

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2010

PRESENT: COUN W M JEFFREY (CHAIR)

Messrs:- R Kyle, D Langan, R Curtis & R W Jones

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN
RECOMMENDED that Councillor W M Jeffrey be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN
RECOMMENDED that Councillor R Curtis be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted as all of the Committee were present.

4. 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, PERSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1961 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT.

5. TO CONSIDER THE COMPLAINTS RAISED BY MR A WATSON ON BEHALF OF THE PETERLEE CRICKET AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Town Council had circulated to Members copies of Peterlee Cricket and Social Club (PCASC) complaints made.

It was noted that none of the PCASC members were present at the meeting; this had been the second attempt to call the meeting.

(a) Planning Application

The first complaint related to the planning application PL/5/2010/0083 for the part demolition and rebuild/refurbishment of Club House, car parking area, pedestrian paved areas, footpaths and exterior lighting at the Cricket Club.

The grounds for the complaint were the members of PCASC were not consulted regarding this application.

Members were circulated with a copy of the reply made by the Planning Services Section, Durham County Council which explained that it was assumed by them that any tenants affected by the development would have been duly notified by the applicants.

As the Architect employed by the Town Council had submitted the planning application to Durham County Council it would have been appropriate for them to have dealt with all of the relevant paperwork which included this notice. The Town Council had consulted with the tenants on numerous occasions of what their intentions were with regard to the future of the building.

Following consideration it was **RECOMMENDED that the Architects be contacted and ask what they were willing to do in this regard to cover the Town Council as their client. PCASC be given a “holding reply” on this issue until a reply was received from the Architect.**

(b) Unfair Subsidizing

Peterlee Cricket and Social Club formally made a complaint regarding Peterlee Town Councils apparent unfair subsidizing of drinks at the

Pavilion, using council tax money. They felt unfair subsidizing of drinks had a detrimental effect to several local businesses.

The Facilities Manager confirmed that this had been part of a World Cup promotion financed by the Brewery. It had not been subsidized in any way by the Town Council and any reduction in price had been passed on directly to the customer.

During discussions it was stressed that this was a Town Council facility not a business, which every tax payer could enjoy.

RECOMMENDED that PCASC be advised that the reduction in bar prices had been part of a Brewery promotion and no subsidies had been granted by the Town Council.