

Minutes of a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY 2015 at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman)** and
Councillors J. Atkinson, W.M. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman,
A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, N. Collinson,
Mrs. M. Dalton M.A. Dalton, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S.
Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary,
Mrs. W.P. Hillary, W. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and C.
Wheeler.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor P. Kjenstad

OFFICERS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

20. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, M. Iveson and Mrs. S.J. Iveson.

21. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

22. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp declared his personal interest in Agenda Item No. 10 (The Cubby Site).

23. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

24. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor A.M. Chandran, seconded by Councillor B. Hall and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 13th May and 3rd June 2015 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

25. **SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor I. Gray and

RESOLVED – that the notes and recommendations of the meeting of the Service Review Working Group held on the 10th June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. **ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEETS**

Accounts control sheets for the period 26th May 2015 to the 26th June 2015 and the General Bank Accounts for May 2015 were submitted.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the accounts control sheets for the period 26th May 2015 to the 26th June 2015 and the General Bank Accounts for May 2015 be received.

27. **GRANTS / DONATIONS**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report which gave the current donation budget for this financial year as £3,448.00.

(a) The following request had been received:-

Newton Aycliffe F.C.

(b) Aycliffe Youth Council

It was reported that the Youth Council budget for 2015/16 was £2,500.

There had been no applications for grants, however, an amount of £1,014 had been used in connection with the STEM event as part of the Aycliffe Festival.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:-

(i) The report be received.

(ii) Newton Aycliffe F.C.
That a donation of £300 be given to the Football Club.

(iii) That the information in respect of the Youth Council spending of £1,014 for the STEM event at the Aycliffe Festival be accepted.

28. **PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES**

The Early Years Officer submitted her report in connection with attendance figures, waiting lists, the uptake places for September 2015 and voluntary contributions

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the information be received

29. **THE CUBBY SITE**

Councillors J.D. Clare and J.P. Hillary declared a pecuniary interest as members of Durham County Council and left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

Information had been received from Durham County Council seeking any comments / objections to the proposed selling of the site of the Cubby whose lease would expire at the beginning of October 2015.

Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp gave an update from the meeting held with the Cubby for members information.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the information from Councillor Blenkinsopp be noted.
- (ii) That the Council would have no objections to the site being sold.
- (iii) That the Council supports the Cubby with their application to D.C.C. for the use of a site in the Car Park at the rear of Greenwell Road.

30. **CITIZENS ADVICE**

Members considered a letter which had been received from County Durham Citizens Advice following the merger of all of the Citizens Advice Services in the County.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the information be received.

31. **MOBILE CATERING TRAILER – LORRY PARK**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report on a request which had been received to site a mobile catering unit in the Lorry Park / Car Park which is under the Council's ownership.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the application to site a mobile catering trailer in the Lorry Park be refused.

32. **ST. OSWALD'S PRE-SCHOOL OFFICE - ROOF**

The Works Manager had submitted a report for members to consider quotations received from contractors to provide a new covering and insulation to the roof of the Pre-School Office at St. Oswald's Park.

The following quotations had been received:-

(a)	Dufell Roofing	£9,860.87
(b)	Pinkney Building Contractors Ltd.	£9,982.80
(c)	BM Roofing	No quotation received.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the quotation submitted by Pinkney Building Contractors to fit a Sarna System Roof be accepted at a cost of £9,982.80.

33. **REPLACEMENT MACHINERY – WORKS SECTION**

The Works Manager submitted a report together with quotations for the purchase of a ride-on mower and utility vehicle.

The following quotations had been submitted:-

Ride-On Mower

Lloyd Ltd	Kubota Bx2350	£10,500
Rickerby Horticulture	Iseke TM3265	£12,700
Greenlay	John Deers 2015R	No quote received

Utility Vehicle

Lloyd Ltd	Kubota RTV900v	£12,670
Rickerby Horticulture	Kawasaki4010	£12,799
Carrs of Billingham	Kioti Machron 2210	£12,330
Ripon Farm Services	John Deere MY14UXV	£14,521
Rickerby Horticulture	Cushman 1600XD	£12,230

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That a Kubota Bx2350 ride on mower be purchased from Lloyds Ltd at a cost of £10,500 plus VAT.
- (iii) That a Kubota RTV900v utility vehicle be purchased from Lloyds Limited as a cost of £12,670 plus VAT.

34. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor A.M. Chandran, seconded by Councillor J.P. Hillary and

RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was, in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

35. **STEPHENSON WAY CEMETERY LEASE**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report providing details of the market rent valuation which had been provided by the Valuation Service in regard to Stephenson Way Cemetery Lease and also to provide comments from the Council's Solicitors on amendments to the lease.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the new market rent of £5,850 be accepted.
- (iii) That the new rental amount of £5,850 be notified to the representatives of Dignity Funerals.
- (iv) That the updated Lease be forwarded to Dignity Funerals for consideration.

CHAIRMAN