

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Sykes (Chairman), Bryon, Cooper, Dexter, Held, Marron, Perry, Petrie, & Wilkinson. Cllr Shepherd joined the meeting at 7.30pm

In attendance: Clerk, one member of the press and two members of the public. Janet Farmer and James Duffy attended for item 3

Prior to the start of the meeting The Deputy Mayor David Sykes welcomed Councillor Anthony William Marron as the newly appointed councillor. Cllr Marron then read and signed the declaration. Councillor Wilkinson led the Council in prayers in the absence of Father Gallagher, the Council Chaplain,

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Elliott (ill), Blake-James (family commitment) & Scaife (another commitment)

2. Cllr Petrie declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to the item on Cemetery Lodge.

3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

Mrs Farmer gave an update on the Arts Centre and reported a 2nd successful run of Mamma Mia. The live performance of Beth Rowley was most successful with a further performance secured for 4th November. The comedy club began their autumn run with a full house. John Moulder has asked to become a member of the Management Team which was supported. The accounts up to June were discussed when a small surplus of £2,561 was made mostly as a result of the repayment of VAT. James Duffy was working on an advertising project which would allow local companies to advertise on the big screen before the main adverts.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 10th September 2008

Cllr Cooper asked that an amendment be made regarding the floods which was agreed, Cllr Bryon then proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2nd Cllr Held and agreed.

5. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda – for information only.

The clerk reported the pigeon reduction initiative had started but had not received an update.

6. Consider the proposed joint letter to be sent to the PCT.

Cllr Cooper suggested all local councils be asked to sign up to this. It was agreed that the letter be supported and signed.

7. Update on the fallen heroes exhibition

Cllr Cooper gave an update on the exhibition which was to be held at Pocklington Arts Centre from 3th to 9th November 2008. An opening launch was to be held when relatives of those killed would be invited. A canopes and wine/orange reception would be held. Display boards were still being sought. The list of invitees and invitation were agreed. Plans were to have schools visit the exhibition and regional publicity was hoped for. Although

there would be no entry charge a collection box would be available with donations being shared by British Legion, Friends of PAC and Pocklington in Bloom.

8. Update on contact with Environment Agency about flood prevention

A letter had been sent the EA asking for a meeting to update progress. An 'e' mail had been received describing the work being carried out at Jubilee Gardens to create a gravel trap. They have now identified the utilities who have pipes obstructing the culverts and are writing to them.

9. Discuss the format of the open meeting on 15th October

It was agreed to follow the same format as previous years with the Mayor giving an update on completed and current work. Sgt Rogers will attend to answer relevant questions. The meeting will then be given over to the public.

10. To receive the financial statement of (a) Pocklington Town Council and (b) the accounts up to June, bank statements from Pocklington Arts Centre and agree payments

(a) Cllr Bryon proposed they be accepted 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed

(b) Cllr Bryon proposed the accounts be dealt with at P&R the bank statements and payments be accepted 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed

PTC

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| BP | Express Elevators | Lift Repairs | 3519.13 |
| | MPT | Skip allotments | 152.00 |
| | Norman Computers | External memory | 16.50 |
| | | total | 3687.63 |

PAC

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| 104410 | Wold Top Brewery | Beer | 368.96 |
| 104411 | Hulleys | Ice-creams | 127.75 |
| 104412 | Newsquest | Advert | 145.23 |
| 104413 | JSS Audio | PA Hire | 399.50 |
| 104414 | The Feathers | Accommodation | 44.00 |
| 104415 | GO Transport | Film Transport | 155.10 |
| 104416 | ERYC | Sponsorship | 20.00 |
| 104417 | York Wine & Beer Shop | Wine | 612.93 |
| 104418 | HM Bottomley | Confectionary | 221.79 |
| | | Cleaning | |
| 104419 | Premier Business Supplies | Products | 114.16 |
| 104420 | BPA | Performance Fee | 800.00 |
| | Old Red Lion Water | | |
| 104421 | Company | Water | 26.43 |
| 104422 | Yorkshire Water | Water | 286.82 |
| | | Theatre Light | |
| 104423 | AC Entertainment Lighting | Bulbs | 149.05 |
| 104424 | GT Graphics | Printing | 94.88 |
| 104425 | ERYC | Licence Fee | 180.00 |
| 104426 | Friends of PAC | Charity Event | 436.28 |
| 104427 | PRS | Performing Rights | 871.41 |
| 104428 | Scottish Power | Electricity | 709.55 |
| 104429 | Petty cash | Petty cash | 200.00 |
| 104430 | Woldgate College | Fundraising event | 255.00 |
| | | total | 6,218.84 |

11. To agree the list of burials and memorials

Cllr Wilkinson proposed accepting the burials of Joyce Eileen Smith, Edward Raymond Coulson, Renate Buckle, Jean Anne Hodgson and the memorials for Stella Margery Everingham, James Edward Waslin and Jean H Brown 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed.

12. Correspondence – see attached list

2 Complaint about the culling of pigeons it was agreed to write back saying it was essential to reduce the number of pigeons in the town which were causing a health hazard.

6 Complaint re lack of disabled access in town. Councillors were mystified about the letter as considerable emphasis had been placed on the dropped kerbs in recent years.

10 Harry Ford asking for a skateboard park for the town – this was to be investigated by asking how Market Weighton have done theirs. Meeting would then be called of the youngsters to decide the way forward.

12 The letter from Richard Borrie was noted which requested more allotment inspections.

Meetings ERNLLCA AGM 18th October Cllr Petrie and Wilkinson would represent the council. Cllr Sykes will open the event.

13. Consider the Town Clerks Report

The report was discussed. Cllr Bryon proposed the following :” It is resolved that Councillor Jeff Shepherd, the Mayor of Pocklington, be authorised to sign the transfer deed on behalf of Pocklington Town Council for the sale of cemetery Lodge to Sophie Donya Simpson”. 2nd Cllr Wilkinson & agreed.

The latest map showing the land bids received for development around the town were noted.

14. To receive and agree committee minutes

Lands & Property 17.09.08 Proposed by Cllr Bryon 2nd Cllr held and agreed

Development & Marketing 24.09.08 Proposed by Cllr Shepherd 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed

The In Bloom meeting minutes from 29.09.08 were noted

Road Safety 01.10.08 Proposed by Cllr Shepherd 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed. The ERYC highways officer to look at Side entrance to doctors surgery and dropped kerbs. Police to be asked to conduct speed checks on Barmby Road.

15. Receive representative reports.

Cllr Dexter: Had attended the Promote Pocklington group, Chamber of Trade and the Football Club. Only one complaint received about the floodlights.

Cllr Cooper attended a Fairtrade meeting from which an application for Fair Trade Status is being made. It is hoped that the town will be designated by Christmas. He also continues to do a considerable amount of work on Fallen Heroes.

Cllr Shepherd had attend the Silver display at Hedon Town Council, Promote Pocklington Group and the Chamber of Trade. He had that evening attended an anniversary celebration for the W.I.

Cllr Wilkinson Had attended a Crime Prevention meeting where vehicle crime was on the increase.

Cllr Perry had attended the fair trade meeting.

Cllr Bryon had attended the fair-trade meeting, the charity film event and the beer festival.

16. Consider closing the meeting to the public

Cllr Sykes 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 Wilkinson and agreed.

17. Consider the report form the Personnel Committee

A report was considered from the Pocklington Arts Centre management team which recommended increases in salaries for staff in line with inflation. These were agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed as a true record of the meetingTown Mayor