

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2016 at 6.45PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

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

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

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor C Watkins, (car trouble).

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

81. POLICE UPDATE

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Stephen Thubron, Peterlee NPT, Durham Constabulary who gave an update to the meeting on parking issues at O'Neill Drive, issues at Avon Road, crime trends, future plans for the Town Centre in December, with Shop Watch being the main focal point. Members asked about incidents at Hatfield Place, bins being emptied at Manor Way, fireworks being thrown at cars and reports of off road motor cycles.

The Mayor thanked the Inspector for coming along to the meeting.

82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A public participation session was held to allow Members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Mr & Mrs Duffy were in attendance at the meeting and Mr Duffy addressed the Council. He advised the AGM of the Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens site was to be held on 24 November 2016 and he would have liked to be in a position to report on progress to the meeting. The Town Clerk offered to meet with Mr Duffy and assured a full report would be submitted to the next Council Meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED progress be awaited.

83. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 17TH OCTOBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

84. THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE 31ST OCTOBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

85. THE MINUTES OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 31ST OCTOBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

86. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH NOVEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

87. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH NOVEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

88. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH NOVEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to

each Member, were approved.

89. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY MEETING OF THE 14TH NOVEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

90. PLANNING APPLICATION

Members were advised of the details of this application:-

Asda Surtees Road

Non illuminated signage (retrospective) & installation of security cameras and associated wall mounted receiver and external cabinets (retrospective)

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

91. PERMANENT CHANGING ROOMS, EDEN LANE, HORDEN & PETERLEE RFC

Members were requested to consider granting landowner's permission to carry out improvement works to the changing rooms at Eden Lane. Members fully supported the Club and these works.

RESOLVED permission be granted for these works to be carried out.

92. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY OWING TO NON ATTENDANCE – ACRE RIGG WARD

Prior to considering the report of the Town Clerk the Clerk read out an e mail message received from Mrs Measor. She explained that due to various domestic and health reasons she had been unable to commit the time needed to fully carry out her duties and she was sorry for that.

Councillor A Watson, on behalf of the NEP thanked Mrs Measor for her many years of service and wished her all the best and hoped that her

health improves. Councillor Jeffrey said he hoped nothing would be posted on social media that would take away from the excellent work Mrs Measor had undertaken during her time as a Councillor.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) Council note the contents of this report and declare that the office of Mrs J Measor in the Acre Rigg Ward has been vacated on the grounds of non-attendance at meetings under s85 of the Local Government Act 1972;**
- (ii) The Council agree to fill the casual vacancy through co-option;**
- (iii) the Town Clerk be granted plenary powers to advertise the vacancy and issue an application form for potential candidates in line with the detail of this report; and,**
- (iv) The Council agree to consider the applications and personal statements from qualifying candidates at an Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on Monday 5th December 2016.**

At 7.35pm Councillor C J Metcalfe left the meeting.

93. TO NOTE THE CHANGE OF THE DATES OF THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED it be noted the schedule of meetings for the New year would be as follows:- Monday 9th January, Finance and General Purposes etc; 16th January Parks & Cemetery Committee and then the Council Meeting 23rd January and finally Health & Safety Meeting on 30th January 2017.

94. SPOKESPERSON OF THE LABOUR POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey reported he had attended the Planning Enquiry held to consider the proposal for a crematorium at Castle Eden. The main objections related to danger from golf balls. He advised the Council

would have to wait and see what the outcome was.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

95. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor A Watson advised he had also attended the Planning Enquiry and echoed the sentiments expressed by Members that the objections were ludicrous.

He reported on the recent Remembrance Sunday Parade where he said the turnout was brilliant with lots of local interest from residents. He asked that the creation of a cenotaph be considered at a future meeting.

RESOLVED the creation of a new cenotaph be considered at a future meeting.

96. 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.

97. RENEWAL OF SLA FOR HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES

Members gave consideration to the report of the Deputy Town Clerk in the above regard, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED approval be given to enter into a SLA with DCC for the provision of Health & Safety Support for a maximum of three years, through an annual SLA. The Town Clerk to be given plenary powers to re negotiate the annual SLA in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.