

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup>  
MAY 2012

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 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2012

PRESENT: COUN J HARDY (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell, J I Measor, L  
Wood & J Black

Messrs: R Kyle, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis,  
C Watkins, D Langan, C J Metcalfe,  
J Alvey, G Cowie, T A Jones, R Huitson,  
H Bennett MBE, & C Austin

**There were also 10 members of the public present at the meeting.**

The Mayor, Councillor J Hardy, welcomed Members of the public and residents to the meeting and handed over to Mrs Jane Russell, Town Clerk.

The 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 £1,456,894.00 and it was reported the Town Council's were to be audited within the next week.

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

1. AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS

The following agreements were made during the year:-

- The Town Council entered into a new three year Catering Contract at Shotton Hall;

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- The Town Council entered into an agreement with HRH Princes Trust, Peterlee for use of the facilities at Hill Rigg House, Lowhills Road. This led to the completion of a successful project with Stockton Riverside College to enhance the changing facilities with sports themed murals.

2. THE MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL

The Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund in 2011/12 has raised in the order of £12,300 with over 14 organisations benefiting from the Appeal.

3. LISTS OF PROJECTS CARRIED OUT

Works and achievements include the following projects:-

- Closure, refurbishment and subsequent re-opening of the Eden Lane Social Club providing additional community facilities and rooms for hire. The Eden Lane Community Facility is now providing a new community exercise programme which is funded through the council's PACES project
- A reduction in the council's staffing establishment to enable the continuation of core facilities and services during difficult economic circumstances;
- Maintaining Grant Funding for the PACES Project based at the Pavilion, a community exercise programme aimed at 40 – 70 year olds, and a Project Worker employed to support this programme;
- Organisation of community events such as the Sports Relief Mile;
- An increase in events and bookings for the Shotton Hall Civic Offices and Banqueting Suites;
- The provision of a variety of free training courses held at the Pavilion in partnership with East Durham Community College to help improve the careers and job prospects of local people;

The 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 commented that the Town Council, Members and staff have had a very

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busy and fruitful year, notwithstanding the hard work and efforts of all of its staff and Members and its various partners. The Town Clerk thanked the members of the public for their interest and attendance and invited them along to next year's Annual Parish Elector's Meeting.