

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY 2012** at **7.15 p.m.**

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

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

104. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

105. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G.R. Gray and T. Hogan.

106. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

107. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor V. Crosby and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 14th December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

108. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 14th December 2011 to the 25th January 2012.

The Mayor specifically spoke on the most memorable events she had attended with special emphasis on the Aycliffe's Got Talent Presentations and the Sports Skills held at the Oakleaf.

She reminded members of her forthcoming Civic Dinner on the 17th February.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

109. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

110. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 11th January 2012 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Recreation Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 11th January 2012 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor J.D. Clare and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 18th January 2012 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

111. **2012/2013 PRECEPT APPROVAL**

The Finance Manager had submitted a report seeking approval for the setting of the Council's 2012/13 Precept and to authorise the Mayor / Chairman of the Council to sign the Precept Form for submission to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the 2012/2013 Council Precept of £1,624,400 be approved.
- (iii) That the Mayor / Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign the Precept Form and it be forwarded to Durham County Council.
- (iii) That the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's balances and reserves are noted.

112. **ROYAL GARDEN PARTY 2012**

Information had been received from County Durham Association of Local Councils seeking nominations from Parish and Town Council's for attendance at a Royal Garden Party to be held on the 22nd May 2012.

The Association had been allocated 2 places for attendance and names of all nominees would be drawn for allocation to attend.

RESOLVED – that the Council nominate Councillor Mrs. V.M. Raw (Mayor Elect) and her Mayoress Elect to be considered for a place at the Royal Garden Party.

113. **CONFERENCE – “STRICTLY LOCALISM”**

Information had been submitted with regard to a one day Conference on “Localism” to be held in Birmingham on the 22nd March 2012 with a view to this Council sending a representative.

RESOLVED – that the Council be not represented at this Conference.

114. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

(1) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve**

A letter had been received from the above Group seeking the Council to consider placing them on the Council's Outside Bodies list and nominating a representative to serve on the Group.

(2) **Outside Bodies**

Verbal reports were given by representatives on the undermentioned Outside Bodies:-

(a) **Youth Council**

Councillor V. Crosby gave an update on the Youth Council. Information was given on donations which had been given by the Youth Council. Members requested further information in respect of a donation given to ROCSOLID.

(b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**

There had not been any meetings.

(c) **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Councillor V. Crosby gave members an update.

(d) **Woodham Village Community Association**

Councillor Mrs. J. Gray gave an update on the Association.

(e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge A.A.P. Local Council's Committee**

Councillor R.S. Fleming gave an update on the recent meeting.

(f) **Durham Countryside Volunteers**

Councillor I. Gray gave an update on this Group.

- (g) Larger Local Councils' Forum
There had been no meetings.
- (h) Lifelong Learning Committee
The next meeting would be the 9th February. (only 3 meetings are to be held each year).
- (i) Normandy Veterans' Association
The next meeting would be on Sunday, 29th.
- (j) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
Councillor Mrs. K. Hopper gave an update on the Youth Centre meeting and left detailed copies of notes for members to view.
- (k) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I. Gray gave members an update on the A.G.M.
- (l) 'The Cubby'
The next meeting would be on the 26th February.
- (m) Health and Wellbeing Partnership Network
No report.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve be added to the Council's Outside Body list and that Councillor I. Gray be nominated as the representative to serve on that group.
- (ii) That the information given from the Representatives serving on Outside Bodies be received.
- (iii) That further information be sought and reported to the Council in respect of the donation allocated by the Youth Council to ROCSOLID.

CHAIRMAN.