

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH 2017** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor J.P. Hillary (Chairman)** and
Councillors E. Adam, M. Ashcroft, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson,
P.J. Bergg, W.M. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare,
J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, P.L. Davies,
R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K.
Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs.
S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw and K.
Robson.

OFFICIALS Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

106. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

107. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M. Dalton and C. Wheeler.

108. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

109. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

110. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

111. **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 25th January 2017, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

112. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments he had attended during the period 26th January 2017 to the 8th March 2017. The Civic Dinner had been very successful and the Mayor thanked everyone for their support.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

113. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 22nd February 2017 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Recreation Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee, held on the 22nd February 2017, 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 M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee, held on the 1st March 2017, be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

114. **ARMED FORCES DAY**

Members were informed that the Mayor would be raising the Armed Forces Flag, at St Clare's Church on Monday 19th June 2017 at 11am, to mark the beginning of Armed Forces Week.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

115. **DELEGATED POWERS**

Members were requested to consider granting delegated powers to the Personnel Sub-Committee in regard to consideration and approval of a staff structure review and implementation for the Pre-School Learning Centre.

RESOLVED – that the Personnel Sub-Committee be granted delegated powers for these purposes.

116. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Verbal reports were given by representatives on the undermentioned Outside Bodies:-

- (a) Youth Council
Councillor J. Atkinson gave a report from the meetings on the 21st February 2017 and 7th March 2017.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils
There had been no meeting.
- (c) Aycliffe Village Community Association
Councillor J.P. Hillary gave a brief update report.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association
Councillor K. Henderson gave an update report.
- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee
There had been no meeting.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum
No report.
- (g) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre
No report.
- (h) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I. Gray gave an update.
- (i) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve
Councillor I. Gray gave an update from the volunteers.
- (j) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway
Councillor J. Atkinson gave an update.
- (k) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
There had been no meeting.
- (l) Crime and Community Safety Task Group
Councillor M. Ashcroft gave a report. The Town Clerk was requested to invite Mr. J. Cunningham, Community Peer Mentor Project Co-ordinator, to address Members at a future meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED – that the information given by the Representatives serving on the Outside Bodies be received.

CHAIRMAN.