

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 31st July 2013 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Cox (Chairman), Cooper, Jones, Perry, Ratcliffe, Shepherd, Sykes, Taylor, Whittaker, Winterton & West. One member of the public, & the clerk.

1. To receive any apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Spademan.

2. . Declarations of Interest

To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

3. Consider the latest version of the ERYC Development Plan which is being submitted to cabinet and consider our response. In particular consider our options in relation to the Youth Club site POC 18. Cllr Perry reported on a meeting he had attended at County Hall with the ERYC asset management team. They confirmed it was ERYC's intention to vacate the building by October after which it was to be sold. Currently the rooms were hired out for 23hours a week but the number of groups using the centre continued to decline. After a discussion it was agreed to submit an application to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council asking that the Youth Centre be placed on the Community Assets register. We would then prepare a business case to find out if it was in the towns interest to take the building over. Cllr Sykes proposed we apply to have the building listed as of considerable historical importance. 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed.

4. Consider any action to take in relation to the Community Hospital at Beverley reducing the service it offers. Cllr Perry reported the care commission having visited the community hospital and acting on what they found the number of beds have been reduced from 24 to 12. A re-training programme for nurses is being carried out and a repeat visit by the inspectors is organised for autumn. G.P. Practice at Pocklington have signed on with the York Commissioning Group and are unaware of the reduction of beds. Cllr Perry understands there is still spare capacity in Bridlington & Withernsea hospitals but this is totally unacceptable to us. Cllr Perry has written to Grahame Stuart MP and Greg Knight MP regarding the problem. Community beds have already closed in Beverley & Driffield. It was agreed that a letter should be written expressing our concern about the facilities now offered. The minor injuries unit at Beverley has never been opened.

5. Consider any update in relation to the Standards Board recommendation of 10th May 2013. Councillor Cox reported that a suitable letter of apology had yet to be received from Cllr Cooper so there was nothing to report.

6. Agree payments. Cllr Jones proposed the following payments be authorised, 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed:

PTC			
DD	4032 Be Fuelcards	Fuel	70.86
DD	4015 Eon	Gas supply	6.81
	4001 R Wood	July Salary	
	4002 J Farmer	July Salary	
	4004 S Knill	July Salary	
	4005 A Woodcock	July Salary	
	4017 E Moore	July Salary	
	Various HMRC	Tax & NIC	1,919.38
BP	4012 Yorkshire Water	Courthouse supply	31.02
	4037 K J Falkingham	Woodstain	66.17
	4207 G K Beulah	Brass Plate/Engraving	23.83
	4207 Wolds Gliding Club	Wine for 102 Sq dinner	172.50
	4037 R Westmoreland	West Green fencing	1,788.00
		total	9,096.72
Mayors Charity Account			
BP	4207 R Lister	Reimbursement - Helium	92.68
	4207 Jane Jackson	Reimbursement - Cider etc	75.33
	4207 JSS Audio	Sound system	540.00
	4207 Kay West	catering costs	236.94
	4207 Bella tea rooms	costs associated with event	106.49
	4207 Dave Sykes	beer & cider	48.00
		total	1,099.44
PAC			
BP	J Duffy	July Salary	
	T Stalker	July Salary	
	F Argyle	July Salary	
	T Morris	July Salary	
	P Jennings	July Salary	
	M Bradley	July Salary	
	S Duffy	July Salary	
	HMRC	Tax & NIC	664.58
BP	KJ Falkingham	Hardware	6.83
	JL Brooks	Confectionary	313.54
	Yorkshire Water	Quarterly Charge	143.41
	Premier Business Supplies	Cleaning Products	149.98
	P Schoenecker	Arts Workshops	200.00
	Mint Creative	Design & Print	592.78
	20th Century Fox	Film Rental	335.84
	Performing Arts Etc	Choir Tutition	1,005.40
	Momentum Pictures	Film Rental	989.90
	Entertainmennt Film	Film Rental	143.75
	Creative Artists Agency	Fee	1,250.00
105327	Petty Cash	Cash	400.00
		total	8,765.04

7. Consider closing the meeting to the public. Cllr Cox proposed 'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw' 2nd Cllr West and agreed.

8. Consider the applicants for appointment as co-opted Councillor on Pocklington Town Council. After a discussion Cllr Whittaker proposed that each candidate be asked to address the council for up to five minutes before the start of the next full council meeting on why they wished to be a councillor and to describe what they could offer. The three candidates to be invited in quarter hour slots commencing at 6.30pm. Cllr West made a counter proposal that each candidate be asked to attend an informal meeting of the council, perhaps on a Saturday morning, over tea and biscuits and answer questions. 2nd Cllr Jones. A vote was then taken with only three in favour. The motion was lost. The original proposition was tabled which was 2nd by Cllr Perry and agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Richard Wood (Town Clerk)