

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to an Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** which will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL 2015** at **7.15 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

A G E N D A

1. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest that has not been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate standing order.

... 6. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 11th March 2015.

... 7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements to be made by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

8. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:-

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| (a) | Environment Committee | 8 th April 2015 |
| (b) | Recreation Committee | 8 th April 2015 |
| (c) | Policy and Resources Committee | 15 th April 2015 |

... 9. **STAR COUNCILS**

To consider the attached information.

... 10. **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS CONFERENCE**

To consider the attached information in respect of attendance by the Town Clerk at the larger Councils' Conference to be held in Stratford Upon Avon from the 18th to 19th June 2015.

... 11. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

... 12. **STANDING ORDERS – CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT**

To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

... 13. **PROTOCOL ON THE USE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES AND RESOURCES BY COUNCILLORS AND PURDAH GUIDANCE**

To consider the attached report and protocol from the Town Clerk.

... 14. **MEMBER TRAINING UPDATE**

To consider the attached report and information from the Town Clerk.

... 15. **CONSULTATION ON EXTENDING THE REMIT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN & LARGER PARISH COUNCILS**

To consider the attached report and information from the Town Clerk.

... 16. **DELEGATED POWERS - FESTIVAL**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

... 17. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

... 18. **REMOVAL OF ROAD LIGHTS ON THE A167 – GREAT AYCLIFFE AREA**

To consider the response from Durham County Council following this Council's objection to the removal of the street lights on the A167.

... 19. **FRIENDS OF STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY**

To consider nominations to attend the National Conference and Evening Dinner to be held on the 17th June 2015.

20. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) Youth Council
Councillors J.D. Clare, J. Atkinson, T. Twissell + Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils
Town Clerk + Councillors R.S. Fleming and J.D. Clare (AGM)
- (c) Aycliffe Village Community Association
Councillor C. Wheeler.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association
Councillors N. Collinson and K. Henderson.
- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee
Councillors R.S. Fleming and B. Hall + Town Clerk.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum
Councillors J.D. Clare, R.S. Fleming and Town Clerk.
- (g) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre
Councillor T. Twissell.
- (h) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillors I. Gray (Vacancy)
- (i) Sedgefield Health Network
Vacancy – to appoint in due course.
- (j) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve
Councillor I. Gray.
- (k) Friends of West Park
Councillors D. Summers and P. Kjenstad.
- (l) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway
Councillor J. Atkinson.

21. **HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE TOWN**

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. W.P. Hillary, will confer the Honour of Freeman of the Town on Councillor R.S. Fleming in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Council and the Community. As agreed by an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 21st January 2015 (Minute No. 119 refers).

PLEASE NOTE THAT A RECEPTION AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.