

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT:- COUN D MILSOM (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, L Wood, J I Measor, S Simpson & V Watson

Messrs:- L Cook, C Watkins, R Kyle, C J Metcalfe, W M Jeffrey, J Alvey, G Cowie, D Sillito & A Watson

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

It was reported that Councillor Baty had contacted the office to tender her apologies for this meeting and for each subsequent meeting on the grounds of ill health, until such time as she could be in contact regarding her return to the Council.

There was a vote taken on whether to accept these apologies and it was **RESOLVED that the Council approve the reasons submitted for absence from Councillor Baty on the grounds that she was ill, and her apologies for absence be recorded.**

129. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 17TH NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

- (i) Vacancy Passfield Ward – Update

It was reported the next election for this vacancy was to be held on Thursday 12th February 2015, (and it was noted Minute Number 126 should read Passfield Ward).

RESOLVED progress be awaited.

- (ii) Minute Number 108 – Peterlee Parking – Evening Enforcement

Councillor Jeffrey gave an update on a site visit that was made where he and Councillor Watkins attended with Civil Parking Officers where two tickets/penalty notices had been issued to motorists parked illegally. Unfortunately these had been to users of the church and it was asked if the Council could investigate if parking dispensations could be granted to those visiting/using the church as were in place in areas of Seaham and Newton Aycliffe.

RESOLVED this be investigated further.

130. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR’S COMMITTEE OF THE 17TH NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

131. THE REPORT OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 21ST NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

132. THE REPORT OF THE SHOTTON HALL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

133. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTY OF THE 27TH NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

134. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 1ST DECEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 81 – Budget Considerations

RESOLVED consideration be given to attending conferences during these discussions.

135. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 1ST DECEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

136. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 1ST DECEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved, subject to an amendment as detailed in the private part of the meeting, Minute Number 40.

137. THE MINUTES OF THE EDEN LANE STEERING GROUP OF THE 2ND DECEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Minute Number 15 – Future of the Steering Group

Members attention was drawn to the fact that there had been only two Councillors present at this meeting, and the validity and purpose of the Steering Group was in question. There had also been a low attendance at the recent Health & Safety Meeting, which was a concern as this was a duty that the Council had to take seriously.

RESOLVED the composition of the Eden Lane Steering Group – currently – Councillors C Baty, L Wood, R Kyle, R Curtis, C Robbins, M Milson, M J Thompson, K Liddell & S Miles, be re considered at the next meeting. FURTHER RESOLVED Members do their best to attend the next Health & Safety Committee.

138. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

139. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH NOVEMBER 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

140. SECTION 116 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 UNCLASSIFIED ROAD, PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT TEIGN CLOSE

Members were circulated with details of this Order. They were concerned at the reason for this Order and asked that Durham County Council be asked to clarify the reasons for the Order.

RESOLVED this Order be considered further when the information had been received.

141. PLANNING APPLICATION 20 EASTFIELD, ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING GARAGE TO FORM A HABITABLE ROOM & ERECTION OF A DETACHED GARAGE, MRS J LAMB

RESOLVED no comment be offered in relation to this application.

142. SPOKESPERSON OF THE MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey wished everyone all the best and also “Good Luck” for the election to be held on 18th December 2014.

RESOLVED the contents of the verbal report be noted.

143. SPOKESPERSON OF THE FAIR & INDEPENDENT PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Watson echoed Councillor Jeffrey's report, wishing everyone all the best and good luck for the forthcoming election.

RESOLVED the contents of the verbal report be noted.

144. 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, 1960 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

145. TOWN CLERK'S GRIEVANCE

RESOLVED the recommendation made at the Establishment Committee of the 8th December 2014 be amended, and the Town Clerk be paid full salary whilst on sick leave until the Panel's recommendations had been implemented.