

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2010

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell & J Black

Messrs:- R Kyle, T A Jones, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE,
W M Jeffrey, J Hardy, R Curtis, D Langan, C Robbins,
R Huitson, 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.

167. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and approved on behalf of Councillor M Milsom, (ill), J I Measor, (personal) and G Cowie, (personal).

168. PROPOSED NEW ADULT FOOTBALL PITCH, KICKABOUT PITCH & EXTENSION TO EXISITING CHANGING ROOMS AT EDEN LANE & PROPOSED NEW ADULT RUGBY PITCH AT HELFORD ROAD

The Chair welcomed Mr James Ridings representing North Blunts Limited. Mr Ridings was in attendance to outline details on the alternative new rugby pitch locations at Helford Road in relation to this development which he asked for Member's approval in proceeding with the planning application. This was given.

Mr Ridings thanked Members for allowing him the opportunity of coming along to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Town Council support this planning application.

169. POLICE – UPDATE

Unfortunately the Police were not present at the meeting. In their absence the Leader again emphasized the need to have action from the Police in respect of issues at the Cemetery. He also asked if a letter could be sent to Durham County Council requesting their help in stopping the parking on grass verges all around the Town.

RESOLVED that this action be taken.

170. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 21ST DECEMBER 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

171. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 4TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

172. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 4TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

173. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 4TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
174. THE REPORT OF THE HELFORD ROAD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
Matters Arising
(i) Minute Number 34 - Report of the Facilities Manager
RESOLVED that further attempts be made to obtain funding towards the cost of the mats and no contribution be made at this time.
(ii) Minute Number 38 - New Years Eve Event
RESOLVED that the New Year's Event be organized by the Town Council.
175. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 11TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
Matters Arising
Minute Number 73 – Request for Concessionary Use of The Pavilion – for a Public Meeting on the Future of Health Care in East Durham
RESOLVED that it be noted that the date for this event had been changed to 12th February 2010.
176. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE OF THE 11TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
Matters Arising
Minute Number 25 – The Manager's Progress Report – Children's Christmas Party
RESOLVED that this event continue and the Manager report back with her suggestions.

177. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 11TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 72 – Winter Maintenance

There was further discussion on the gritting situation and the behavior of residents and particularly local taxi drivers.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (ii) Minute Number 72 – “Friends of” Meetings

RESOLVED that it be noted a very positive start had been made with these meetings although the amount of overtime worked by staff needed to be monitored.

- (iii) Minute Number 73 – Overview & Scrutiny Review – Anti Social Behavior – People & Places

RESOLVED that an appropriate reply be made to this consultation.

178. THE MINUTES OF THE HELFORD ROAD WORKING PARTY HELD ON THE 12TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

179. THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SHOW MEETING OF THE 12TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Councillor C Robbins being shown as in attendance and Councillor C J Metcalfe’s apologies being recorded and accepted.

RESOLVED that authority be given for the Show Co-Ordinator to reserve the judges for the Horticulture Show and permission be given for this to be done immediately.

180. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the details of the following planning applications:-

PROPOSED RETAIL STORE & REPLACEMENT

**LIBRARY WITH ASSOCIATED CAR
PARKING, ACCESS, LANDSCAPING &
SERVICING**

AT FORMER EAST DURHAM & HOUGHALL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BURNHOPE WAY

FOR TESCO STORES LTD

RESOLVED that the Town Council offer it's support for this
application.

PROPOSED **RETAIL UNIT, HOTEL, CINEMA, FOOD &
DRINK RETAIL, PETROL FILLING
STATION, CREATION OF NEW ACCESS &
LANDSCAPING (OUTLINE)**

AT DALTON PARK, MURTON

FOR DALTON PARK LTD

RESOLVED that the Town Council object to this application
making reference to new rules where there was a duty to promote
“vitality, viability and the unique character of town centres” and
the powers to stop new retail parks if they put small shops and
town centres at risk. Also making reference to the fact that the
original application had the retail element taken out if it following
objections.

181. KEY TOPIC EVENT - THE COVENANT OF MAYORS –
MOVING FORWARD ON AREA WIDE CO2 REDUCTION, 11TH
FEBRUARY 2010, (PM), DURHAM COUNTY CRICKET CLUB,
CHESTER LE STREET

Members were advised of an invitation to attend this event.

RESOLVED that two places be reserved on this event for

Councillors H Bennett MBE and J Hardy.

182. LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM MEETING, 12TH FEBRUARY 2010 – GREAT AYCLIFFE

Members were asked to note the date of the next meeting and for any items that they wished to be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

RESOLVED that any items be given to the Office as soon as possible.

183. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL FUEL POVERTY STAKEHOLDER DAY – 22ND JANUARY 2010, THE GLEBE CENTRE, MURTON

Members were advised of an invitation to attend this event.

RESOLVED that two places be reserved on this event for Councillors H Bennett MBE and E W Hall.

184. DATES OF FUTURE AAP BOARD FORUM MEETINGS

Members were circulated with details of the dates of future AAP Meetings.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

185. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE OF HILL RIGG HOUSE

Consideration was given to these requests for concessionary use of Hill Rigg House:-

- (i) The House Youth Club, Friday Nights

(ii) Cast Offs, Thursday Nights

RESOLVED that free use of Hill Rigg House be agreed until the end of March 2010 for these two groups, it being made clear to these groups that the Town Council expected them to demonstrate that they had been trying to source funding from other avenues also.

186. 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.

187. THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE HELFORD ROAD WORKING PARTY OF THE 6TH JANUARY 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

188. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his best wishes for 2010 to all Members and commented on recent difficulties with extreme weather conditions. He explained that the biggest concern for all seemed to be the current financial climate. He reported on the recent precept set by the Town Council and felt it was very important for the Town Council to consider how it wished to go forward over the next four to five years. He commented on the increasing number of requests for support received and the types and variety of services that the Council provide where the Clerk needed direction from the Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.