

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY 2010

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 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010

PRESENT: COUN C J METCALFE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood, M Milsom  
& J Black

Messrs: H Bennett MBE,  
J Hardy, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis,  
D Langan, G Cowie, C Robbins,  
D Milsom, & C Austin

**There were also 14 members of the public present at the meeting.**

The Mayor, Councillor C J Metcalfe, 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 what the Council had been doing in the previous year.

Details had been given in the report on the budget and explaining why the level of precept had been set at £1,353,82.00.

It was reported that the Council had received an unqualified report from District Audit on its financial affairs and corporate governance.

Details were given on agreements and land transactions including a TUPE transfer of four staff from Castle Eden Dene from Peterlee Town Council to Natural England in December 2009. The Council's financial support for Castle Eden Dene continues as does the funding of a Community Highways Works in partnership with Durham County Council.

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It was advised that the Mayor's Charity Appeal fund had raised £10,600 with over 11 organizations benefiting from the Appeal.

A list of projects carried out in the year was given as follows:-

Works virtually complete on The Pavilion, Helford Road New Sports and Community Building. The Team were now busy promoting and developing it along with the newly appointed Sports Development Officer;

Grant Funding was sourced from the North Peterlee Neighbourhood Pathfinder Management Bid and a Neighbourhood Officer took up post for 6 months with a Neighbourhood Survey being completed for Peterlee;

"Friends of Groups" started up for the Cemetery, Woodhouse Park and Helford Community, (the Pavilion);

Grant Funding was also successfully sourced from the North East Empowerment Partnership and Changing the Physical Activity Landscape;

CCTV installed in the Cemetery, Eden Lane;

A Grave Digging Course which was opened up to other partner organizations with TV, radio and press coverage;

Additional headstone foundation strips laid in the Cemetery, Eden Lane;

Acquisition of a mobile skate park – acquired and used during the school summer holidays in Woodhouse Park;

Acquisition of a crazy golf system – acquired and used during the school summer holidays in Woodhouse Park;

Projekt Sensation events continued to be held at the close of every school term;

Improved road signage to the Tourist Information Centre;

Completion of a New Town Guide;

Internal Redecoration and new carpet to the Reception Area in the Civic Offices, Shotton Hall.

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Other achievements included :-

- 1) Cricket World – Certificate of Commendation;
- 2) One North East Tourism Award – TIC of the Year Gold Award;
- 3) Re accredited for Quality Status;
- 4) Deputy Town Clerk became CiLCA qualified.

She 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 commented that the Town Council, Members and staff have had a very busy and fruitful year, notwithstanding the hard work and efforts of all of its partners and most of all of its dedicated Town Clerk, John Arthur.

The Chairman thanked them for their interest and attendance and invited them along to next year's Annual Parish Elector's Meeting.