

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2014

PRESENT:- COUN D MILSOM (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- C Baty, L Wood, K Liddell, S Simpson, J I Measor, M Milsom & M J Thompson

Messrs:- R Kyle, C J Metcalfe, L Cook, G Cowie, C Robbins, R J Curtis, D Sillito, W M Jeffrey, J Alvey & C Watkins

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. THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors V Watson, A Watson & S Miles, (at a Parliamentary Candidate Selection Meeting).

2. POLICE - UPDATE

Ms Bowman PCSO was in attendance at the meeting and the Chairman welcomed the Officer to the meeting. Details of the

statistics for the previous month were given; there had been 685 incidents reported to the Police with 120 calls relating to anti social behavior. It was reported there had been no calls in relation to issues at McDonalds. Details of action taken and the various initiatives being used relating to off road motor bikes at Lowhills Road, were given. Within the good news reports it was noted that all front line officers were to be wearing body video cameras. The report also covered test purchases, bogus e mails form pay pal, Neighborhood Watch and future events. An update was given on issued raised previously and new issues were given including:-

- Issues at Hampshire Place Play Area
- Taxis blocking the road next to Aldi;
- Parking outside Denehouse School.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 19TH MAY 2014 & THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, It was suggested that the Minute relating to the Town Clerk's Grievance was null and void as the resolution to exclude the press and public had not been passed at the meeting.

4. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 29TH MAY 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

5. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND JUNE 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Minute Number 10 – Policies for your Council - Advice

RESOLVED the Working Group of the following 5 Members be formed to look at policies:-

Councillor L Cook, C Baty, W M Jeffrey, C J Metcalfe and a n other.

6. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND JUNE 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
7. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND JUNE 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
8. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 3RD JUNE 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
9. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 9TH JUNE 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
10. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 9TH JUNE 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The following planning applications details had been received:-
 - (i) 17 Corby Grove
Erection of two storey extensions to side & rear of dwelling & erection of single storey extension to other side/rear
 - (ii) 23 Lindisfarne
Erection of first floor extension above existing ground floor extension to the rear

There were a further two applications for 45 Stainton Way and 6 Bywell Drive.

RESOLVED that no objections be offered on these applications.

12. MEMBER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – SOCIAL MEDIA, TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2014, SPENNYMOOR

Members were circulated with an offer from Spennymoor for this training and asked if they would like to take part.

RESOLVED no places be reserved on this training.

13. SPOKESPERSON OF THE MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey reported on the various meetings he had attended over the previous weeks which included the Executive Meeting of CDALC and the Easington Area Association of Parish & Town Councils, hosted at the Pavilion. He also gave details of training that was to be planned by the County Association.

RESOLVED the report be noted.

14. SPOKESPERSON OF THE FAIR & INDEPENDENT PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Sillito gave the report on behalf of the FAIR and Independent Party. He asked about the letter that should have been read out at the previous meeting in the former Mayor's absence. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that she had not had sight or received a copy of the letter prior to the meeting.

Councillor Curtis spoke briefly on the letter and he advised that had been an update for Members.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS 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, 1960 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

16. STAFF SUSPENSION

It was reported this matter had been raised at a local residents Association meeting.

RESOLVED a complaint be made to Inspector Coxen and Ron Hogg about this breach of confidential, sensitive information.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM BOTH COUNCILLOR JEFFREY AND THOMPSON LEFT THE MEETING.

17. TOWN CLERK'S GRIEVANCE

The Mayor read out a letter received from Councillors Jeffrey and Thompson.

RESOLVED the correspondence be received only.