

Minutes of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE 2010** at 7.30 pm.

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, B Hall, K Henderson, Mrs I Hewitson, M Iveson, Mrs S J 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)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)

20. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs S Haigh, T Hogan, Mrs H J Hutchinson and W Iveson.

21. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

22. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

23. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming and seconded by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the **Council** held on **12th May 2010** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 13th May 2010 to the 6th June 2010.

The New Friends/New Places Intergeneration Event hosted by Durham Police and the Mini Activity day at the Oakleaf Sports complex were given special mention.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

25. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

26. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Recreation Committee**

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 12th May 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 12th May 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Environment Committee Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Crosby, seconded by Councillor A Warburton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 26th May 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(d) **Recreation Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 26th May 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(e) **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 2nd June 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

27. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Members were asked to consider the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G C Gray and Councillor P Ducker.

“That this Council rescinds its previous decision to demolish the public toilets at Simpasture Park.”

Councillor G C Gray gave background and current information regarding the motion.

After discussion and consideration of the motion, voting took place as follows:

For the motion – 7 votes
Against the motion – 17 votes

RESOLVED - that the decision to demolish the closed public toilets at Simpasture Park is reaffirmed.

28. **COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Members considered correspondence which had been received from CDALC requesting nominations to their Executive Committee.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the information be received.

- (ii) That no nominations be made to CDALC's Executive Committee.

29. **NALC CONFERENCE - YORK**

Information regarding the "Localism in Action" NALC Conference and Exhibition to be held in York on 9th September 2010. Members were requested to consider the Council's attendance.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the information be received.
- (ii) That Councillors J D Clare, W M Blenkinsopp and the Town Clerk attend on behalf of the Council.

30. **CAB CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO DCC ADULTS, WELLBEING AND HEALTH AND COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS**

Members considered the consultation response from Sedgefield and District Citizens Advice Bureau

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

31. **DELEGATED POWERS**

The Town Clerk explained the necessity for delegated powers considering timescale involved with the impending closure of St Mary's Preschool and the recruitment of a new Leisure manager subject to the expected formal resignation of Mr Snowball.

RESOLVED – as follows

- (i) that the Personnel Sub-Committee be given delegated powers to deal with staffing issues in respect of the Early Years Learning Centres and the recruitment to the post of Leisure Manager.

32. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (a) Youth Council

Councillor Crosby advised that the Youth Council meets every two weeks. The Youth Council will be giving talks in junior schools and are organising a family event for 24th July 2010. Councillor Crosby invited members to participate in the 'litter pick'.

(b) County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting had taken place.

(c) Citizens' Advice Bureau

No meeting had taken place.

(d) Agnew Community Centre

No meeting had taken place.

(e) Woodham Village community Association

Councillor Mrs J Gray notified members that the Association had been successful in obtaining a £4,000 grant towards stage III of their renovation project. Councillor Gray also advised that the new notice board provided jointly by the Town Council was proving a great success.

(f) Great Aycliffe and Middridge AAP Local Councils' Committee

No meeting had taken place.

(g) Durham Countryside Volunteers

Councillor I Gray advised that an 8 mile walk around the Parish had taken place on 6th June. Participants had been impressed with a number of features of the Town including the Orchid, the Great Aycliffe Way and the lack of graffiti.

(h) Larger Local Councils' Forum

Councillor R S Fleming gave an outline of the meeting he had attended. Representatives from NALC had addressed some of the issues indicating that not all of the Partnerships were working as well as expected.

Issues concerning inequality of funding and lack of communication, plus the cost of the administration compared with the level of funding were addressed.

Mr M Waterson who is dealing with the double taxation issue had advised that matters were not progressing very quickly.

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

Councillor R S Fleming advised that he had not had notification of the meeting which had taken place.

(j) Normandy Veterans' Association

No meeting had taken place.

(k) Woodham Community Technology College Forum Meeting

No meeting had taken place.

(l) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre

Councillor V Crosby advised that he had not had notification of the meeting which had taken place.

(m) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society

Councillor I Gray advised that the Society intended to apply for Lottery Funding to provide storage for vehicles as their current storage facilities are in three separate locations.

RESOLVED as follows:

- (i) that the information be received.
- (ii) that the Town Clerk write to the Lifelong Learning Committee to ensure that Councillor Fleming was advised of future meetings.
- (ii) that the Town Clerk write to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre to ensure that Councillor Crosby was advised of future meetings.

CHAIRMAN