

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell, V Watson & K Hawley

Messrs:- G L Carne, L Cook, S Miles, C Watkins, W M Jeffrey,  
D Sillito & A Watson

156. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor K Liddell, S Simpson,  
L M Wood, G Cowie, J Alvey & C J Metcalfe

**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.**

157. POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Lee Blakelock Peterlee NPT, Durham Constabulary was  
not available at the meeting. A Local Member once again reported  
a near miss and incidents with a youth on an off road motorbike  
and a resident next to Beck Place. A Local Member made reference  
to a community safety budget where bids had to be made by 28  
April 2017, with a suggestion that joint bids could perhaps be put  
together to install pinch points at specific locations throughout the  
town to help combat the problems being experienced with off road

bikes. It was suggested that perhaps a purpose built bike track should be established however it was generally felt that this would not solve the issues.

**RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

158. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A public participation session was held to allow Members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. There were several members of the public in attendance at the meeting and the Chair welcomed them to the meeting then allowed each to speak in turn. The first speaker spoke on issues relating to a pair of garages next to Balliol Close that were in need of attention. It was also reported there were issues with broken glass and dog dirt on a well used footpath next to Balliol Close.

**RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

159. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 134 – Police Update

Members asked if any progress had been made with a) lobbying the Peterlee Community Hospital to get the parking charges removed completely and b) a representative of the AAP coming to a future meeting to explore how the Town Council could actively engage with youth provision in the Town.

**RESOLVED this matters be actioned and progress be reported in due course.**

160. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

161. THE MINUTES OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTIES OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 & 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR S MILES DCLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK NO PART IN THE MATTER OR DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

162. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWINNING SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were noted. Members considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding financial support to this Summer's Twinning visit and following considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED:-**

**(i) approval be given for grant funding of £2,110.00 towards the costs of the 2017 twinning visit, representing a host allowance for all of the hosts living in the former EDC boundary, and towards the bowling activity, with the Town Clerk granted plenary powers to confirm the final figure with the PNFA;**

**(ii) the Town Council fund the cost of the Farewell Evening, not to include any gratis drinks and a meal costing no more than £10.00 a head;**

**(iii) agree the recommendations that the Council conducts a review of future twinning arrangements in conjunction with officials from Nordenham following the election of the new Town Council in May 2017.**

163. THE MINUTES OF THE SHOTTON HALL COMMITTEE OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

164. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 125 - Members Initiative Fund

Members considered any final awards from their current budget and to confirm awards agreed to the Citizens Advice Bureau. The following requests were considered:-

(a) Oakerside Community Centre

**RESOLVED grants be made under s19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as follows:-**

**£250.00 from Councillor M J Thompson, £150.00 from Councillor D Sillito, £100.00 from Councillors Cook, W M Jeffrey and V Watson and £95.00 from A Watson.**

(b) Peterlee Cricket Club, (Junior Cricket)

**RESOLVED grants be made under s19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 towards the cost of safety helmets for the Juniors funded by £150.00 Councillor Sillito and £100.00 form Councillor V Watson.**

(ii) Application for Grant Funding – County Durham Citizens Advice

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been circulated advising of an application for grant funding from County Durham Citizens Advice to provide additional sessional worker support and volunteer recruitment for the Peterlee Area.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The provision of a grant of £12,000 for support and advice services by Citizens Advice County Durham, under s142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, be agreed, and**
- (ii) It be agreed this proposal would be funded form a grant award from the Members Initiative Fund with any balance being taken from reserves.**

165. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Councillor V Watson left the meeting at 8.05pm

166. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
167. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY MEETING OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
168. THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
169. BREWERY TENDER

Members were circulated with the report of the Town Clerk advising them of the conclusion of the procurement process to select a supplier for the Council's brewery contract and the recommendation to award a contract for the provision of draught beers, wines and packaged goods. A Local Members reported it had been a delight to work with the Brewery Tender Working Party and asked that their thanks be conveyed to the DCC Strategic Procurement Officer.

**RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and:-**

- (a) the Council accept the unanimous recommendation of the Brewery Tender Working Party to approve the award of the brewery contract, as detailed in this report, to Primo Drinks for a period of 2 years plus one year on successful evaluation of contract performance: and**
- (b) the Town Clerk be granted plenary powers to agree an appropriate form of contract with support from DCC Corporate Team and in consultation with the Chair and Vice**

**Chair of the Finance Committee.**

170. 1 – 5 ELLISON MEADOW – PROPERTIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EDENHILL WARD

Members were requested to note this inclusion of properties previously aligned to the Horden Division.

**RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

171. ST BEDES, OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, BYRON COLLEGE – 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Members were circulated with further details of the proposal to reduce traffic speeds around the school during the school drop off and pick up times where comments and views requested by DCC for no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The Town Council had previously submitted comments they were against this proposal as they felt it would confuse motorists, and instead they suggested the County Council should consider introducing a compulsory, permanent 20mph speed limit in urban areas where people live.

**RESOLVED these comments be re submitted.**

172. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO PETERLEE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Details from DCC on proposed alterations for O'Neill Drive, Birchwood Drive, Westway and Church Close were circulated. With reference to the parking issues at O'Neill Drive Members felt this was an ongoing problem and was as a result of bad planning.

**RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

173. SPOKESPERSON OF THE LABOUR POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor Jeffrey commented on the parking problems outside Shotton Hall Academy stressing that recent measures were merely pushing the parking problems further along the highway. He felt school gate parking and traffic enforcement were serious ongoing issues.

**RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

174. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor A Watson also spoke on school gate and parking issues. He reported on a recent layby being built in Southway which unfortunately had not addressed the parking problems there. He felt it was a culture problem and if the streets could be made safe then children could walk to school.

**RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**