

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014** at **7.15 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr. R. Hogg (Police Commissioner)

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

137. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

138. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, M.A. Dalton, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. A. Palmer and D. Summers.

139. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

140. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given.

141. **POLICE COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

The Chairman moved this item to the end of the agenda as Mr. Hogg had been delayed at another engagement.

142. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the **29th January 2014** and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the **19th February 2014** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

143. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATION**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 30th January to the 12th March 2014.

She gave an outline on some of the memorable events she had attended and thanked members who had supported the recent Charity Civic Dinner which had been a great success.

The announced that she was to hold a Charity Cabaret Evening in the Royal British Legion on the 1st May 2014.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

144. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions raised by the Public.

145. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Special Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton, seconded by Councillor K. Henderson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 5th February 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **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 26th February 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor C. Wheeler and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 26th February 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(d) **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 4th March 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

146. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

An application for a dispensation for non-attendance at meetings of the Council had been received from Councillor T.R. Bowman due to his ill health.

RESOLVED – that a dispensation for non-attendance at meetings be granted to Councillor T.R. Bowman during his period of ill health.

147. **NALC – REQUEST TO LARGER COUNCILS TO SUPPORT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report for members to consider supporting a proposal which had been submitted by Sevenoaks Town Council under the Sustainable Communities Act for a change in legislation to enable a percentage of Business (Non-Domestic) Rates to be returned to Parish and Town Councils.

RESOLVED – that it be agreed that this Council fully supports the proposal by Sevenoaks Town Council.

148. **FATHER MICHAEL CAMPION**

A letter of thanks had been received from Father Campion for the kind tribute and gifts presented to him by the Council at the meeting on the 11th December 2013.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

149. **FRIENDS OF WEST PARK**

A request had been received from the "Friends of West Park" to be included on the list of Outside Bodies and for the Council to nominate two representatives to serve on the group.

RESOLVED – that the 'Friends of West Park' group be added to the list of Council Outside Bodies with the two representatives being appointed at the Annual General Meeting in May.

150. **NAC CONFERENCE – TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Information had been submitted in respect of the NAC Conference to be held in Scarborough from the 4th to 6th April asking if a member of the Council would wish to attend.

RESOLVED – that this Council be not represented at this Conference.

151. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

(a) Youth Council

Councillor J.D. Clare gave an update.

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

No AGM held.

(c) Citizens Advice Bureau

No representative.

(d) Woodham Village Community Association

Councillor K. Henderson gave an update.

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

No meeting.

(f) Larger Local Councils' Forum

Councillor R.S. Fleming gave an update.

(g) Lifelong Learning Committee

No meeting.

(h) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre

No report.

(i) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society

Councillor I Gray gave an update.

(j) Health and Wellbeing Partnership Network

No meeting.

(k) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve

Councillor I Gray gave an update.

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

152. **POLICE COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

Mr. Ron Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington attended the meeting to give members an update on matters since his last visit in March 2013.

Members were given the opportunity to ask Mr. Hogg questions in respect of policing matters which were duly answered.

Mr Hogg was thanked for his attendance and information given.

RESOLVED – that the information be received and Mr. Hogg thanked for his attendance.

CHAIRMAN.