

ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2009

PRESENT: COUN C J METCALFE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: M Milsom, L Wood & J I Measor

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

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

264. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S McDonnell, M A Cartwright, J Black, E W Hall, C Robbins & T Jones.

265. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 231 – Durham Heritage Coast Annual Forum

The Town Clerk advised that he had spoken to an Officer in Corporate Services at Durham County Council to try and obtain papers on the discussions involving the Denemouth Car Park Scheme.

RECOMMENDED that the papers on this subject be awaited.



(ii) Minute Number 236 – Durham County Council – Admission Arrangements – September 2010 and beyond

The Town Clerk advised that he had spoken to an Officer in the Children and Young People's Services Department who had confirmed that the Admission Policy was as given by Councillor Hardy at a previous meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

266. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12TH FEBRUARY, 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was accepted.

(a) CHEQUES PAID OUT OF MEETING

Cheques paid out of meeting numbers 18007 to 18010 amounting to £3,878.32 were approved.

(b) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment for the month of March amounting to £418,806.51 were considered.

RECOMMENDED that the Accounts for March 2009 be paid.

267. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – POWER OF WELL BEING UPDATE

Members were circulated with a copy of further details received on the use of the Power of Well Being and the training that was to be arranged as a matter of urgency by the County Training Partnership. The meeting originally to be held on 6th March 2009 to discuss this matter had been cancelled.

RECOMMENDED that details of the training be awaited.

268. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIPS – REVIEW OF CDALC STRUCTURE AND CONSTITUTION

Members were circulated with information relating to a Special Meeting to be held by the County Durham Association of Local Councils on Saturday 4th April 2009 to discuss Area Action Partnerships and the review of CDALC structure and constitution.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk and two members of the Town Council attend this meeting on the Town Council's behalf.

269. BRITISH TELECOM PLC – JUNCTION HOUSE WIND TURBINES – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SCOPING EXERCISE CONSULTATION

Details of the above proposal were circulated to each Member.

RECOMMENDED that no observations be made on this proposal.

270. NOTE OF THE PETERLEE REGENERATION PANEL MEETING HELD ON 22ND JANUARY, 2009 AND LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR D TAYLOR-GOOPY, CHAIR OF THE REGENERATION PANEL

Members were circulated with a copy of a note of a meeting held on the 22nd January 2009. Members were concerned that there had already been considerable expense in getting to this stage in the process, engaging consultants and producing reports and would not want to see this not being taken forward any further. They suggested that perhaps the County Council Members for Peterlee may be able to seek assurances that this would not happen.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk take this up with the relevant Officers/Members.

271. HORDEN AND EASINGTON REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP – COASTAL COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM

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Members were circulated with details of this Consortium. In considering this matter it was suggested that this group was perhaps formed to act as a pressure group for coastal communities. The need for Peterlee to have it's own representation was stressed. This was an issue which could be discussed further at the Special Meeting being held on Tuesday 3rd March 2009, with representatives from North Peterlee Neighbourhood Pathfinder.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

273. E.D.F. ENERGY – PUBLIC MEETING ON NEW NUCLEAR BUILD AT HARTLEPOOL

Members were advised of details of a public meeting being held on Wednesday 11th March 2009 from 7.00pm – 8.00pm at Grand Hotel, Hartlepool.

RECOMMENDED that any Member wishing to attend do so.

274. LETTER FROM THE CRANX CREW – PETERLEE YOUTH CENTRE

Members were circulated with a copy of a letter from the Cranx Crew requesting a meeting on the provision of a skatepark. The Town Clerk confirmed he had arranged to meet with the Group on Wednesday 4th March 2009. It was suggested that the Town Council's representative on the Youth Centre, Councillor J Hardy, also attend.

RECOMMENDED that this course of action be agreed.

275. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE

PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1961 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

276. ZURICH MUNICIPAL – DETAILS OF CLAIM SETTLEMENT – MRS V SETTERFIELD

Members were circulated with details of an insurance claim settlement in relation to the above.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

277. SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES – EXTENSION TO CATERING CONTRACT

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk regarding the extension of the current catering contract for Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites.

RECOMMENDED that Mrs J Cockburn of A Touch of Class Catering, Wheatley Hill, be offered an extension of the catering contract for Shotton Hall for a further two years from 1st May 2009 to 30th April 2011.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED consideration be given to the catering contract being extended to include The Pavilion.

278. AAP INAUGURAL EVENTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of details of the inaugural AAP Events listing Easington/Peterlee & Seaham Area's Meeting to be held on 11th May 2009. Further details were awaited.

RECOMMENDED that the date of the meeting be noted and that it was open to all Members should they wish to attend.

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279. CDALC SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the renewal request for the Town Council's subscription to the County Durham Association of Local Councils for 2009/10.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council renew it's subscription to CDALC for 2009/10 at a cost of £2,304.60.

280. MUSIC EVENTS – EAST DURHAM COLLEGE

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an e mail that suggested that Mr Billy Nelson, Events Manager at the College had confirmed that the College would no longer be organising Freaky Weasel music events from their new site. It was understood an alternative venue had been found.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

