

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 4TH
FEBRUARY 2013

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- L Wood, J I Measor, M Milsom & J Black

Messrs:- L Cook, T A Jones, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE, R
Curtis, C Watkins, D Langan, C J Metcalfe, 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.**

122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillor
R W Jones, (ill).

123. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had
been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

124. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE 10TH JANUARY 2013 a copy of which had been circulated
to each Member, were accepted.

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125. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

- (i) NHS priorities and feedback event, Thursday 31st January 2013,
1.30-3.00pm. Wheatley Hill

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted.

- (ii) Election Information Session, 25th February 2013, 6-8pm,
County Hall, Durham

RECOMMENDED four places be reserved on this session for the following:-

**Councillor W M Jeffrey
Councillor H Bennett MBE
Councillor J I Measor
Councillor C Austin.**

126. POLICE CRIME STATISTICS

Members were circulated with the statistics relating to the Town for the previous month.

RECOMMENDED that the information contained in the statistics circulated, be noted.

127. DCC NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SERVICE

Details of the Durham County Council Neighbourhood Warden Service available for the County and the contact details were circulated to each member.

RECOMMENDED that the information received giving details on this service, be noted.

128. PETERLEE RESTORATIVE APPROACHES PROJECT

Members were circulated with information relating to this new initiative where the Town Council could be involved where appropriate or necessary.

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted and further developments be awaited.

129. TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE – FOOTPATH AT HATFIELD PLACE, PETERLEE

Members were circulated with details relating to a footpath closure that would begin on 4th February 2013.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

130. TWINNING EXCHANGE – SUMMER 2013

Members were given a verbal update on the exchange trip from the Twin Town of Nordenham.

RECOMMENDED the details given be noted, and the arrangements for the Farewell Night to be hosted by the Town Council on Monday 8th July 2013, be noted.

131. QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY – NOMINATIONS

Members were circulated giving the opportunity for the Town Council to nominate one its Members to go along to the Royal Garden Party via the draw carried out by CDALC.

RECOMMENDED any Member wishing to be nominated contact the Office and if they were successful it was in the understanding they paid their own expenses.

132. 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, 1961

& THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION)
ACT 1985.

133. DONATIONS & CONCESSIONARY USE APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the following requests for donations or
concessionary use of the Town Council's facilities:-

Concessionary Use Applications

- (a) Shotton Hall - Peterlee Cricket Club – Annual Sportsman's
Dinner, Thursday 28th March 2013
**RECOMMENDED free use of the Banqueting Suites be
agreed for this event.**

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST IT WAS
RECORDED THAT ALL MEMBERS HAD AN INTEREST AS
THEY WERE MEMEBERS OF THE LABOUR PARTY AND IT
WAS RESOLVED THAT THE GENERAL DISPENSATION IN
PLACE BE USED IN THIS INSTANCE.

- (b) Shotton Hall - Easington Constituency Labour Party, Friday
March 8th 2013
**RECOMMENDED this request be considered further at the
Council Meeting.**
- (c) Shotton Hall – School Sports Partnership, 20th, 21st & 22nd May
2013
**RECOMMENDED free use be granted for this inter schools
event.**
- (d) The Pavilion - Hartlepool & East Durham Mind
**RECOMMENDED that a reduction in the normal hourly
rate of hire of 50% be granted, and the organization be
advised they would need to purchase refreshments from
The Pavilion.**
- (e) The Pavilion – County Durham & Darlington Communication
Support Group
**RECOMMENDED that a reduction in the normal hourly
rate of hire of 50% be granted.**

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- (f) The MUGA – Peterlee Oakerside FC, Friday evenings, 5.30-6.30pm

RECOMMENDED this request be considered further at the Pavilion Management Board Meeting on Tuesday 5th February 2013.

- (g) Eden Lane Car Park – Moving On Project, two weeks, 18th March & 8th April 2013

RECOMMENDED permission be granted to the Moving on Project to use the car park at Eden Lane on the dates given. FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Organisation be approached to use the Pavilion car park and possibility attend the Peterlee Show.

- (h) European Exchange Teachers – Peterlee Gifts

Members were asked to endorse the action taken in gifting small items of memorabilia to visitors of a local school.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken in this regard, be endorsed.

- (i) Letters of Thanks & Appreciation

- Oakerside Mother & Toddlers
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Harbour Refuge

Members were circulated with copies of letters of thanks and appreciation following donations being made to these Groups.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

134. STOCK REPORTS PERIOD ENDING 19TH DECEMBER 2012

- (A) Shotton Hall

- (B) The Pavilion

Consideration was given to the stock reports received for the licensed premises.

RECOMMENDED the reports be accepted.

135. USAGE REPORTS

- (a) Shotton Hall
- (b) The Pavilion

Consideration was given to the usage reports received.

RECOMMENDED the reports be accepted.

136. THE REPORT OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE UNVEILING OF THE PAVILION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2013

A copy of these notes were circulated to each Member and were a suggested discussion document. Members made several suggestions ie:-

- The Mayor perform the unveiling, along with Bob Anderson, former torch bearer;
- Councillors wives/partners be included in the invitations;
- No concessions or complimentary bar be provided.

RECOMMENDED Officers be given approval to organise this event and plenary powers be granted.

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138. THE SHOW – RECEIPT OF TENDERS

The report of the Show Co Ordinator was considered detailing all of the tenders received for the supply of equipment for the Show.

RECOMMENDED that the lowest tenders received for the supply of services at the Show 2013, as detailed in the report, be accepted en bloc.

139. BUDGET UPDATE 2013/14 PRECEPT

Further consideration was given to the setting of the precept for 2013/14 and to the report of the Town Clerk in this regard.

RECOMMENDED:-

(i) that the precept for Peterlee Town Council be set as follows:-

Parish Precept	1,097,106.00
LCTSS Grant	338,499.00
Use of Reserves	<u>16,057.00</u>
Total Requirement	£1,496,450.00

- (ii) it be noted that this was £16,057.00 less than what had been recommended by the Town Clerk; and**
- (iii) a statement be issued by the Town Council regarding the changes to the funding arrangements.**