

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 15TH AUGUST 2011

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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2011

PRESENT: M MILSOM (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood & J I Measor

Messrs: W M Jeffrey, J Alvey, G Cowie, D Langan, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, D Milsom, C Watkins, R Huitson & R Kyle

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.

AT THIS POINT 11 MEMBERS OF PETERLEE CRICKET CLUB CAME INTO THE MEETING WITH GED CANAVAN AS THEIR SPOKESPERSON.

Mr Canavan advised that he and some of his members were present at this meeting as they had received no reply to their questions given at the meeting on 18th July 2011. Mr Canavan felt that it was good practice within the Civil Service and local government to make a reply within ten working days. The Town Clerk advised that the Council had been in its summer recess and this was the first full meeting that had been held since the last meeting in July 2011.

Mr Canavan then covered issues that were given at the last meeting once again asking on behalf of the members of the Club, when the work would be

starting on the rebuild of the cricket club and how long it would take. As this was a private members club he expected those members to be involved in the design and planning of their building. He also made reference a paragraph contained within the lease that required the Town Council to reinstate the building following the event of a fire.

He extended an invitation to all of the Passfield Ward Councillors to attend their members meeting to be held on 30th August 2011 at 7.00pm at the Hearts of Oak, Peterlee.

In closing Mr Canavan felt that this matter had politicized a large group of people and the Town Council needed to be made aware of that.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance.

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of R W Jones, (ill), C Austin, (ill), E W Hall, (ill), J Black, (holiday), T A Jones, (holiday) and J Hardy, (holiday).

74. POLICE – UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Kelly Taylor to the meeting. PCSO Taylor gave Members an update on issues raised at the last meeting.

The Leader raised the following issues on behalf of Members:-

- A request to have a visual inspection of Durham Way, in particular the mis use of the junction at Appleby Way when the schools returned;
- Problems with off road motor bikes in the Hatfield Place area;
- Issues with inconsiderate parking in Basingstoke Road and a request for visits to be after dark;
- Taxi drivers doing “u” turns, double parking and parking on yellow lines and their rank next to Aldi standing empty;
- Taxi drivers
- Cars parking outside of Gala Bingo on yellow lines, 5 or 6 deep

and not being moved on by the Police;

- Cars parking on the green belt next to St Bede's School on Burnhope Way on Sunday mornings;
- Problems in Woodhouse Park.
- Lone working by the Police
- Why the shops at Seaham Sea front did not have shuttering on them.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Taylor for her attendance.

75. PETERLEE IN BLOOM

A Local Member had requested that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Miss Emily Hughill for her support for this event. It was reported she had done a fantastic job with the displays for the Peterlee In Bloom Competition.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Miss Hughill as suggested.

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

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 64 Town Centre Clock

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that an order had been placed for an urgent report on the condition of the clock and the workings.

RESOLVED the report be awaited.

(ii) Minute Number 66 – Closure of Peterlee Newtown Football Club

RESOLVED that it be ensured that the notice made it clear that the building was still open for community use.

(iii) Minute Number 68 – Request for Financial Support – Passfield & District Community Association

RESOLVED that no donation be made.

(iv) Minute Number 72 – Leader's Report – Code of Conduct

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting be held as soon as possible to consider this urgent issue.

76. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 18TH JULY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved subject to Councillor D Milsom as being shown as in attendance at the meeting.
77. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 21ST JULY 2011 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was approved.
78. DURHAM POLICE AUTHORITY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP – TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2011- INVITATION TO ATTEND

An invitation to attend this event was considered.

RESOLVED that the Leader and Town Clerk attend this workshop on the Town Council's behalf. **FURTHER REOLVED** that should further places become available Councillor Metcalfe and/or Measor be offered them.

79. RESOLUTION TO 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 AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1961 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.
80. DTA – OUTSTANDING INVOICES

Consideration was given to the payment of the outstanding invoices.

RESOLVED a meeting be arranged with the Town Clerk, Councilor Huitson and DTA to resolve this matter.

81. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report which included the following items:-

- Retail development in Peterlee Town Centre
- Inspired Facilities Fund Application – he asked for consideration of which Members wished to be involved in the Working Party when established; Councillor Measor expressed an interest in being involved;
- He felt a Special Meeting needed to be arranged to consider the repair of the Cricket Club;
- The recent Twinning visit and the Farewell Reception.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) A representative of the Planning Section be invited to a future meeting to explain their considerations on the retail applications for Peterlee.**
- (ii) Members advise the Sports Development Officer if they wished to be included on the Working Party for the Inspired Facilities Fund Application for the bid for Eden Lane;**
- (iii) A Special Meeting be convened as a matter of urgency on the Cricket Club;**
- (iv) the remainder of the report be noted.**