

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Town Council** meeting held on **Monday 18th August 2025** at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Shotton Hall, Peterlee.

Present: Councillor R. Moore (Mayor) and
Councillors, F.J. Black, P. Brown, D. Burrell, M.A. Cartwright, P. Cartwright,
M L Franklin, S Franklin, D Hawley, K Hawley, D Howarth, A. Laing, H Pygall,
I. Pygall, M Sanderson, S. Simpson, M.T. Tough and D. Wright.

Also Present: Ian Hall (Chief Officer and Town Clerk), Deborah Woodhall (Resources Manager)
and David Anderson (Locum Democratic Services Manager).

11 members of the public were in attendance.

C.45/25 MINUTES SILENCE

A minutes silence was observed in memory and in recognition of service to the Council and community of two former councillors, Janice Measor and Ken Rowe, who had both recently passed away.

C.46/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Fishwick and D. Meadows

RESOLVED: That the apologies be noted.

C.47/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors J. Black and M Cartwright declarations of interest in respect of Item No 5 'Presentation from CALM CIC'.

C.48/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised during public participation.

C.49/25 PRESENTATION FROM CALM CIC

Barbara Chrisp, Director CALM CIC, was in attendance, together with 10 colleagues, to give a presentation outlining the background to CALM CIC, developments on site since 2020 and services offered to the community. Carol Macdonald presented a financial overview of CALM CIC which was circulated to Members at the meeting.

In respect to the rent review Barbara requested that the Council continue to apply the peppercorn rent and also requested additional support from the Council with a ground maintenance package.

The Chair thanked Barbara, Carol and colleagues for their presentation and attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

C.50/25 MINUTES

a. Council held on 21st July 2025

The following amendment to Minute No C.42/25 'Provision of Devices (Smart phones, Tablets/Laptops) to Councillors' was proposed by Councillor H. Pygall, seconded by Councillor D. Howarth,

That the following words be deleted from the Minutes:

“Further to the vote being taken, discussion took place on the cost of the tablet/laptop that would be provided. The Chairman proposed that the cost should be £150. There were no dissenting views raised against the proposal.

Town Clerk advised that if possible he would source suitable tablets/laptops in the region of £150 through a Service Level Agreement with current suppliers.”

On a vote being taken the amendment was agreed (13 votes for, 2 votes against)

b. Events Committee held on 22nd July 2025

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the above meetings be approved, subject to the above amendment.

C.51/25 EMS HEALTHCARE: REQUEST TO SITE NHS MOBILE UNIT TO FACILITATE ‘OUR FUTURE HEALTH’ PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, which had previously been circulated, with regard to a request from EMS Healthcare to site an NHS mobile unit in the Peterlee & Horden RFC car park from 28th November 2025 to 22nd December 2025 to facilitate ‘Our Future Health’ programme.

RESOLVED: That the request be agreed.

C.52/25 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Consideration was given to an application for the grant of a Premises Licence which had been submitted to Durham County Council by Easteye Limited in respect of The Canny Lad and Vibe, Bede Way, Peterlee. Details of the application had previously been circulated.

The Town Council was able to make representations to Durham County Council to support or object to an application or decide not to comment on an application.

Members raised concerns with regard to the sale of alcohol off premises and the requested extension of opening hours, which could have a detrimental effect on crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and increase the potential risk of harm to children.

RESOLVED: That an objection be submitted to Durham County Council to reflect the above concerns.

C.53/25 LIVE STREAMING AND RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, which had previously been circulated, in relation to a proposal for the Town Council to livestream its full Council meetings via its website and record meetings for future public access.

Following detailed discussion where various opinions were raised, both for and against the proposal, members agreed to defer a decision to gain further information about the numbers of councils livestreaming and recording meetings and their experiences.

RESOLVED: That the decision be deferred pending further information being obtained relating to the experiences of other local councils recording and livestreaming their meetings.

C.54/25 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR – FIRST QUARTER BUDGET SUMMARY

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, which had previously been circulated, setting out the first quarter budget summary for 2025/26 financial year.

The report also highlighted material variances of over 15% together with an explanation for each.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted

C.55/25 EDEN LANE DEPOT - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Neighbourhood Service Manager, which had previously been circulated, providing an update on the essential works required at Eden Lane Depot, together with quotations received to undertake roofing and building work.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update be noted
2. That the contract to undertake roofing and building work be awarded to Company A (S and J Builders) in the sum of £17,500

C.56/25 REPLACEMENT OF TILL SYSTEM AT THE PAVILION

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Supervisor (Hospitality), which had previously been circulated, advising members of the replacement of the till system at The Pavilion.

RESOLVED: That Members endorse the action taken to resolve operational issues at The Pavilion by replacing the till system.

C.57/25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, the Council passed a 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, Part 1, due to the commercial and personal information contained in the report.

C.58/25 GARDEN COMPETITION DISQUALIFICATION - APPEAL

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, which had previously been circulated, regarding an appeal received in respect of a local resident who had been disqualified from the garden competition.

RESOLVED: That the Council upholds the local resident's disqualification.

C.59/25 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL – SOCIAL & SPORTING HUB DEVELOPMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, which had previously been circulated, in relation to a proposal received to develop a social and sports hub in Peterlee.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk undertake further work on the proposal and update members as necessary.