

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS &  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood, K Liddell, S Simpson,  
K Hawley & M Cartwright

Messrs: D Milsom, C Watkins, C J Metcalfe,  
G Cowie, W M Jeffrey, J Alvey, D Sillito  
& A Watson

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

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Cook (ill), C Baty (personal commitments), S Miles (personal commitments) and V Watson (personal commitments).

**RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reasons submitted for absence received from the Councillors on the grounds given above, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

92. SHILDON TOWN COUNCIL & STADT NORDENHAM

The Deputy Town Clerk sadly advised Members of two recent deaths, the Mayoress of Shildon Town Council and Mr Herbert Dorte, translator at Stadt Nordenham.

**RECOMMENDED that letters of condolence be sent to both Councils on behalf of the Mayor and Town Council.**

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

***COUNCILLORS C J METCALFE, W M JEFFREY AND J ALVEY DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM AS PLOT HOLDERS AND OFFICIALS.***

94. THORNTREE GILL LEISURE GARDENS SITE

The Chairman welcomed Mr Terry Duffy and Mr Frank Ramshaw, representatives of Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens site to the meeting to raise their concerns over the split between the Thorntree Gill and Lowhills Road sites. The Representatives stressed they were attending in their capacity as members of the Peterlee Leisure Gardeners Association.

For Members reference copies of brief notes from previous meetings held with the groups since the split had been agreed were circulated to each Member.

Mr Ramshaw advised Members of their concerns with the split, they asked various questions and gave historical background as to how they felt the current situation stood. They felt they had reached a position where they were unable to move on any further and that there were issues that required full resolution.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Council's Internal Auditor was in the process of auditing the books for the Peterlee Leisure Gardens Association for 2013/14.

**RECOMMENDED the Report from the Internal Auditor, be awaited.**

95. NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY EVENT – TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015, COUNTY HALL, DURHAM – 6.00PM

An invitation to the above event had been received and was open to any Member wishing to attend.

**RECOMMENDED that any Member wishing to attend this event notify the Deputy Town Clerk.**

96. 2015 SPORTS SURVEY

The Horticultural Supervisor had circulated a Report in relation to the above subject, copies of which had been circulated to each Member.

**RECOMMENDED that the 2015 Sports Survey be issued to the cricket and bowls sports as detailed in the report and on receipt of the results, a further report be submitted by the Horticultural Supervisor in October/November.**

97. 2015 FEES & CHARGES

The Horticultural Supervisor had circulated a Report in relation to the fees and charges for the cemetery and the leisure gardens, copies of which had been circulated to each Member.

**RECOMMENDED that a full and further Report be awaited from the Horticultural Supervisor in October/November in conjunction with the budget setting exercise for 2016/17.**

98. THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE HORTICULTURAL SUPERVISOR, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member giving details of pre-start meetings with Contractors for the joint partnership project with the East Durham Technical Academy at the Eden Lane Community Building.

Members agreed that any publicity be carried out jointly with all parties involved and it was agreed this was the start of an exciting project. The Horticultural Supervisor advised that he would be the point of contact throughout this contract.

**RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted and progress be awaited.**