

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 at 6.45PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, S Simpson, M J Thompson & K Hawley

Messrs:- S Miles, D Sillito, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, R J Curtis, G Cowie, R Kyle, G Cowie, C Robbins & A Watson

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor V Watson, (on holiday), S McDonnell, (on holiday) and C J Metcalfe, (family commitments).

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

68. POLICE UPDATE

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Thubron, Peterlee NPT, Durham Constabulary to the meeting. He encouraged Members and members of the public to use the "In the Know" website ([www.keepintheknow.co.uk](http://www.keepintheknow.co.uk)) and he then went on to give the various updates on activities since the last meeting. He advised he would like to share a presentation with the Council on successes in the Town Centre and he reported on the mini police initiative and the thriving "shop watch" in the Town Centre. There were issues reported by Members on youths in the Dene, speeding on Lowhills Road and

youth provision in the Town.

The Mayor thanked the Inspector for coming along to the meeting.

69. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

- (a) Minute Number 54(i) – A statement from the Mayor re Garden Shop, Lowhills Road

A comment was made by a Local Member relating to alleged damage and the Town Clerk assured he was looking into this matter and would be reporting back to Council in due course.

**RESOLVED a report be awaited.**

- (b) Minute Number 55(c) Member's Allowances

A Local Member requested further progress on this matter; the Town Clerk advised he had only just received advice from NALC's Legal Officer and intended preparing a report to Council.

**RESOLVED the report be awaited.**

- (c) Minute Number 60 – Part Time Advisory Speed Limits

**RESOLVED Officers from DCC be invited to make a presentation to Council on this proposal.**

70. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

71. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 44(b) Public Meeting organised by Peterlee

Youth Centre

**RESOLVED** an update and further report be prepared for the next meeting on the Youth Centre and Youth Provision in Peterlee.

(ii) Northumbrian Water: Essential Work Taking place in your area  
**RESOLVED** Northumbrian Water's offer to attend a future meeting be accepted.

72. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

73. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

74. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 14(ii) Rugby

**RESOLVED** a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Laverick on behalf of the Council also.

75. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 26(ii) Progress with Hampshire Place Play Area

A Local Member asked for progress with this matter. The Town Clerk confirmed that three quotes for installation and new play equipment had been received. He also confirmed that Local Members and residents would be involved in a final design for the site.

**RESOLVED further details be awaited.**

(ii) Minute Number 32 – Fireworks, Road Closure

The Town Clerk advised of progress with this matter where issues raised at the previous meeting had been clarified. Following a site meeting it was reported a further operative was required and the Town Clerk asked for approval to make this amendment.

**RESOLVED approval be given to the amended proposal.**

76. NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT 2015/16

It was reported notice had been received from the Council's external Auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward, that the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 had been completed on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The issues arising from the audit would be reported more fully to Council at the next meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee on 3 October 2016.

**RESOLVED the notice of the conclusion of the audit be noted and a further report be awaited.**

77. LAND NORTH OF CASTLE EDEN BREWERY, NEW CREMATION FACILITY – PLANNING APPEAL

It was reported the hearing for this planning appeal had been postponed by the Planning Inspectorate.

**RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

78. SPOKESPERSON OF THE MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey commented on the impact of the temporary closure of McDonalds on young people's social activities in the Town Centre. He reported where recent road re surfacing at Passfield Way had been carried out the yellow lining had not been properly re-instated. He

commented that recent new path works at Sunny Blunts were, in his opinion, a waste of money as the works proposed by Northumbrian Water would disturb the newly paid footpaths.

**RESOLVED the report be noted and a report be made on the yellow lining to DCC.**

79. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor Watson repeated sentiments expressed in the meeting with regard to saving the Peterlee Youth Club. He thanked all of the staff and especially the Show Co Ordinator for their hard work at this year's Peterlee Show. He also thanked Councillor Jeffrey for the vegetable and flower auction which had raised an admirable sum for charity again this year.

**RESOLVED the information given be noted and the Town Clerk send a letter of thanks to staff for their hard work at the Show.**