

19 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to an Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** which will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 at 7.15 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Bailey,

**Town Clerk.**

### **AGENDA**

1. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

5. **STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY**

Trish Pemberton, Chairman of the Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway, will be in attendance to give an update on the significant progress on the preservation of the Stockton and Darlington Railway and forthcoming bicentenary celebrations.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate Standing Order:-

(a) **Mr. Dave Catleugh**

“When Livin has finalised its regeneration plans, will it, or the Town Council, be willing to hold a proper ballot of residents so as to accurately gauge their views?”

(b) Susan Cook

1. I would like to ask Great Aycliffe Council what their stance is on the regeneration scheme of the West Ward (Kirkstone Place, Whinlatter Place, Honister Place, Eskdale Place, Langdale Place and Silverdale Place) ?
2. I would like to ask Great Aycliffe Council that if this does not go ahead are they going to stand back and watch the area be run down?
3. Are you going to ask 'Livin' to speak with the tenants and explain what will happen for individuals?

(c) Simon Rooney

1. Livin state that their new estate layout will help design out crime and anti-social behaviour. Does the Council really believe this will be the case or is it not simply that these elements will be simply dispersed?
2. Livin has indicated that it is unlikely that planning permission would be given for building new homes on much of the designated green space within the estate. There are sections of land which used to have properties / buildings on them which have been demolished which could be utilized once again for housing. Therefore, does the Council think that option 2 has been ruled out too quickly and should therefore be looked into again as the loss of some green spaces must be better than the almost total loss of green spaces that the new estate plan indicates?
3. The proposed new layout of the estate has residential areas going right up to the Burn and also along the meadow that runs along the south east of Burnhill Way where it joins Greenfield Way. Does the Council believe that the proposed green corridor will offer suitable protection / passageway for animals using the Burn as a wildlife corridor to other areas of the town and possibly surrounding towns ?

(d) Sam Level

If the Council is against regeneration of the area (as they appear to be opposed to option 3, option 1 is pointless and option 2 is not feasible) then what are they going to do to tidy up the area ?

Where I live there are potholes that a small child would fall in, litter strewn everywhere, kids toys and unwanted furniture scattered around, noisy scooters and bikes riding around all over unchallenged and some very untidy and unkempt gardens and houses.

(e) Andrew Tenwick

1. Are living now prepared to buy this property now that it is unlikely to sell with all this uncertainty they have caused and if so a timescale for this to happen?
2. The house is a financial burden as they is still council tax to pay with the prospect in the near future of a 150% rate due to the government's empty 2<sup>nd</sup> home policy now in force. Will Durham County Council waive this due to Livin's proposal?

... 7. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

... 8. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:-

(a)	Environment Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
(b)	Recreation Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
(c)	Special Recreation Committee	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
(d)	Policy and Resources Committee	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018

... 9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements to be made by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

... 10. **GREAT AYCLIFFE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

To consider the attached correspondence and information.

... 11. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATE**

To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

... 12. **STANDING ORDERS FOR PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

... 13. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT CODE OF PRACTICE UPDATE**

To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

... 14. **STANDING ORDER UPDATE - NALC**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

15. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) Youth Council  
Councillors Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson + Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils  
Town Clerk + Councillors R.S. Fleming and M. Iveson (AGM)
- (c) Aycliffe Village Community Association  
Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association  
Councillors B.A. Clare and K. Henderson.

- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee  
Councillors Jed Hillary and B. Hall + Town Clerk.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum  
Councillors R.S. Fleming, M. Iveson and Town Clerk.
- (g) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society  
Councillors I. Gray
- (h) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve  
Councillor I. Gray.
- (i) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway  
Councillor Dave Hardaker.