

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE 2013** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs. B.A. Clare (Chairman) and**
Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, K. Henderson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

23. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

24. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R. Bowman, Mrs. S. Haigh, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. A. Palmer and Mrs. V.M. Raw.

25. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

26. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given.

27. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 15th May 2013 to the 12th June 2013.

The Mayor gave information on the various events she had attended with special mention to the Fun Day at Greenfield School, the 100 year anniversary of Formica and the excellent service she attended at the Cathedral in support of the order of St. John.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

29. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions raised by the Public.

30. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor K. Henderson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 15th May 2013 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 M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 15th May 2013 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 29th May 2013 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 Mrs. M. Dalton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 29th May 2013 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 M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 5th June 2013 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

31. **NALC – CONFERENCE ‘PUTTING COMMUNITIES FIRST’**

The Town Clerk asked for members to consider the appointment of a Councillor to attend the above Conference to be held in Sheffield in July 2013.

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming and seconded by Councillor M. Dalton that Councillor J.D. Clare be nominated to attend this Conference.

RESOLVED - that Councillor J.D. Clare be nominated to attend the NALC Conference along with the Town Clerk.

32. **PARISH PERFORMANCE PLAN**

The Corporate and Policy Officer had submitted a draft Parish Performance Plan for consideration and comment.

The Plan is updated each year and gave progress on existing targets and new targets which had been set. Financial and Audit Reports also formed part of the Plan.

It was pointed out that owing to work being commenced on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan the wording on page 5 should be amended from ‘hoping to commence work’ to ‘has commenced work’.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Performance Plan be approved subject to the following amendment on Page 5:-

‘The Town Council **has commenced** work on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.’

33. **JUNCTION OF BURN LANE AND BURNHILL WAY**

Information had been received from Durham County Council in response to a verbal request by Councillor W. Curtis and a subsequent letter from this Council asking D.C.C. to conduct a safety inspection at the roundabout on the junction of Burn Lane and Burnhill Way in order to find a solution to the dangers experienced by pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the information from Durham County Council be received.
- (ii) That a copy of the reply from Durham County Council be forwarded to Mr. W. Curtis for his information.

34. **NEWTON AYCLIFFE REDEVELOPMENT – PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report which provided feedback from the Partnership Meetings on the progress of the Newton Aycliffe Shopping Centre Masterplan.

It was proposed that an invitation be forwarded to Freshwater and Durham County Council to attend a meeting to give an update on the progress of the town centre.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the information be received.
- (ii) That representatives from Freshwater and the Property Department of Durham County Council be invited to attend a meeting of the Council to give an update on their part of the development.

35. **COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FRAMEWORK REPORT**

The Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a report seeking Members to show their commitment to equalities by agreeing to the Council's Equality and Diversity Framework.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Council's commitment to the Equalities and Diversity Framework Statement be agreed and re-affirmed.

36. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

- (a) Youth Council
Councillors T. Twissell and D. Summers gave information on the meeting of the Youth Council.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils (AGM)
The next meeting would be the AGM in October.
- (c) Citizens Advice Bureau
That a vacancy exists for a representative.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association
Councillor K. Henderson gave an update on the Community Association.

- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge A.A.P. Local Council's Committee
 Councillor R.S. Fleming gave information on the meeting which had made the following appointments:-
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| Chairman | Councillor R.S. Fleming |
| Vice-Chairman | Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke |
| GAMP Rep. | Councillor B. Hall |
| Cdalc Executive Rep. | Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke |
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum
 No meetings.
- (g) Lifelong Learning Committee
 No meeting had taken place.
- Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp had been nominated as a representative on this Committee, however, he now wished to resign from that appointment.
- (h) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
 Councillor D. Summers gave information that the next meeting would be the 18th June 2013
- (i) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
 Councillor I. Gray informed members that the next meeting would be the 16th June 2013.
- (j) Health and Wellbeing Partnership Network
 Councillor N. Collinson gave a report on the Partnership Network.
- (k) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve
 Councillor I. Gray gave an update.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the information given from the Representatives serving on the Outside Bodies be received.
- (ii) That it be noted that Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp had resigned from the Lifelong Learning Committee and a vacancy now exists on this Committee.

CHAIRMAN.