

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2016 at 6.45PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

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

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

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor K Liddell, J Alvey & H Bennett, MBE, (ill).

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

99. POLICE UPDATE

Sgt Jim Peel had attended the PACT Meeting and members of the public had been in attendance. The Mayor asked Members if they were happy for Sgt Peel to leave as he had addressed issues of concern in the earlier meeting; they were.

100. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A public participation session was held to allow Members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Mrs Duffy was in attendance at the meeting however she did not wish to raise any matters

with the Council.

101. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 21ST NOVEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
Councillor A Watson asked for a minor amendment to be made to Minute Number 95, to include “some” so that the minutes read, “Councillor A Watson advised he had also attended the Planning Enquiry and echoed the sentiments expressed by some Members that the objections were ludicrous”.
102. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR’S COMMITTEE OF THE 21ST NOVEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
103. THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE 5TH DECEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
104. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH DECEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
105. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH DECEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
106. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH DECEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Councillor McDonnell came into the meeting at 7pm.

107. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY MEETING OF

THE 12TH DECEMBER 2016 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 48 (ii), Shotton Hall Driveway

Councillor Hawley spoke again on the contract for the tarmacking of the driveway at Shotton Hall where works were linked to other tarmac works required by the Town Council. Details of the guarantee for the works were supplied for Members.

RESOLVED the works as detailed, proceed.

(b) Monthly Progress Report – Peterlee Leisure Gardens

Progress with this matter was requested. The Town Council confirmed that the recommendations made at the Parks & Cemetery Committee were being actioned. He did however, advise he would be preparing a report for Council in relation to having a policy on the operation etc of leisure gardens by the Town Council.

RESOLVED the report be awaited.

108. PROCUREMENT OF OFF SITE DOCUMENT STORAGE SERVICES FOR PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and approval be given to the appointment of Box-It North as service providers for the Town Council's off site document management, storage and disposal. FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Clerk be granted plenary powers to ward the contract to Box-It North to a maximum value of £2,434 in the current financial year and £1,464 per year thereafter, subject to final confirmation of the actual contract requirement once the "purge on paper" was completed.

109. PROPOSALS FOR THE SHOW 2017

Members considered the joint report of the Town Clerk and Show Co Ordinator. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The date of the 2017 Show be set as 2 & 3 September;**
- (ii) The 2018 Show be held on the Bank holiday in August;**
- (iii) The Show Committee be re designated as the Show Working Party**

110. LICENCE FOR PETERLEE FAKE FESTIVAL 2017

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the possibility of the Town Council holding a “fake festival” in Peterlee 2017 a copy of which had been previously circulated. Members asked that in particular parking be considered very carefully in the organisation of the event.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) the content of this report be noted;**
- (ii) the date of the Peterlee Fake Festival be agreed as 27th May 2017;**
- (iii) the location of the Peterlee Fake Festival be agreed as Eden Lane, Peterlee;**
- (iv) agree that the Council enters into a license agreement for the event as specified in this report, at a cost of £12,420 + VAT; and,**
- (v) the Town Clerk be granted plenary powers to continue to develop the plans for the event with the organisers, with further reports to come to the Parks & Cemetery Committee in due course.**

111. 2017/18 BUDGET – HEADLINES & PRINCIPLES

The Town Clerk asked for this item to be withdrawn.

112. SPOKESPERSON OF THE LABOUR POLITICAL PARTY’S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey explained he had nothing to report, he did however wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year to his colleagues, and the staff and workforce.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

113. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor A Watson echoed Councillor Jeffrey's sentiments and wished everyone all the best for the festive season.

114. MAYORAL CHAIN

The Mayor asked for approval to mount the chain on a velvet facing so that it could be worn more easily, at no cost to the Council. Members were in favour of this.