

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 2010 at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman) and**
Councillors S. Bambridge, Mrs. D. Bowman, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, T. Hogan , W. Iveson, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.

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

40. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Mrs. A. Palmer.

41. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

42. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

43. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 14th July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. **AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Iveson, seconded by Councillor B. Hall, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee held on the 14th July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45. **PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Raw, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on the 12th August 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46. **ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEET**

Accounts control sheets for the period 9th July 2010 to the 3rd September 2010 and the General Bank Account for June, July and August 2010 were submitted.

RESOLVED – that the accounts control sheets for the period 9th July 2010 to the 3rd September 2010 and the General Bank Account for June, July and August 2010 were received.

47. **GRANTS / DONATIONS**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report setting out requests for the Council's support of donations to be considered and issued under the Wellbeing Power. The following applications had been received for consideration:

(i) **Stonham Welfare Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Curtis and seconded by Councillor P. Ducker that no donation be given to the Stonham Welfare Committee.

It was further proposed by Councillor W. Iveson and seconded by Councillor B. Hall that vouchers for 2 rounds of golf and 2 meals be donated towards their raffle.

Voting took place as follows:

For the proposal to donate 2 rounds of golf and 2 meal vouchers	10 for 7 against
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Voting then took place on the substantive proposal of 2 rounds of golf and 2 meal vouchers being donated which resulted as follows:

10 for the proposal 8 against the proposal

(ii) **Mayor's Charity – 'Bucket Collection'**

Aycliffe Youth Council

For information purposes an amount of £300 had been donated by the Youth Council to:

Jayenell Gymnastics for a Crash Mat

The Youth Council donation budget currently stands at £3,250.

Letter of thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from:

Butterwick House Children's Hospice	£500
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RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

(i) **Stonham Welfare Committee**

That 2 rounds of golf and 2 meal vouchers be donated towards their raffle.

- (ii) Mayor's Charity – 'Bucket Collection'
That the permission be granted for a 'Bucket Collection' to be made at the Firework Display on the 5th November 2010.
- (iii) Aycliffe Youth Council
That it be noted that a donation has been given to Jayenell Gymnastics.
- (iii) Letter of Thanks
That the letter of thanks be received.

NOTE:- The following Councillors have received training in the use of the Wellbeing Power:

Councillors W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, W. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.

48. AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL - UPDATE

The Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a report to update members on the work of the Aycliffe Youth Council.

RESOLVED – that the information in the report be received.

49. NALC LARGER COUNCILS' CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The Town Clerk submitted information in connection with a Conference and Exhibition to be held in London on the 1st December 2010. In view of the importance of the items to be considered at this Conference it was felt that this Authority should be represented.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor W. Iveson, that the Town Clerk and Councillor R.S. Fleming be authorised to attend this event.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the NALC Conference and Exhibition to be held in London be attended by the Town Clerk and Councillor R.S. Fleming.

50. BUDGET FRAMEWORK AND TIMETABLE

The Finance Manager submitted a report to provide members with details of the proposed 2011/12 Budget Framework and timetable for the setting of the Council's Revenue Budgets and Capital Programme for the 2011/12 financial year.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the Budget Framework and timetable setting of the 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budgets be approved.
- (ii) That the Council consults on the 2011/12 Budget proposals with the Customer Panel and the feedback from this consultation be taken into account in the setting of that Budget.

CHAIRMAN.