

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington on Wednesday 14th May 2008 commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Bryon (Chairman), Blake-James, Cocker, Cooper, Elliott, Held, Perry, Petrie, Scaife, Shepherd, Sykes & Wilkinson.

In attendance: Clerk, one member of the public and one member of the press.

Before the start of the meeting Geoff Shearsby addressed the council on his role as 'Town Cryer'. He described as how he was keen to represent the town in any way the council thought appropriate. He thanked Cllr Shepherd for his work in getting the scroll produced.

Cllr Bryon thanked Geoff for his offer and urged councillors to utilise him to full advantage.

Apologies were received from Cllr Dexter (business) Mrs Farmer (another engagement)

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Scaife on Broadmanor

Agenda Item	Discussion and Outcomes	Action
3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report & year end figures	Janet Farmer's report was noted. Congratulations were given to all staff and volunteers for their undoubted success and their resilience to a difficult year. The refurbishment was expected to have a temporary impact on the overall figures but everyone had worked so hard to make sure this was kept to a minimum. Cllr Sykes reported on hearing the Searchers mention Pocklington on Radio 2. Cllr Petrie had seen them on T.V. when they had again mentioned Pocklington. The request for assistance with the purchase of a new computer would again be considered at P&R on 28.05.08. It was requested Mrs Farmer attend this meeting. Councillors requested an update on employment of a cleaner at the Arts Centre. Following the joint meeting some time ago Cllr Shepherd and Dexter would like to examine the system of receipts and banking operated at the Arts Centre.	Note to PAC
4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 th April 2008	Cllr Blake-James asked she be included in those attending. After this amendment Cllr Shepherd proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2 nd Cllr Perry and agreed.	
5. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda.	Cllr Cooper asked that the meeting with publicans and the police be organised. The clerk reported having contact with the police who regularly hold pub-watch meetings. It was thought this would be a suitable time to meet publicans.	
6. Arrange a meeting of the flood committee	After a discussion it was agreed that the committee comprising of Cllr Cooper, Elliott, Petrie, Scaife and Petrie would meet on Thursday 29 th May 2008 at 7pm. Cllr Petrie reported on the board at Canal Head being padlocked. Enquiries to be made with British Waterways through E.A. (British Waterways have done this work they have left a key with John Laytus at the Canal House)	Liaise EA.

7. Discuss 'promotion of Pocklington'	Cllr Perry gave an update on the groups work. The new leaflet was at an advanced stage of preparation. Contributions had now been received from the Chamber of Trade and other sponsors allowing the publication of 16,000 copies. Local printers to be used if possible. Two outstanding issues: parking of coaches visiting the town and the disgusting public toilets. Cllr Perry as a member of the promote Pocklington group to make enquiries about the plans for toilet refurbishment.	
8. List of arrangements for Mayor-Making ceremony	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome from retiring Mayor Cllr Richard Bryon Apologies for absence: Father Gallagher, John Cox Election of Town Mayor – Cllr Jeff Shepherd Proposed by Cllr Alex Petrie Seconded by Cllr Graham Perry Signing of declaration of office followed by the exchange of chain and past-Mayors badge The exchange of chain for Mayoress Election of Deputy Town Mayor – Councillor David Sykes Proposed by Councillor Dexter Seconded by Councillor Cocker Signing of the declaration of acceptance of office followed by the exchange of chain Appointment of Chaplain to the council – Father Gallagher Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson Seconded by Councillor Scaife PRAYERS led by retiring Chaplain Rev. Chris Simmons Thanks to retiring Mayor – Councillor Perry Retiring Mayors reply – Cllr Richard Bryon Presentation of cheques to the chosen charities McMillan Nurses and Yorkshire Air Ambulance Presentation of plaques by Cllr Richard Bryon Appointment of committees will be dealt with at a meeting of the council on 28th May 2008 Donations as agreed at the Town Council meeting on 14th May 2008 (that £1,100 be allocated to charities and groups in this financial year) Proposed by Councillor Petrie seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed Town Mayors allowance as agreed at the Town Council meeting held on 14th May 2008 (that the Mayors allowance this year be £1350) Proposed by Councillor Held seconded by Councillor Elliott and agreed Close of meeting followed by refreshments</p>	
9. Broadmanor greenspace	Cllr Petrie outlined the problems with the lack of grass-cutting on Broadmanor. As a good will gesture Mr Thirsk had cut the area himself. Cllr Scaife reported on meeting with Paul Palmer from ERYC who said once the legalities of the land were sorted out they would consider handing the land over to the town council. The area will be the next project for the playpark group.	
10. Review of the Annual Town Meeting	After a discussion it was agreed the attendance was poor and further advertising was necessary for future events.	

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To receive the financial reports from (a) The Council and (b) PAC	<p>Cllr Shepherd proposed accepting the below payments 2nd Cllr Sykes & agreed.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="4">PAC yellow = already paid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104243</td> <td>Derek Franks</td> <td>Oh Boy - it's the 60's</td> <td>3524.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104244</td> <td>Petty cash</td> <td>petty cash</td> <td>425.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104245</td> <td>Alan Field Associates</td> <td>Performer Fee</td> <td>3290.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104246</td> <td>Icon Film Distribution</td> <td>Film Rental</td> <td>94.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104247</td> <td>Universal Pictures</td> <td>Film Rental</td> <td>521.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104248</td> <td>Jack Roe</td> <td>Projection Equipment</td> <td>282.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104249</td> <td>Fairport Convention</td> <td>Performer Fee</td> <td>2467.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104250</td> <td>Terry Herbert</td> <td>Wine</td> <td>335.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104251</td> <td>Show of Hands</td> <td>Performer Fee</td> <td>2356.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104252</td> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>petty cash</td> <td>200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>104253</td> <td>JSS Audio</td> <td>Sound Equipment Hire</td> <td>587.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">PTC</td> <td>total</td> <td>14084.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">D/P</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Miller</td> <td>Drains cleaning</td> <td>76.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Yorkshire Water</td> <td>Allotment water</td> <td>8.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>GT Graphics</td> <td>Letterheads</td> <td>70.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>G.K. 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15. Consider the Town clerks report	The report was noted. Cllr Blake-James proposed we purchase a 'flymower' 2 nd Cllr Sykes and agreed. The telephone quote to be examined by P&R.	
16. To receive committee minutes	Planning 23.04.08 Cllr Cocker proposed they be accepted 2 ⁿ Cllr Coopers and agreed. P&R 23.04.08 Cllr Sykes proposed they be accepted 2 nd Cllr Wilkinson and agreed.	
17. Receive representative reports	Cllr Shepherd had attended the Promotion of Pocklington meeting and had attended M.W. Council to liaise. He suggested minutes of respective councils be exchanged. Cllr Cooper had attended the Fairtrade meeting	

	<p>Cllr Scaife had attended the Cultural Partnership meeting together with Trustee training at the gardens</p> <p>Cllr Cocker had attended the gateway meeting where the town trails booklet was discussed together with parish plans.</p> <p>Cllr Elliott had attended the Strategic Development Planning meeting held at BurnbyHall and was pleased to report the breast screening sessions at Langlands was proving much more accessible.</p> <p>Cllr Blake-James had attended a Wolds Tourism meeting where the progress on the Heritage Boards was discussed – it is expected they will be fitted by late summer.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson had attended a Fairtrade meeting and an event for the playpark group was planned for 31st May at the Sports Club</p> <p>Cllr Perry had attended a school governors meeting where falling rolls at junior schools were discussed. He had also attended the Fairtrade meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Held had been involved in an incident outside the pet shop involving a vehicle which was reversing. The police are involved.</p> <p>Cllr Sykes had attend an ERNLLCA meeting which had been to a high standard</p> <p>Cllr Bryon had attended an Army Cadet day at Driffield together with a celebration of the Bengali New Year at the Indian Restaurant. He has also been to the Withernsea Civic Dinner.</p>	
18. To consider	<p>Cllr Bryon 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 be instructed to withdraw'. 2nd Cllr Blake-James and agreed.</p>	
19. Update on the rear of the Arts Centre	<p>The meeting with neighbours 13.05.08 was discussed. It was agreed the waste disposal procedures at the Arts Centre would be examined to try to find a better solution for residents.</p> <p>R.M. English to be invited to the next meeting on 28.05.08 to try to secure an agreement to use the single fire-door. The refurbishment of the area outside the flats to be discussed.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting Town Mayor