

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2012

PRESENT: R KYLE (CHAIR)

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

Messrs: T A Jones, J Alvey, J Hardy, W M Jeffrey, R W Jones, D Langan, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, R Curtis, R Huitson & 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 AT THE MEETING.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillor H Bennett MBE and C Watkins (on holiday).

29. POLICE -UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed the two PCSO’s to the meeting. They gave a breakdown of statistics over the previous two months for

Member's information. Details were given of the PACT priority for the Eden Hill Area; damage in Woodhouse Park; two incidents outside a local night spot; parking outside the Bingo; the van on Passfield Way and activity at the former college site. Details were given on the drive by the Police to have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in every street.

The Leader asked if figures could be given as to how many calls had been made by members of the public to the Police. An answer could not be given at the meeting but assurances were given this would be investigated and reported to the next meeting. Details were also given on parking on grassed areas; theft and vandalism of wheelie bins and vandalism attacks at Woodhouse Park. A Local Member reported that at a recent Olympic Torch/Community Games Event at Den Community School, the public and staff praised the local Police force.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

30. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 21ST MAY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to the correction on Minute Number 6 relating to the Deputy Mayor's name.
31. THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF PETERLEE OF THE 21ST MAY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
32. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 31ST MAY 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Councillor L Wood as being recorded as in attendance.
33. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 11TH JUNE 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed

34. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 18TH JUNE 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Councillor H Huitson being recorded as being present at the meeting.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 5(f) – Woodhouse Park

It was asked if this level of vandalism occurred again in the future which resulted in the facility being out of use, could the area be fenced off and the Park remain open, if at all possible. It was also suggested that assistance from the Police be requested in arranging temporary CCTV monitoring of the skate park area in Woodhouse Park.

RESOLVED that this be investigated further.

35. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 18TH JUNE 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

36. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 18TH JUNE 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

RESOLVED that Local Ward Members be advised of receipt of significant applications or licenses etc immediately, so that they had the opportunity to comment by the given deadline.

37. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 19TH JUNE 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Councillor C Austin being recorded as being present at the meeting.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 7 – Report of the Facilities Assistant – Incident 11th May 2012

Members gave consideration to statements made by Members of staff in relation to this matter.

RESOLVED that the 3 month ban be issued as agreed at the Meeting of the Helford Road Management Board.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR R KYLE DECLARED AN INTEREST BEING A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

38. PETERLEE & NORDENHAM FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION – FUTURE VISITS FROM NORDENHAM TO PETERLEE

Consideration was given to the letter received from the Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association.

RESOLVED a meeting be arranged as requested with the PNFA.

39. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were circulated with copies of information relating to the Code of Conduct, NALC's template Code of Conduct for parish councils, (final version). The relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 take effect on 1st July 2012.

RESOLVED the Town Council adopt the Code of Conduct as circulated. FURTHER RESOLVED that the Code be considered further at a future meeting.

40. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report covering the following items:-

- Preparation of Council minutes and associated paperwork;
- Flag Flying to support the Armed Forces – consideration be given to having this on a Saturday and a pre event meeting be held in the future;

RESOLVED the information given be noted.