

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT: J HARDY (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, L Wood, J Black & M Milsom

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

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.

173. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillor R W Jones, (ill).

174. POLICE -UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed the Police, PC Brown to the meeting.

It was reported that a leaflet had been issued by the Police in the Denehouse Ward advising of the new non emergency telephone number, 101, to be used to report non urgent incidents. Residents had been in touch with their Local Member to say they had experienced problems in getting through on this telephone number.

The Leader gave items for the Police's attention:-

- He had received complaints from residents that there was a lot of noise being experienced from gun shots next to the A19 and he asked if there was an organized clay pigeon shooting club in operation?
- He was disappointed that Inspector Coxen could not attend a meeting of the Town Council;
- He asked if the Police could increase their evening patrols in the bus station as there had been complaints about youths on bikes and scooters, (the Police assured they were monitoring the situation);
- Taxi drivers causing a danger to other road users at the T junction at Horden at the traffic lights;
- He asked if there had been marked improvements in enforcement on the introduction of the civil parking officers;
- Cars parking on Passfield Way – school gate parking, this was to be considered at the site meeting(s) to be arranged with the County Council.

RESOLVED that these issues be investigated by the Police and a report be made back to the next meeting.

175. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 23RD JANUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

176. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 23RD JANUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

It was reported that the person that was to carry out the parachute jump on behalf of the Mayor's Charity was having some difficulty

with this, but further progress would be given when it was known.

RESOLVED that progress with the charity parachute jump be awaited.

177. THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT HEALTH & SAFETY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 23RD JANUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

178. THE REPORTS OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTIES OF THE 12TH JANUARY & 2ND FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

It was reported that a meeting had been held with Mr Nobles to discuss this years' event and a progress report would be made to the Show Meeting.

RESOLVED that progress be awaited.

179. THE REPORT OF THE SHOTTON HALL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 30TH JANUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 34 (b)(iv) Catering Franchise

RESOLVED that all complaints also be reported to the Shotton Hall Sub Committee.

180. THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL (TWINNING) MEETING OF THE 3RD FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

It was noted that there were potentially 12 youngsters interested in being involved in the visit and the next meeting was to be held on 22nd February 2012 to consider this further. It was noted that the Town Council had not yet made a decision as to whether this was to be an official visit.

RESOLVED progress be awaited.

181. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

182. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

183. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

184. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

185. THE MINUTES OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 55 – Request for Food at Home Games, (Helford United)

RESOLVED:-

- (i) the Town Clerk make a further report on the issues related to the football pitch;**
- (ii) a written procedure be produced for the cashing up of tills in all licensed premises;**
- (iii) all tips and gratuities be properly recorded as required under the Code of Conduct.**

186. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2012 a copy of which had been

circulated to each Member, were agreed.

187. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report to the meeting. He was pleased to see the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Milsom at the meeting and he explained that she had offered her resignation of the office of Deputy Mayor, due to health reasons. It was proposed that Councillor R Kyle be nominated to take her place as Deputy Mayor.

It was asked did the Town Council levy increase in the price of beers and lagers. The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council was in a contract with the brewery and prices were set, other than duty increases.

It had been agreed that the Clerk Advisory Meeting should be abolished as from May 2012 and all items that had previously been considered there be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

It was asked that both the policy book and standing orders be reviewed as a matter of urgency, if possible prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The Leader advised he had received a letter and also had been contacted by County Councillor Sloan. It was suggested that a memorial/tree of remembrance be arranged for the late Gus Robinson.

Councillor D Milsom advised that he would like to be included in the visit to Spennymorr Town Council. It was noted there was still one free place and this was offered to Members.

RESOLVED that approval be given to:-

- (a) Councillor Kyle being appointed as Deputy Mayor, with immediate effect;**
- (b) the Clerks Advisory Meeting being abolished after the AGM and items be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for consideration;**

- (c) **the policy book and standing orders be reviewed as soon as possible;**
- (d) **a memorial/tree of remembrance be planted in memory of the late Gus Robinson.**

188. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM 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.

189. FORMER CRICKET CLUB, HELFORD ROAD

RESOLVED that authority be given to the Town Clerk to agree and accept the settlement offered by the Insurance Company for this building.