

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE 2014 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr. J. Phillipson (Chief Executive Officer, North East Autism Society)
Ms. S. Tron (North East Autism Society)

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

26. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

27. **IN MEMORY**

The Mayor asked Members to observe one minutes silence as a tribute to the memory of the Normandy Veterans 70th Anniversary of the D.Day Landings which had been on Friday, 6th June.

Members wished to record thanks to Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton for her part in having the Normandy Veterans Flag presented to the Council for display in the Council Chamber.

28. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, N. Collinson, R.S. Fleming, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson and C. Wheeler.

29. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J.D. Clare declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 13 (Market) as a member of Durham County Council and he would be leaving the meeting during the discussion thereon.

31. **NORTH EAST AUTISM SOCIETY**

The Chairman welcomed John Phillipson (CEO) and Susan Tron to the meeting to give a presentation on the work carried out at the North East Autism Society school in Newton Aycliffe. Mr. Phillipson gave members an insight of problems associated with Autism and the work being carried out to help children and adults.

Members were able to ask questions which were duly answered. A slide show was given which showed the premises of the school and Mr. Phillipson invited members who were interested in the work to visit the premises for a tour of the facilities.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That Mr. Phillipson and Ms. Tron be thanked for their attendance and for giving such a graphic view of the work of the Autism Society.
- (ii) That Officers liaise with Mr. Phillipson to arrange a dated for members to visit the North East Autism Society to view their facilities.

32. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the **14th May 2014** and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the **21st May 2014** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk reminded members of the need to check information on their Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms following a reminder received from the Monitoring Officer at Durham County Council.

The Mayor had submitted a list of events she had attended for the period 15th May to the 11th June 2014 for information.

The Mayor outlined some of the poignant events, especially the Clairvoyance Evening and the Bike presentation to a young girl at the Sports Complex.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the information in respect of the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms be noted.
- (ii) That the information provided by the Mayor be noted.

34. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions raised by the Public.

35. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 14th May 2014 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 14th May 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor A.M. Chandran, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Raw and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 14th May 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(d) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Environment Committee held on the 28th May 2014 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 V. Raw and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 28th May 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(f) **Policy and Resources Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 4th June 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

36. **PARISH PERFORMANCE PLAN**

The Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a report to explain why the Parish Performance Plan will not be updated and reprinted this year. Work has now commenced on the Neighbourhood Plan which is anticipated to lead to a major update of the Parish Performance Plan over the next few years.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

37. **NALC – CONFERENCE ‘MAKING LOCALISM WORK’**

Information had been submitted seeking members to consider a representative from the Council attending the above conference to be held in Harrogate on the 10th July 2014.

RESOLVED – that it be agreed that the Town Clerk attend this Conference and report back.

38. **THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

The Town Clerk submitted information on the Government’s intention to amend the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 which will be enabled through new legislation, Access to Local Government Meetings and Documents (England) Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Section 40.

The Regulations would cover the following three main topics:-

- Filming and recording Council Meeting.
- Publicising decisions made under delegated powers.
- Notices, Agendas, Documents and Minutes on the Internet.

A copy of the draft regulations was circulated together with an Advice Note from the Society of Local Council Clerks.

RESOLVED – that the report and information be received pending the Regulations being published and guidance available.

39. **MARKET**

Councillor J.D. Clare declared an interest in this item as he is a Member of Durham County Council and he left the meeting during the discussion of this item.

The Town Clerk had submitted a report to advise members of the outcome of discussions with Durham County Council in regard to the provision of an alternative site for the Tuesday Market, together with details of the response from the Newton Aycliffe Market Cooperative.

Following a resolution from an Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 21st May 2014 D.C.C. were asked to consider making the site adjacent to the Cubby available as a temporary site for the Tuesday Market. This site was deemed not to be viable, however, an alternative site on the car park in Greenwell Road, the former Works Depot Site was being offered.

The Market Traders Cooperative were informed of this alternative site but felt that it was not seen as being a viable option for the purpose of a Market Site.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report and information be received.
- (ii) That it be noted the Town Council continues to hold the licence to operate a market in the Great Aycliffe area should a viable site become available for the market to be resurrected.
- (iii) That the thanks of the Members be recorded on the hard work which the Town Clerk had undertaken to try to obtain a solution to the siting of the Tuesday Market.

40. **AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT BUS PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

A letter had been received from the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society seeking the Council's views on the new current Newtonian Bus being repainted.

RESOLVED – that the Council wished the following to be taken into account when the bus is to be repainted.

- (i) That the bus retain the name Newtonian.
- (ii) That the current livery colours of the bus be kept.

41. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor M.A. Dalton wished to rescind his leave of absence through ill health which had been granted on the 29th January 2014.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted.

42. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

(a) Youth Council

Councillor T. Twissell gave an update.

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

Councillor J.D. Clare gave information which would be acted on at the AGM.

(c) Aycliffe Village Community Association

No information available.

(d) Woodham Village Community Association

Councillor K. Henderson gave an update.

- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee
Meeting to be organised within the next 2 weeks.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum
Councillor J.D. Clare gave a verbal update.
- (g) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre
Councillor T. Twissell gave an update from the A.G.M.
- (h) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I Gray gave an update.
- (i) Sedgefield Health Network
Vacancy on this Outside Body.
- (j) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve
Councillor I Gray gave an update.
- (k) Friends of West Park
Councillor E. Adam gave an update on the action plan.
- (l) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway
There had not been a meeting.

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

CHAIRMAN.