

Penistone Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Shrewsbury Road, Penistone on
Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Neville Shiggins in the Chair, Cllr M. Barraclough, Cllr W. Chadburn, Cllr J. Cutts, Cllr H. Hayton, Cllr A. Millner, Cllr G. Millner, Cllr R. Pearson, Cllr N. Perkins, Cllr A. Rusby, Cllr R. Trotman, Cllr J. Unsworth and Cllr D. Walker.

Also present

N. Bailey Town Clerk
E. Miller Assistant Town Clerk

There was one member of the public present (see Item 7.1).

Before the meeting commenced Mayor Shiggins thanked retiring staff member Amanda Hart for her service; and presented her with a gift from the Councillors and staff of Penistone Town Council.

Cllr A. Rusby welcomed Cllr R Pearson to the first OTC meeting since her co-option on 19th December 2022.

2022/121 1. TO NOTE ANY APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R. Hinchliff and A. Kimberley with reasons for absence approved.

2022/122 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS

2.1 In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 members to declare any disposable pecuniary interests in items on this agenda.

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011, the Chair invited declarations of interest.

2.2 The Town Clerk to report any written dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.

The Town Clerk reported that there were no written dispensations.

2022/123 3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960.

Cllr N. Perkins requested that the press and public should be excluded from Item 9.2 due to accompanying bank account information.

2022/124 4.TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS, (CIRC. HEREWITH) AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

4.1 The Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 19th December 2022.

Moved by Cllr J. Cutts, Seconded by Cllr A. Miller and **RESOLVED** that they were a true record.

4.2 The Planning Committee meeting held on 19th December 2022.

Moved by Cllr J. Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr D. Walker and **RESOLVED** that they were a true record.

4.3 The Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting held on 12th January 2023.

Moved by Cllr M. Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr W. Chadburn and **RESOLVED** that they were a true record.

2022/125 5.TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS OF BARNESLEY M.B.C.

No Barnsley MBC Councillors were present.

2022/126 6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP.

None at this time.

2022/127 7. TO DISCUSS ANY ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE (CIRCULATED WHERE APPROPRIATE)

7.1 The Council discussed an email from resident Mr Kevin Steel (present) regarding the poor surface condition and bad drainage of the Hartcliff Road further to recent work carried out by contractors on behalf of BMBC. A number of photographs were presented which highlighted the loose, uneven road surface and poor drainage on Hartcliff Road. This matter had previously been raised by Cllr H. Hayton at the November OTC meeting, at which time BMBC Cllr H. Kitching had agreed to take up the matter with BMBC Highways.

To date BMBC Highways has stated that the current road surface is temporary and will be finished between May and September 2023. The Councillors were in agreement with Mr Steel that the matter should be addressed with greater urgency; and Mayor Shiggins undertook to write to BMBC Highways to this effect.

7.2 The Councillors discussed an email from BMBC Growth and Sustainability Urban Centres Project Manager regarding a proposed art installation for Penistone comprising granite “hallmark” columns 10 feet in height. BMBC has requested that one of these be placed outside St John’s Community Centre and has asked for the support of the PTC.

Further to discussion the Councillors were not minded to support this request due to lack of consultation. Any discussions with BMBC regarding art installations took place years ago and were non specific; hence the Councillors would have appreciated a more recent opportunity to give their views on the suitability of any proposed installations and whether they were sufficiently representative of the history and heritage of Penistone. The Councillors also expressed concerns regarding the potentially negative views of residents surrounding expenditure on art installations in the current economic climate. Finally, the proposed siting of one granite column outside St John’s Community Centre would not be suitable in light of the proposed remodelling/extensions to the building.

Proposed by Cllr M. Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr A. Rusby and **RESOLVED** that PTC should decline to support the proposed art installation and should object to the lack of proper consultation.

2022/128 8.TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE (CIRC. WHERE APPROPRIATE)

8.1 PTC Account £32,061.09

Moved by Cllr G. Millner, Seconded by Cllr M. Barraclough and **RESOLVED** the above account be approved and noted.

8.2 Paramount Account - £74,931.53

Moved by Cllr J. Cutts, Seconded by Cllr R. Trotman and **RESOLVED** the above accounts be approved and noted.

8.3 Bank reconciliation for the month ending 31st December 2022

Moved by Cllr D. Walker, Seconded by Cllr N. Perkins and **RESOLVED** the above account be approved and noted.

8.4 Retrospective credit card transactions PTC - £496.69

Moved by Cllr M. Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr J. Unsworth and **RESOLVED** the above account be approved.

8.5 Retrospective credit card transactions Paramount - £936.92

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr G. Millner and **RESOLVED** the above account be approved.

8.6 Paramount petty cash 01.12.22 – 16.01.23 - £164.13

Moved by Cllr G. Millner, Seconded by Cllr A. Millner and **RESOLVED** the above account be approved.

8.7 Review of management accounts for the month ending 31st December 2022

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr D. Walker and **RESOLVED** the review be noted and approved.

8.8 Penistone Town Council Executive Financial Summary December 2022 was verbally presented by the Town Clerk.

Moved by Cllr M. Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr N. Perkins and **RESOLVED** that the Financial Summary be noted and approved.

2022/129 9. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND GOVERNANCE

9.1 The Town Clerk presented the budget and precept for 2023/2024 in the amount of £206,649 which was discussed and duly recommended at the Finance and Human Resources Meeting on 12th January 2023.

Moved by Cllr M. Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr N. Perkins and **RESOLVED** that the budget and precept be noted, approved and confirmed to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

9.2 Further to the grant application received from Penistone Gardening Club the Council agreed to make a grant of £84.50 under **S137 of the LGA 1972**.

Moved by Cllr A Millner, Seconded by Cllr N. Perkins and **RESOLVED** that the grant be approved.

2022/130 10. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PARAMOUNT – Cllr J Cutts

10.1 Cllr Cutts presented copies of the Paramount staff newsletter (previously circulated)

10.2 Cllr Cutts presented copies of the Paramount Manager's written report.

Cllr Cutts gave a verbal update on the programme and sales from the Paramount Cinema.

Moved by Cllr R Trotman, Seconded by Cllr A Rusby and **RESOLVED** that the reports be approved.

2022/131 11. REPORT ON THE PTC AND ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – TOWN CLERK NIGEL BAILEY

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the work of the PTC offices and activities at St John's Community Centre.

Moved by Cllr M Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr A Rusby and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk's report be approved.

2022/132 12. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS.

Cllr A Rusby raised the issue of the small Christmas trees supplied to businesses in the town. She feels that as these are not decorated and lighted only dimly, they are of limited value as a festive display. Cllr Rusby suggested that the money spent on the small trees might be better put towards improving the quality of the light display in the town. The TC responded that this suggestion will be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Leisure, Amenities and Town Services meeting.

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the Mayor's Curry Night on 6th March 2023 and requested any raffle prizes be given in to the PTC office.

The Mayor informed the Councillors that he is planning a Dinner Dance at Cubley Hall on 5th May 2023. He will be inviting the Mayor of Barnsley MBC and Deputy Lord Lieutenant Col. Rinky Inglis as his guests. The Barnsley MBC Ward Councillors will also be invited.

2022/133 13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING.

It was **AGREED** that the next full council meeting is to be held on Monday 27th February 2023.

Signed by.....Chair 27th February 2023