

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S Simpson, L M Wood, S McDonnell, K Hawley,  
M J Thompson & V Watson

Messrs:- S Miles, D Sillito, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey, C  
Watkins, L Cook, R Kyle, J Alvey, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, &  
A Watson

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor K Liddell, (had another meeting), J I Measor, (family commitments) & G Cowie, (ill).

**RESOLVED** the Council approve the reasons submitted for the absences received on the grounds given above, and the Councillors' apologies for absence be recorded.

139. POLICE UPDATE

The Police report had been previously circulated to each Member and the Officer in attendance outlined the reports made. Various issues were reported to the Officer whilst she was at the meeting and at the close of matter it was asked if the new Neighbourhood Inspector could attend a future meeting.

The Officer was thanked for her attendance at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** an invitation be extended for Inspector Thubron to

**attend a future meeting.**

The Mayor asked if Members would approve dealing with the item as at the end of the agenda at the start of the meeting to relieve any stress for Councillor Thompson. Councillor Thompson declined this offer and asked the meeting just go ahead as per the agenda. She commented she was worried about the personnel involved, not where it was on the agenda.

140. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 & 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

141. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved

Matters Arising

Minute Number 33 – Prices of Tickets & Acceptance

The Mayor asked could she still be allowed to consider events where the ticket price was over £30.00, and if she wished to go along she would finance the ticket price and use her own transport. Members were agreeable to this amendment.

**RESOLVED the Council would not finance tickets for events that were in excess of £30.00, however, should the Mayor wish to go they could do so at their own cost.**

142. THE MINUTES OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTY OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved

There was discussion on whether this meeting should have gone ahead or not and following discussion it was **RESOLVED the report of this meeting be considered further at the first Show Committee to be held in February 2016.**

143. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved

144. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved

145. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved

146. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

Matters Arising

Minute Number 60 Grant

It was reported the minute required alteration and it was in fact the CAB who had been awarded the financial grant and not Durham Cathedral.

**RESOLVED the minute be amended as given.**

147. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved

148. PETERLEE & HORDEN (PARKING & WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2016

It was reported plans available at the Office for viewing for the detail of this order and Members were asked for their feedback/comments.

**RESOLVED no comment be offered to Durham County Council on this Order.**

149. TESCO SITE - UPDATE

**RESOLVED a request be made for an Officer from Durham County Council to come along to a meeting to provide an update with the site and its future development.**

150. SPOKESPERSON OF THE MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey reported that he had obtained information that Durham County Council had a two year programme for the filling in of pot holes on roads in the Town.

Councillor Jeffrey made reference to the parking problems next to Shotton Hall schools and asked if any of the School Governors that also sat on the Town Council may be bale to help with this matter, in reply it was suggested Shotton Hall would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Town Council on this issue. Councillor Jeffrey also made reference to the school gate parking at Denehouse School.

**RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

151. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor Watson offered comment on the closure of the DLI Museum by Durham County Council.

**RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

152. 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.

153. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – MR STANLEY – 17 JANUARY 2016

Members were circulated with a further request and e mail received from Mr Stanley.

**RESOLVED a reply be made in accordance with the regulations.**

154. COUNCILLOR M J THOMPSON

**RESOLVED** progress with this matter be reported in due course.