item No. 55 Town Clerk – Probationary Period – Establishment of a Pay Review Panel it was **RESOLVED that this item be considered at the next meeting of the Establishment Committee.**

It was asked that clarification be made as to which issues were considered at the close of the Parks Meeting, and these items be included in the Minute Book for Establishment Committee.

166. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Mr P Sutherland, (Helford United Football Club) being recorded as present at this meeting.

167. THE MINUTES OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

In connection with Item No. 54 (b) Request for Concessionary Use – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – The Pavilion, Members had received additional information on this request.

**RESOLVED that the recommendation be changed to refuse this request, and changes be made to the application forms to cover future requests.**

168. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to

each Member, were agreed.

Matter Arising

(i) In connection with Item No. 44(a) Grit Bins it was confirmed that a full list and a plan of the location of the bins throughout the Town would be submitted to the Parks & Cemetery Meeting.

Members requested that the same amount of bins be allocated to each Ward. Members suggested that the Parks staff spread salt on the roads in the leisure gardens whilst they were spreading other Council land.

**RESOLVED the report be awaited.**

(ii) In connection with Item No. 44 (d) – Invitation to Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Peterlee Catholic Club Councillor W M Jeffrey conveyed his apologies for his non-attendance at this meeting, due to a mix up in his diary. He asked that his apologies be passed on to the Leisure Gardeners Association.

**RESOLVED Councillor Jeffrey’s apologies be submitted to the Leisure Gardeners.**

(iii) In connection with Item No. 48 – Horticultural Supervisor’s Report it be **RESOLVED a separate press release be prepared on the problems being experienced at the Pony Fields in relation to the tethering of horses and motorbikes.**

169. LEADER’S REPORT

The Leader gave a verbal report to the meeting giving details on information received at a recent AAP Meeting, Durham County Council fly-tipping, advising all sites would be under a Review until 2013.

He also advised that Mr Ken Cleary had lost his position as Chairman of the National Association of Larger Local Councils.

**RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

170. OLYMPIC GAMES 2012 - TORCH

The Town Clerk reported Durham County Council had arranged a presentation on the Olympic torch, as Peterlee was one of the Towns on the Torch Route.

**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and Sports Development Officer attend Durham County Council's Sub-Committee to be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6pm.**