

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015** (as part of the Annual General Meeting)

**PRESENT** Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, W. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, J.D. Clare, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw and C. Wheeler.

**OFFICIALS** Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Administrative Officer)  
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)  
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson that Councillor A.M. Chandran be appointed as Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**RESOLVED** – that Councillor A.M. Chandran be appointed as Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**Councillor A.M. Chandran took the Chair for the meeting.**

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson that Councillor I. Gray be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**RESOLVED** – that Councillor I. Gray be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors N. Collinson, M.A. Dalton and I. Gray.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Members were asked to approve the deletion of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which had been set up to appoint a Steering Group to deal with the Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would no longer be needed to be appointed to now that the Steering Group was set up and working.
- (ii) That the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be added to the list of Outside Bodies for future updates to be relayed to the Council.

**CHAIRMAN.**