

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY
COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2010

PRESENT: COUN. D LANGAN (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood, S McDonnell & J Black

Messrs: C J Metcalfe, J Hardy, W M Jeffrey,
R Huitson, G Cowie, C Austin,
C Robbins, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE
& E W Hall

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

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; R Kyle – medical appointment, T Jones – sore throat and cold, D Milsom – Wife in hospital and J I Measor – Father in hospital.

RECOMMENDED that the apologies submitted, be accepted.

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

84. PARKS SUPERVISOR'S PROGRESS REPORT, a copy of which had been circulated to Members, was considered under the following headings:-

a) Eden Lane Cemetery

The Supervisor gave a detailed report on the current situation at the Cemetery. He referred to the good working partnership between the Town Council, the Police and the frequent patrols with the mobile CCTV. The public were also telephoning the Office asking for incident sheets, which were then recorded and passed to the local Beat Officer.

RECOMMENDED that the situation be monitored and Members be kept up to date with progress.

b) Eden Lane C.C.T.V

A discussion ensued on the above subject with the Supervisor advising Members on the quotations he had obtained from the current Security Company the Council dealt with.

RECOMMENDED that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

c) Waste Management

The Supervisor gave a report on the above subject, which was discussed in detail by Members.

RECOMMENDED that the Supervisor draft a Site Waste Management Plan.

d) Peterlee In Bloom 2010

Following on from feedback received from last year's entrants regarding the dates of the judging being too early and flowers not in full bloom, dates had been suggested by the Show Co-ordinator for this year's Competition.

RECOMMENDED that the Judging Day take place on Monday 12th July followed by the Presentation Night being held on Thursday 22nd July 2010.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that participants and award winners be given every encouragement to attend the Presentation evening.

e) MUGA usage for January - 42 hours due to bad weather conditions.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

f) Burials for January – 4

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

85. COUNTY DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

A copy of the correspondence relating to the above subject, had been circulated to Members. It was noted that the closing date for entries was 19th February 2010.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

86. REQUEST FOR SEATS – CHAPEL HILL

A letter had been received from a Mrs Langlands, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Town Clerk advised that this area of land was not in the ownership of the Town Council, and suggested the letter be forwarded to the County Council.

RECOMMENDED that Mrs Langland’s letter be forwarded to the County Council and a letter be sent to Mrs Langland’s advising her of the situation.

87. LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT – SUPERVISION IN COMMUNITY & YOUTH WORK & HELPING THE PROFESSIONS, 3 DAYS COURSE, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

The Town Clerk asked for Members consideration in sending Angela Swinbourne, the Neighbourhood Management Officer, on the above three day course.

The Clerk advised that the costs for this course would be reclaimed back from Pathfinder, so there would be no cost to the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED that the Neighbourhood Management Officer attend this course, at no cost to the Town Council.

88. FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

The Parks Development Officer had circulated a report on the above subject, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RECOMMENDED that this be approved, but, the contact telephone number be changed to the Peterlee Information Centre (0191) 5864450.

89. GRAVE DIGGING COURSE – TV, RADIO & PRESS COVERAGE

The Town Clerk made reference to the recent tv, radio and press coverage regarding the grave digging course which had been held at the Peterlee Cemetery.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- i) **a copy of the press coverage be circulated to all Members at the Full Council Meeting**
- ii) **a press release be prepared for inclusion in the NALC Review Newsletter.**

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

91. ACRE RIGG SOCIAL CLUB FIELDS, PETERLEE

Members discussed the above item at length and expressed grave concerns as to the current situation with works in progress, but no Method Statement/Risk Assessment or a returnable bond being in place.

RECOMMENDED that the Supervisor put a stop to the works immediately until a Method Statement/Risk Assessment was received from Durham County Council.

92. PETERLEE NEWTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Town Clerk advised that the above building had been broken into recently with some minor damage to the roof. The Police had been involved and there was CCTV footage.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

93. PLANNING APPLICATION BY KENMORE FOR SUPERMARKET IN THE TOWN CENTRE - CONSULTATION

A letter had been received from Pilgrim PR regarding the above subject, a copy of which had been circulated to Members.

The Town Clerk advised he understood there would be a public consultation in the Town Centre on the 12th and 13th February 2010. The Town Clerk had asked if they would be prepared to give a presentation at the Full Council Meeting, to which he awaited a reply.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

94. ASDA – SUPERMARKET TROLLEYS

A Member advised that there was a new Manager at the Peterlee Asda Store and suggested that he be invited to attend a future Council Meeting, to discuss in particular the ever increasing problem of trolleys.

RECOMMENDED that the Clerk send an invitation to the new Asda Store Manager at Peterlee to attend a Council Meeting.