

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2008

PRESENT: COUN T JONES (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J Black, J I Measor & L Wood

Messrs: R Kyle, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey,
J Hardy, R Curtis, D Langan, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, C
Robbins, R Huitson, E W Hall & D Milsom

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

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A 15 MINUTE “OPEN SESSION” WAS HELD TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL. THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT.

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillors M A Cartwright, C Austin & R Jones.

129. ACRE RIGG WARD – CO OPTION OF LOCAL MEMBER

The Mayor welcomed Ms S McDonnell to the Council. The Leader also welcomed the co-opted Member for Acre Rigg Ward and wished

her every success with her new appointment.

RESOLVED that Ms Susan McDonnell of 120 Beverley Way, Peterlee be co-opted onto the Town Council for the Acre Rigg Ward.

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

131. POLICE -UPDATE

The Police gave Members the crime statistics since the last meeting and progress on issues raised at previous meetings. Details were given of a complaint of under age drinking with taxi drivers purchasing alcohol for minors. Following consideration it was suggested that this matter be reported by the Town Clerk via the agreed process. Anti social behaviour in Hatfield Place was brought as an issue by a Local Member. In discussions the problem of speeding traffic on Durham Way was raised and the Police suggested as there was a cost implication of a permanent speed indicator being put in place. It was Town Council could approach the County Council for a temporary indicator to be put in place. The issue of a report being made for the collection and disposal of used needles was brought to the attention of the Police.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted, and action be taken as set out above.

132. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

133. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW MEETING OF THE 25TH SEPTEMBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each

Member, was agreed.

It was asked that for future meetings the current Chairman give his report, and then follow on with the Co-Ordinator's report and then voluntary organisation's reports. Following this appointment of officials be made with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Show and the Parade and Deputy Parade Marshall.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) **Councillor R Kyle be elected Chairman of the Show Committee for 2009;**
- (ii) **Councillor J Alvey be nominated Vice Chairman of the Show Committee for 2009;**
- (iii) **Councillor J I Measor be elected Parade Marshall, with the Deputy being Councillor J Alvey.**

134. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

- (i) In connection with Minute Number 90 – Area Action Partnerships it was reported that the Town Clerk and Leader had a meeting arranged with the Leader of the District of Easington on the 28th October 2008 and would keep Members informed.

RESOLVED that progress be awaited.

- (ii) Minute Number 95 - Peterlee Primary School & Kingdom Hall Drainage the Town Clerk reported that he had spoken to the County Council officers and asked their valuers to contact him. It was reported that the grassed area had not been fully re-instated and it was asked if this could be progressed.

RESOLVED that progress be awaited.

135. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each

Member, was agreed.

136. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 6TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 27(ii) County Durham & Cleveland County Training Partnership

Councillor J Alvey expressed an interest in attending training.

RESOLVED that this item be re-considered by Members.

137. THE REPORT OF THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE OF THE 8TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

138. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

139. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 10 – Information Centre Manager's Report

RESOLVED that the policy on recruitment and selection be reviewed.

140. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 13TH OCTOBER 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

141. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEET, SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES & PETERLEE FOOTBALL CLUB – PERIOD UP TO 29TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Reports for the period up to 29th September 2008.

Reference was made to the cost of line cleaning. The Town Clerk advised that he intended to make a report to Members following his meeting with a company that supplied line cleaning equipment.

RESOLVED that the reports provided by the Stocktaker, be received. FURTHER RESOLVED that the report on line cleaning be awaited.

142. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of planning applications received were circulated to Members for their consideration. A further list was circulated at the meeting of applications received since the compilation of the agenda.

RESOLVED that no comments or objections be made to the applications received.

143. QUALITY COUNCILS: INFORMATION AND EXHIBITION & CDALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2008, TOWN HALL, SPENNYMOOR

Members were circulated with details of the above AGM where the Town Council's display would be on show.

RESOLVED that the Town Council's representatives Councillor C Austin and Councillor M A Cartwright, attend the meeting, along with the Town Clerk.

144. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & 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.

145. SUN F M ADVERTISING PROPOSAL

The Town Clerk advised Members of the offer received from this company.

RESOLVED that the Image Plus, (Level 1) advertising proposal with Sun FM be agreed at a cost of £99.00 per week.

146. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader's report was considered covering the following issues:-

- A warm welcome and offer of support to the new Member Councillor McDonnell
- With the impending credit crunch the need to make sure that the advertising strategy for the Town Council's services such as the Banqueting Suites was effective;
- Costs of energy – all to be more aware of saving energy and reducing costs;
- Area Action Partnerships – progress with discussions;
- The new build college site – he asked that the Town Council send a letter of congratulations on the build and wishing them

every success at the new site, expressing a wish to work with the college and to ask if it would be possible to have a place on the management board of the college;

- Sea Scape School Edenhill – the entrance to the school was being finished off; it was asked that the County Council be asked what arrangements had been made for parents parking when dropping off their children; and finally,
- A local resident had relatives visiting from Canada who had commented on how impressed they were with Peterlee, it's open spaces etc.

RESOLVED that the action as detailed above, be taken.