

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 26th OCTOBER 2016** at **7.15 p.m.**

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

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

66. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

67. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and C. Wheeler.

68. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

69. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There had been no declarations of interest submitted.

70. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

71. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 14th September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

72. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments he had attended for the period 14th September 2016 to 26th October 2016.

In the Mayor's absence the Town Clerk gave information submitted by Councillor Hillary seeking permission to present one of the Council Crest plaques to one of the last serving members of HMS Eskimo.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the information be received.
- (ii) That permission be granted for the Mayor to present one of a Council Crest plaque to the last member of HMS Eskimo.

73. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor I. Gray, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 12th October 2016 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted subject to the addition of Councillor P.J. Bergg's apologies.

(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 12th October 2016 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted subject to the addition of Councillor P.J. Bergg's apologies.

(c) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor B. Hall and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 19th October 2016 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

74. **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2015/16**

A copy of the Annual Audit Letter for 2015/16 produced by the Council's Auditors, Mazars LLP, had been circulated for members approval.

RESOLVED - that the Annual Audit Letter for 2015/16 be received.

75. **GOLF CONTRACT SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report, following a recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee (Minute No. 69 – 19th October 2016), to grant delegated powers to the Golf Contract Services Sub-Committee to undertake the awarding of a contract, following a procurement exercise, for the provision of Golf Management Services at the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the request from the Policy and Resources Committee for delegated powers to be bestowed on the Golf Contract Services Sub-Committee to undertake the awarding of a Contract, following a procurement exercise, for the provision of Golf Management Services at the Oakleaf Golf Complex be approved.

76. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

- (a) Youth Council
Councillor J. Atkinson gave an update in connection with the new appointments on the Youth Council.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils
There was no report.
- (c) Aycliffe Village Community Association
No report.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association
Councillor K Henderson had not be able to attend the meeting.
- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee
No meeting.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum
No meeting.
- (g) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre
Councillor J. Clare gave an update from the meeting.
- (h) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I. Gray reported on activities from the Society.
- (i) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve
Councillor I. Gray gave an update from the Group.
- (j) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway
Councillor D. Atkinson had not been able to attend the meeting but reported from items in the minutes.

(k) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Councillor B. Hall gave an update.

(l) Crime and Community Safety Task Group
Councillor M. Ashcroft gave an update on the Group's meeting.

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

77. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor B. Hall and

RESOLVED – in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was, in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

78. **LAND SALE – AGNEW 5**

Councillor J.D. Clare re-affirmed his declared interest as a member of Durham County Council on this item, however, he would remain in the meeting.

The Town Clerk had submitted a further report providing an update of the potential offer to purchase the Town Council's 1.78 acres (.78 hectares) of land adjacent to the new development by Chapter Homes.

RESOLVED – that the report and information be received.

79. **RE-ADMISSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – that the Press and Public be readmitted to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN.