

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE HELD ON 18TH
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PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS
OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE

HELD IN THE BURDON SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2015

PRESENT: COUN G COWIE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J I Measor, K Liddell, S Simpson, C
Baty, L Wood, M A Cartwright, M J Thompson
K Hawley & V Watson

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

There were also 7 members of the public present at the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G Cowie, welcomed members of the public and residents to the meeting and handed over to Miss Kay Tweddle, Deputy Town Clerk.

The Deputy Town Clerk welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that she would like to bring residents up to date with the Town Councils activities over the previous year.

When the Town Council's budget for 2015/16 was set in January 2015 it was anticipated that gross expenditure would be £2,146,212.00 with a net expenditure of £1,517,640.00. The precept was set at £1,229,336.00, (with a LCTRS grant of £288,304). Year end balances stood at £1,181,860.00 (end of March figure). The Council received an unqualified report from District Audit on its financial affairs and corporate governance.

A series of Internal Audits had also been carried out during the year and the Town Council were financially sound and well run.

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Details were outlined of the agreements and land transactions agreed during the year.

It was reported the Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund in 2014/15 had raised in the order of £15,115.00 with over 16 organisations benefiting from the Appeal.

The Town Council had been proud to offer to its residents the following activities and events:-

- Flag Flying Day – The Pavilion was once again host to the annual 'Flag Flying Event' on 23rd June 2013 in honour of 'Armed Forces Day'. The event was attended by local Veterans, Cadets, Members and Dignitaries.
- The Town Council provided events for families at its facilities including Breakfast with Santa, popular Patomimes for local primary schools with over 1,400 children attending, Halloween Parties and Family Fun Days at Woodhouse Park and The Pavilion.
- Organisation of community events such as the Sports Relief Mile, the Annual Fireworks Display, Peterlee Show, Peterlee in Bloom, Mayoress at Home, New Year's Party for Senior Citizens to name but a few.

The Council continued to invest in public facilities with building improvements at Eden Lane Community Facility and successfully developed a project in partnership with East Durham Business Academy.

Details were given of the public apology that was to be offered on behalf of the Town Council to its Town Clerk, Jane Russell.

The Deputy Town Clerk then asked members of the public for any questions or comments on the information given. None of the members of the public had any questions or comments for the Council. In closing she thanked the public for their interest in the Town Council and its business.