

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 10th JUNE 2015** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs M Dalton (Chairman)** and
Councillors E Adam, D G Atkinson, J Atkinson, B Blenkinsopp,
AM Chandran, Mrs BA Clare, JD Clare, J Clark, RS Fleming,
GC Gray, I Gray, Mrs S Haigh, B Hall, K Henderson, Mrs I
Hewitson, JP Hillary, Mrs WP Hillary, M Iveson, Mrs SJ Iveson, W
Iveson, P Kjenstad, and Mrs V Raw.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)

20. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

21. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

22. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

23. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given.

24. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

25. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 13th May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 15th May 2015 to the 12th June 2015.

The Mayor gave information on the various events she had attended with special mention to the Sports Skills Bicycle Presentation and the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe President's Evening.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

27. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor J Atkinson, seconded by Councillor B Hall and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 13th May 2015 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 J Atkinson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 13th May 2015 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 13th May 2015 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(d) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor A Chandran seconded, by Councillor J Atkinson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 27th May 2015 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(e) **Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor B Hall, seconded by Councillor J Atkinson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 27th May 2015 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 3rd June 2015 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

28. **CASUAL VACANCY**

Members were requested to receive information of a Casual Vacancy which had been declared in the West Ward following the resignation of Councillor D Summers.

RESOLVED - that the information be received.

29. **COUNTY DURHAM PLAN JUCIAL REVIEW CONSULTATION**

Information had been received from Durham County Council regarding the outcome of the initial County Durham Plan Interim Examiners Report to a Judicial Review.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

30. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

(a) **Youth Council**

Councillor J Atkinson reported on two meetings which had been held. The meetings had both focussed on the forthcoming STEM event which was to be held as part of the Aycliffe Festival.

(b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**

No report.

(c) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**

No report.

(d) **Woodham Village Community Association**

Councillor K Henderson advised that the building works were almost complete and thanked everyone who had contributed to the fund.

(e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee

Councillor RS Fleming advised that he had been re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Anne Clark was elected to the C/DALC Executive. The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed at the meeting and concern regarding encroachment of housing into Middridge was expressed.

(f) Larger Local Councils' Forum

Councillor RS Fleming advised that he had been re-elected as Chairman. He advised that Seaham had left the Forum.

(g) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre

No report.

(h) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society

Councillor I Gray advised that the Society were concentrating their efforts in the local area rather than travelling further afield.

(i) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve

Councillor I Gray advised that he had visited the Nature Reserve twice recently and remarked upon how the woodland was maturing.

(j) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway

No meetings.

(k) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

No meetings.

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

CHAIRMAN.