

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 4th AUGUST 2010** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman (Chairman) and**
Councillors 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, G.C. Gray, G.R. Gray, I. Gray, B. Hall, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, 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)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

50. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

51. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S. Bambridge, P. Gittins and Mrs. J. Gray.

52. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

53. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 21st July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54. **THE COUNTY DURHAM PLAN – JUNE 2010**

The Town Clerk and Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a report and draft response to the questions posed in relation to the Core Strategy and Options Paper in respect of 'The County Durham Plan'.

There were some 64 questions in the document which needed the Council's response by the 6th August. The Officers had set out draft answers to the questions with the emphasis that Option 'A' be adopted.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and vent their views to the responses to the questions.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, and seconded by Councillor R.S. Fleming that this Council agrees to support Option 'A' but would wish to see Newton Aycliffe named in the Plan and secondly, that adequate housing provision of bungalows and executive housing be included, as indicated in the draft answers provided to the report.

It was further proposed by Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Palmer that the proposal be accepted with the following amendment added: "That provision be made for a retail park to be provided on the Industrial site".

Voting took place as follows:-

For the amendment to the proposal	23 Votes
Against the proposal	1 Vote

Voting then took place for the proposal to include the amendment and this resulted as follows:

For the proposal	23 Votes
Against the proposal	1 Vote

It was therefore agreed that the proposal to support Option 'A' with Newton Aycliffe being named in the Plan together with adequate housing provision of bungalows and executive housing be included together with the provision of a retail park.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the draft answers to the question in the Plan be agreed in support of Option 'A' with Newton Aycliffe being named in the Plan.
- (ii) That housing needs be specifically pointed out to include bungalows and executive housing.
- (iii) That it be requested that provision be made in the plan for the siting of a retail park on the periphery of the industrial estate adjacent to the present McDonald's and Services.

55. **NEWTON AYCLIFFE – BACKING THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN**

The Town Clerk reported on the petition which was being formulated in respect of the Government implementing the procurement of rolling stock through the Intercity Express Programme. This could lead to Hitachi building a manufacturing site in Newton Aycliffe giving a much needed boost to the North East economy.

Mr. Phil Wilson, MP, would be presenting the case and petition to the House of Commons. The Town Clerk sought members to consider giving their support in respect of this initiative.

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk formulate a response to the House of Commons via Mr. P. Wilson, M.P. from this Council in support of the proposal.

CHAIRMAN.