

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S Simpson, L Wood, S McDonnell, K Hawley & V Watson

Messrs:- S Miles, D Sillito, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, L Cook, R Kyle, J Alvey, C Robbins & A Watson

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

THERE WAS A MINUTES SILENCE HELD AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT ACTS IN PARIS

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor J I Measor, (family commitments), K Liddell, (work), G Cowie, (ill) and C J Metcalfe/other commitments).

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reasons submitted for the absences received on the grounds given above, and the Councillors' apologies for absence be recorded.

108. 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.

PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING CONSIDERED, THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENTIALITY DUE TO THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS STRESSED & REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

109. JANE RUSSELL and PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

The Mayor welcomed Mr Dougal Swan, Smith & Graham, to the meeting.

Mr Swan outlined in detail the contents of the note prepared by Mr Hari Menon, Counsel, Park Lane Plowden Chambers and agreed by Mr Swan and both recommended the settlement claims made or to be made by Jane Russell against the Council on the figures highlighted in the note.

RESOLVED the settlement terms as detailed in the report made, be made to Mrs Russell. FURTHER RESOLVED that the reference for Jane Russell which was read out to Members by the Mayor, be given in the form agreed.

Councillors W M Jeffrey & J Alvey requested that it be recorded they were against this decision.

110. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 19TH OCTOBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

111. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 19TH OCTOBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved. It was asked that the letter of complaint be circulated to all Members. Members asked for the current complaint policy, which the Deputy Town Clerk suggested could be reviewed

and updated by the policy Sub Group at their next meeting.
RESOLVED a the complaint be circulated and the complaints policy be reviewed as suggested.

112. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND NOVEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

113. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND NOVEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

114. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 2ND NOVEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

115. THE REPORT OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 3RD NOVEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matter Arising

RESOLVED prior to any sign being put in place, reference be made to fixing points on the building and a price be obtained for the signage.

RESOLVED the item relating to fencing the cricket square be placed on the Parks & Cemetery Agenda for further discussion.

FURTHER RESOLVED all Members get a copy of the recent press released relating to the PACES programme.

116. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 9TH NOVEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

117. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 9TH NOVEMBER 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

118. SHOW 2015 – EXPENDITURE & INCOME REPORT

Consideration and approval of the Show 2016 a Local Member felt there needed to be major changes and that the event needed a re vamp and he asked for a meeting of the Show Working Party to be arranged as soon as possible.

RESOLVED Show Working Party be arranged as soon as possible.

119. PLANNING

Application – 97 Brougham Court, erection of first floor extension above existing single storey extension at side of dwelling

RESOLVED no comments be offered on this application.

120. FIREWORKS 5TH NOVEMBER 2015 - INCIDENT

Member were advised of a receipt of an incident report following this event. A full de brief had been made and statements had been gathered to allow a full reply to be made.

RESOLVED the action taken in this regard, be endorsed.

121. SPOKESPERSON OF THE MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey spoke on the development of the Tesco site and it was asked if this could be chased up with Officers. He asked for the councils support in voting for candidates for the North for the NALC Executive. It was asked if the candidates details could be circulated before a vote was made on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED progress be requested on the former college site and details of the NALC candidates be circulated for consideration to allow the Council to cast its vote.

122. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor Watson had no comments other than sending out his thoughts and prayers for the victims of the recent disaster in Paris.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.