

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT: COUN C J METCALFE (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- T A Jones, J Alvey, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis, R W Jones, D Langan, G Cowie, C J Mtecalfe, D Milsom, C Austin & E W Hall

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. MR LAMB OF THE FORMER WARDENS HOUSE WAS IN ATTENDANCE. MR LAMB ASKED MEMBERS TO GIVE THEIR CONSIDERATION TO PROBLEMS HE WAS HAVING WITH LACK OF PRIVACY AND NUISANCE. MEMBERS HEARD MR LAMB OUT AND HE THANKED THEM FOR THE OPPROTUNITY TO COME ALONG.

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors C Robbins, R Huitson & H Bennett MBE.

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

82. POLICE -UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PC Gooden to the meeting who gave details of the crime statistics since the last meeting and then went on to give an update on issues raised previously. The Leader gave the following items for attention:-

- Cars parking on footpaths – he gave the Methodist Church on a Monday night as an example;
- A group of young people starting to gather on the Dene Front in the Hatfield Place area;
- The incident at Woodhouse Park with the skepark/crazy golf

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the issues be looked into.

83. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 27TH AUGUST 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

84. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 53 – East Durham Citizens Advice Bureau

The Town Clerk advised that he was awaiting a telephone call from the Manager of the CAB in relation to the position of the Town Council's representative on the CAB as a trustee. It was agreed that the Town Council continue to be involved and represented on the new Board.

RESOLVED that further information with regard to acting as a trustee on the CAB be awaited.

(b) Minute Number 69 – Members & Staff Christmas Party
RESOLVED that this matter be considered further at the next Meeting.

85. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

86. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 39 – Retirement Policy

Consideration was given to the report of the Facilities Manager, (Football Club) and it was **RESOLVED that the request to continue working from Mrs L Douglas be agreed and her employment be extended until 31st March 2010.**

87. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 24 – Request for Concessionary Use of Hill Rigg House

(i) House Youth Club, Friday Nights

RESOLVED free use be granted for this activity until 31st December 2009 and it be suggested to the Organizers that in the meantime they try to access funding to help with the running costs of the activity rather than relying on free use of facilities.

(ii) Community Spirit Youth Group, (Monday nights)

RESOLVED free use be granted for this activity until 31st December 2009 and it be suggested to the Organizers that in the meantime they try to access funding to help with the running costs of the activity rather than relying on free use of facilities.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM

COUNCILLOR J I MEASOR DECLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK NOT PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

- (b) Minute Number 26 – NAC, Crime & Disorder in Our Town & City Centre, 2nd – 4th October 2009, Chester

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) **that the invitation to attend this event not be accepted;**
- (ii) **it be agreed that Councillor Measor, the Council's representative be given authority to attend the Executive Meeting with one over night stay, and she advise the Office as soon as possible on the arrangements;**
- (iii) **Councillor Measor be asked to put to the Executive a formal resolution that NAC consider financing attendance at the Executive Meeting and a suggestion that they should consider transport and accessibility to their future conference venue.**

88. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 29 – Community Project Proposal – Tree Nursery Site

Further consideration was given to this proposal and it was felt that the Town Council were not in a position to commit to granting use of this site for the project and it be suggested that alternative sites in the Town should be considered. **RESOLVED that this view be forwarded to Ms Chrisp.**

- (i) Minute Number 35 – Durham Open Space, Sports & Recreation Needs Assessment

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Town Clerk in completing this survey on behalf of the Town Council, be endorsed.

- (ii) Minute Number 38 – Bonfire 5th November 2009

RESOLVED that subject to a satisfactory outcome following the meeting with the fire Officer, a bonfire be held in conjunction with the fireworks display.

89. SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES, THE PAVILION & PETERLEE FOOTBALL CLUB – PERIOD UP TO 4TH SEPTEMBER 2009

(a) Stocktake Summary Sheet

Consideration was given to the Stock taker's Reports for the period up to 4th September 2009.

RESOLVED that the reports provided by the Stock taker, be received. FURTHER RESOLVED that in future these reports be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(b) Record of Bar Income Etc

Members were circulated with copies of the bar income etc for the Football Club and The Pavilion.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted and as with the stocktake reports these reports be considered at the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

90. PLANNING APPLICATION

Members were advised of receipt of the following applications:-

Proposed	Free Standing Sign
At	East Durham College, Willerby Grove
For	East Durham College

Proposed	Conservatory
At	28 Van Mildert Close
For	Mr P J Rooney

Proposed	Double doors & raised patio area to front & new boundary wall
At	52 Eastdene Way
For	Mr C Hall

RESOLVED that support be given to local residents and an objection to the size of the free standing sign at East Durham College, Willerby Grove, be made.

FURTHER RESOLVED that no further comments be

forwarded on these applications.

91. THE POWER OF WELL BEING

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council had been successful in completing Section 7 of the CILCA portfolio relating to The Power of Well Being. The Town Clerk suggested that the Town Council had met with all of the prescribed conditions to use the Power of Well Being and asked that the Council pass the appropriate resolution. He confirmed that the town Council would record when these powers were used on a project by project basis.

RESOLVED that the Town Council formally adopt the Power of Well Being.

92. DURHAM POLICE AUTHORITY – POLICE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUPS

Members were circulated with a copy of details received from the Durham Constabulary on the Police Community Consultative Groups.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

93. GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL- LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Members were advised of receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Mayor of Great Aycliffe following the condolences offered to him following the death of his wife.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR J I MEASOR DECLARED HER INTEREST AND TOOK NO FURTHER PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

94. LETTER OF APPRECIATION – EDEN LANE FC

Members were circulated with a copy of a letter of appreciation from an Official from the Hartlepool Snooker Centre Church & District Football League following him officiating at a recent football match. He wanted to make the Town Council aware of the exemplary behavior of Peterlee Town FC towards himself when there.

RESOLVED that the letter be gratefully accepted.

When considering this matter Members were advised that Mr Les Measor has been shortlisted for the next stage of the County Durham Sport Annual Awards Scheme 2009.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

95. NOTE OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTH PETERLEE NEIGHBOURHOOD PATHFINDER WORKING PARTY OF THE 8TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Members were circulated with a copy of the notes from this meeting. Within the recommendations was for the Town Council to determine it's representatives on the boards and theme groups.

RESOLVED:-

(i) Councillor W M Jeffrey be nominated to represent the Town Council on the full Management Board;

(ii) Members advise the Office by the end of the week of any interest they have in being included on the themed Groups.

96. MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE PAVILION

The Town Clerk asked for consideration of the establishment of this Board. It was felt that the current Working Party should continue to exist until the final accounts etc were finalized for the building. At that point it was agreed that a Management Committee be formed with **????** outside representatives sitting on it along with the following Council Members:-

Councillors C J Metcalfe, J I Measor, J Alvey, R Huitson, W M Jeffrey, C Austin, D Langan, R Curtis, J Hardy & T Jones.

97. TRAINING & SOCIABLE EXERCISE TRAINING

The Town Clerk requested endorsement of action taken in reserving a place for the Sports Development Officer to attend this training. The training would be held over a five month period from October until February 2010 with 10 sessions in total and would normally cost £500 per person but this course was being funded by County Durham PCT and Active Easington.

RESOLVED that the action taken, be endorsed.

98. GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an invitation for the Mayor to attend the Civic Service by the Chairman of Greater Willington Town Council to be held on 4th October 2009. The Town Clerk advised this was a newly established Town Council and it was likely there would be more areas becoming parished where invitations may follow; this would have an obvious cost implication.

RESOLVED that this invitation be accepted and any further invitations from Parishes that had not previously invited the Town Council to events be considered as and when received.

99. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report which covered the following areas:-

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and action be taken where appropriate.

100. 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.

101. REGISTER OFFICER RELOCATION

The Town Clerk gave Members details of the offer made by Durham County Council Registrars to take up premises at Shotton Hall. He needed approval of this offer from Members prior to be able to proceed with further matters relating to the proposed relocation such as alterations, to be considered.

RESOLVED that the offer of £22,500.00 be accepted and the Town Clerk be given authority to enter into further dialogue with the Registration Service.

102. LOWHILLS ROAD FORMER WARDENS HOUSE – PERMISSION TO ERECT FENCE