

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 9th December 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Sykes, (Chairman), Blake-James, Bryon, Cooper, Dexter, Marron, Held, Petrie, Scaife, Shepherd & Wilkinson.

The Mayor, Cllr David Sykes, presented cheques to six local groups who were successful with their recent grant applications.

Before the commencement of the meeting the Mayor welcomed Tom Stalker, a member of the Emergency Response Team based at Wilberfoss. This is a group of 8 fully trained responders who respond to emergencies providing assistance prior to the arrival of an ambulance crew. Since starting three months ago they had received 26 call-outs, attending 19 and had been first to the scene on 16 occasions. 5 of these had been in Pocklington. It is a partnership between the ambulance and the local group. The cost of the equipment is £600 and local councils are requested to provide some funding - £150 was suggested.

Mr Stalker was thanked for attending and told his request for funding would be considered.

Rev Geoffrey Hollingsworth on behalf the Council Chaplain then led the council in prayers.

In attendance: A member of the press, town clerk, Cllr's Mole & West from the district council and four members of the public

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Elliott (holiday) Cllr Perry (another engagement)

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

Both Janet Farmer the Manager and James Duffy the Assistant Manager were engaged with a live event at the Arts Centre so offered their apologies. A report on the digitization of projecting at the Arts Centre was received. It was noted this will cost about £70,000 with a 40% grant being available. Further details will be needed to explore how this can be funded. Cllr Blake-James referred to the recent letter received from Mr Hawley and felt improper demands were being made. No one had the right to demand non-smoking in a private open space.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 11th November 2009

Cllr Petrie proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed.

5. To report any matters arising.

Cllr Marron said he had contacted Richard Moulson to get an update on youth councils but had not as yet received an update. Cllr Held asked if the dog warden had been asked to attend the next meeting?

6. Update on our applications to take part in the energy saving initiative

Cllr Bryon reported there were two different applications – The low carbon community challenge and the Energy Saving Trust. The Pocklington Green Community Project was organising a home energy check after the new year and were to have their next meeting at the council office on Monday 14th December. An event was to be held at the Arts Centre on 23rd January 2010. It was requested the council consider paying the room hire fee of £60 and the prize of tickets for the cinema. A further exhibition was planned for

25/26 April at Burnby Hall function room where the various energy saving initiatives would be demonstrated. The clerk undertook to complete the EST application before Christmas.

7. Update on the plans for Carols with the Mayor 2pm on Sunday 20th December 2009
Cllr Wilkinson was to make the mince pies, Dave West was to be asked to serve mulled wine. The best dressed window competition awards were to be given out at the event. Rev. Gail Dalley & music dept. Woldgate College to be contacted regarding the order of carols etc.

8. Consider the draft of meetings scheduled for 2010
The draft list of meetings were considered. Cllr Cooper asked if more could be made of the Mayor Making ceremony with local bands or artists given a showcase. Tom Stopard Centre at Pocklington School would be a suitable venue. Cllr Shepherd asked that Mark Ronan from Pocklington School be invited to D&M and Sgt Rogers to the Road Safety.

9. Discuss and agree the precept for 2010/2011
The clerk had produced a report showing the tax base had increased to 2971.06 which meant if the precept remained at £196,200 a band D ratepayer would pay .47pence less. A discussion took place regarding the requirement. Cllr Cooper felt that the council would come under particular financial pressure due to withdrawal of Government funding and advocated a substantial increase. Cllr Blake-James proposed that the amount demanded be set at the same level as last year. With the growth of the town this would give a small financial increase. 2nd Cllr Wilkinson. A vote was then taken with 7 for and 4 against. The motion was carried. (The precept set at £199,600 would result in each band player paying the same as this year – an increase of £1,400 on last year).

10. To receive the financial statement of
(a) Pocklington Town Council and authorise payments
(b) the bank statements from Pocklington Arts Centre and agree payments
Cllr Cooper proposed authorising the below payments. 2nd Cllr Sykes and agreed.

P.T.C.

DD	Visual Security Systems	CCTV	74.75
	J.R. Turnbull Ltd	Maintenance Cemetery	587.35
	Glenfield Garden Services	Maintenance All Saints	127.40
BP	Mike Stubbins	Flower display stand	103.50
	Travis Perkins	Toilet connector	8.63
	A & L Stewart	Repair of light courthouse	322.18
	David Wilkinson	Cherry picker for Christmas	1180.10
	D Thurlow Ltd	lights installation	2972.18
	Woodmil Ltd	photocopier maintenance	92.55
	SLCC	Membership renewal	190.00
	Chubb	Modification of alarm Arts	1691.35
	RBS Software	accounts maintenance	241.50
	BJ Lighting Supplies	flourescent tubes	4.84
	Norman Computers	USB hub for computer	9.50
	AJACS	Internal audit fee	460.72
	2335 Walkers are Welcome	Subscription	20.00
	2336 Pocklington Womens Institute	Grant	130.00
	2337 Ebor Vale Riding for Disabled	Grant	100.00
	2338 Pocklington Gateway	Grant	200.00
	2339 Pock Chrysanthemum Soc	Grant	100.00
	2340 Barmby Moor Playing Fields	Grant	200.00
	2341 Barmby Moor Pre-School	Grant	100.00
	2342 Wolds Wonders	Grant	500.00
		total	9416.55
PAC			
	104884 Alliance Atlantis Releasing	Film Hire	£92.00
	104885 Newsquest (North)	Advertising	£92.00
	104886 All Saints Church	Beer	£168.00

104887 Reform Theatre Company	Performance Fee	£724.75
104888 York Wine&Beer Shop	Bar Supplies	£462.44
104889 Hulleys	Ice-creams	£153.74
104890 Petty Cash	Petty Cash	£150.00
104891 Entertainment Film Dis.	Film Hire	£495.88
104892 PA Foreman	Ice-creams	£118.24
104893 D Stuart	Technician Services	£66.80
104894 All Saints Church	Beer	£168.00
104895 WC Forth	Stationary	£31.34
104896 Johnston Publishing	Advertising	£65.00
104897 JSS Audio	PA Hire	£902.75
104898 Simon Fielder	Performance Fee	£2,530
104899 Premier Bus. Supplies	Cleaning Products	£88.07
104900 GO Transport	Film Transport	£163.94
105001 The Agency	Performance Fee	£875.00
105002 Yorkshire Water	Water	£173.15
BP The Agency	Performance Fee deposit	£875.00
	total	£8,396.10

It was agreed that the internal auditors report would be considered at the next Policy & Resources meeting.

11. To agree the list of burials and memorials

Cllr Wilkinson proposed authorising the burial of Hilda Jane Peel and Elsie Haines together with a memorial for Jean Brown. 2nd Cllr Held and agreed.

12. Correspondence – see attached list

2. Ask for an update on the letter on car parking

8. Follow up enhance street furniture letter

9. The H&S were thanked for their intervention

10,11,12,13 and the latest letter from Mr Hawley. It was decided letters be sent in reply stating the contents were noted.

14 It was regretted councils are not allowed to give personal grants – however each councillor would be given a copy of the leaflet and a copy placed on the notice board.

15 Councillors asked to consider any suitable nomination for the Chairmans awards

23 Councillors were pleased to see the disabled bays being created in the Market Place

31 Nothing further known about the activity on Kilnwick Road – Ray Allen to be updated.

13. Town Clerks report

The report was noted. A suitable container had been located at Stockton on Forest for sale for £700. Permissions to be obtained from planners and Burnby Hall Gardens to place it in the yard of the workshop. Once these in place a decision would then be made.

14. To receive and agree committee minutes

13.11 .09 Planning Proposed Cllr Wilkinson 2nd Cllr Marron & agreed

25.11.09 Proposed by Cllr Shepherd 2nd Cllr Scaife and agreed

15. Consider any future actions to be taken in relation to any meetings of outside bodies.

Cllr's Mole & West our East Riding ward councillors gave updates on their work locally. A meeting was to be held on Friday to consider progress on the library.

Cllr Petrie reported a 50mph speed limit being proposed on the A1079 from Hayton to Barmby Moor.

Signed as a true record of the meetingTown Mayor

The meeting closed at 9pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1	Roger Bruton	Remembrance Day Parade
2	Hornsea Town Council	Letter re car parking
3	Cllr Claude Mole	Update on ERYC issues
4	Quibell	Update on library
5	Reply to Greg Knight MP	Update on buildings built into Pocklington beck
6	ERYC	Weight limit - Sutton on Derwent
7	Nigel Pearson	Update on recent meeting with PTC
8	Richard Alderson	Grants available to enhance street scene
9	Health & Safety Executive	Update on gas pipe London Bridge
10	Howard Hawley	Re precept
11	Howard Hawley	Parking at rear of Arts Centre
12	Wood Sherwood	Legal advice on side entrance PAC
13	Buck Inn Yard Management	The Roadway - Buck Inn Yard
14	Felicity Pocklington	Request for funding for trip to Swaziland
15	ERYC	Chairmans Awards
16	Roger Bruton	Re library
17	Rhys Lane-Capper	Speeding Kilnwick Road
18	Wood Sherwood	Lease for Mouse House
19	Home Start	Volunteers required
20	ERYC	Festive Lighting Permit
21	York College	Work Placement
22	ERYC	Tree pruning - Strother Close
23	ERYC	Update on disabled parking bays Market Place
24	Green Thumb	lawn treatment
25	Arthur Woodcock	timesheet
26	Hull City Council	City Centre Action Plan
27	ERYC	Community Emergency Plans
28	ERYC	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
29	Wood Sherwood	Re Perry
30	Roger Bruton	Re parking
31	Ray Allen	Re Affordable housing Kilnwick Road

MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

1	ERYC	LAT meeting Wilberfoss 15th December
2	Gateway	Minutes

BULLETINS AND NEWSLETTERS

1	NHS East Riding	bulletin
2	Marie Currie	fundraising
3	ERYC	East Riding News
4	Woodberry	Seats
5	HMCE	VAT