

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2011

PRESENT: COUN D MILSOM (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell, L Wood, M Milsom & J
Black

Messrs:- R Kyle, J Alvey, T A Jones, H Bennett MBE,
W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, R W Jones, D Langan, C J
Metcalf & C Austin

**MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY
INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillors
G Cowie, (asthma), J I Measor, (ill) & J Hardy, (Durham County
Local Government Committee).

47. NORTH BLUNTS LIMITED – UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed James Ridings, Steve Buckley and Andrew
Cooper to the meeting. They in turn thanked the Town Council for
the opportunity to come along to address the meeting.

The representatives had come along to the meeting to update
Members with the proposed development and the planning process.

Morrisons were delighted to have been named operator for the site and gave all of the benefits that they as a company would bring to the Town in terms of approximately 350 permanent staff, (full and part time), with local recruitment, Morrison Academy opportunities. They were also the largest provider of apprenticeships schemes in 2011, so they felt that they had a lot to offer the community as an employer and as a store.

Details were given on the food and none food split of theirs and other stores.

The meeting was opened up for a question and answer session which covered the following areas/issues:-

- Timeline
- Alternative sites
- Central Government planning advice
- Potential Planning Appeal
- Competitors and other schemes/proposals.

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted and the planning decisions be awaited.

48. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

49. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received covering Peterlee, however the Deputy Town Clerk reported on applications of interest on the nearby industrial estates and in Castle Eden.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

50. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were advised that no planning decisions had been received from Durham County Council.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.