

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

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

73. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

74. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. A. Palmer.

75. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

76. **DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Code was submitted for approval on behalf of the newly elected member, Mrs. K. Hopper, in West Ward.

RESOLVED - that the declaration be received.

77. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor B. Hall and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

78. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 11th September 2010 to the 22nd September 2010.

She particularly made reference to the Jayennel Gymnastics Day and the presentation to the Sport Skills at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

79. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public.

80. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Crosby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 20th October 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Recreation Committee**

Councillor G.C. Gray wished to raise a point of order on Minute No. 37 of this Committee on the question of the seconder for the Golf Working Group notes not being on that Committee, however, as per Standing Order No. 6(j) the point of order did not indicate the alleged breach of the specific Standing Order or statutory provision which is required. It was agreed that the Town Clerk provide written information on the query as raised.

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

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 20th October 2010 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 Policy and Resources Committee held on the 27th October 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

81. **CIVIC OFFICE AND EVENTS**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report on the civic office and events which had been previously requested by members.

RESOLVED – that members consider the information and the matter be considered further prior to the 2011/12 Civic Year.

- (c) Citizens Advice Bureau
Due to the absence of the representative Councillor V. Crosby gave members an update from the A.G.M.
- (d) Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP)
Councillor B. Hall gave an update and announced that the next meeting would be on the 30th November in the Leisure Centre.
- (e) Woodham Village Community Association
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray gave an update from their meeting.
- (f) Great Aycliffe and Middridge A.A.P. Local Council's Committee
Councillor B. Hall and the Town Clerk gave information on the meeting of this Committee. It was felt that some consultation items from D.C.C. which were considered at the AAP would be best dealt with by all Middridge and Great Aycliffe Councillors having an input and it was suggested that the two councils meet prior to a Council or Committee Meeting to discuss these consultations.
- (g) Durham Countryside Volunteers
Councillor I. Gray gave an update from this organisation.
- (h) Larger Local Councils' Forum
This meeting was scheduled shortly.
- (i) Lifelong Learning Committee
Councillor V. Crosby gave members an update on this Committee
- (j) Normandy Veterans' Association
Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton gave an update on the last meeting and that she had been nominated to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day
- (k) Woodham Community Technology College Forum Meeting
No meeting.
- (l) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
Next meeting would be 6th November.
- (m) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I. Gray reported on the activities of this Society.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the reports from Outside Body representatives be received.
- (ii) That the representatives on the Outside Bodies be complemented on the excellent reports and information they had submitted.

86. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor R.S. Fleming informed members that Mr. P. Beaty had been awarded an MBE.

RESOLVED – that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Beaty from the Council.

CHAIRMAN.