

MINUTES OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH APRIL 2015

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

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HELD IN THE MAYOR'S ANTE CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2015

PRESENT: COUN D MILSOM (CHAIR)

Messrs: W M Jeffrey, G Cowie, R Kyle & C J Metcalfe

Councillors M A Cartwright, M J Thompson, s Miles & A
Watson (Observers)

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

The Chairman advised Members of the committee and members of the public that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs are taken.

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been submitted.

55. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been previously circulated, were approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Peterlee Pumas

To record the decision to make a grant of £650.00 towards the youth team strips. Members were informed that one of the Juniors had been offered Scotland Trials and it was agreed that congratulations be sent on behalf of the Town Council to the Club.



RECOMMENDED this course of action be agreed.

(ii) Five Star Football Team

To record it was agreed at the Council Meeting on 16th March 2015, that a grant of £300.00 be made towards the cost of strips for this Team.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

(iii) Peterlee & District Sunday League Cup Finals – Newtown Football Ground

To record it had been agreed at the Finance & General Purposes Meeting held on 7th April 2015, that concessionary use be granted for up to six finals at this ground.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

56. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE:-

(i) Horden RFC, Shotton Hall - 15th May 2015

(ii) Easington School Partnership - Shotton Hall Grounds – 19th, 20th & 21st May 2015

(iii) Larger Councils Working Group - Larger Councils & Smaller Councils Forum - 29th May 2015, Shotton Hall

(iv) Helford United - 12th June 2015, The Pavilion

(v) Peterlee Cricket Club - 13th June 2015, The Pavilion

RECOMMENDED that free use be granted for the events and meetings as outlined above.

57. V E DAY 8TH MAY 2015, BEACON CEREMONY ACROSS COUNTY DURHAM 21.30

Members gave consideration to information received regarding this event. It was asked if other parishes were getting involved and mention was made to the beacon that was next to Peterlee Leisure Centre.

RECOMMENDED contact be made with other parishes in East Durham to find out if they were to take part in commemorating this event.

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58. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE PASSED THE 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 1985.

59. TWINNING VISIT

(i) 2014 – Audit Report

Members were circulated with a copy of the internal auditor's report that had been requested by the Town Council on the Town Twinning Accounts.

Members accepted the recommendations made in the report, whilst noting these were for the Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association to consider.

RECOMMENDED the report be accepted. FURTHER RECOMMENDED all Members of the Town Council be issued with a copy of the report for their information.

(ii) Host Allowance 2015 Trip

Members were advised of further information obtained on the payment of host allowances and asked to consider this matter.

RECOMMENDED the Town Council agree to pay a host allowance of £10 per person per night for those hosting visitors from the Twin Town of Nordenham in the summer of 2015. FURTHER RECOMMENDED payment of this allowance be restricted to those living within what was known as the former Easington District Council boundary.

At this point in the meeting the following Councillors declared an interest and left the room:- Councillors A Watson, W M Jeffrey, M J Thompson & D Milsom.

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Kyle then took the Chair.

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60. WITHOUT PREJUDICE – Jane Russell v Peterlee Town Council

RECOMMENDED authority be given for a medical report to be obtained at a cost of £3,744 (12 hours) and plenary powers be granted for this to be actioned immediately. **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** a regular update be given to all Members on the costs incurred with this matter.

Members were also advised that the Town Council were in receipt of an Employment Tribunal Claim from the Town Clerk.

RECOMMENDED the receipt of the claim be acknowledged and Members be kept up to date with this matter.

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