

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER 2014** at 7.15 p.m.

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

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

82. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

83. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D.G. Atkinson, Mrs. A. Palmer, D. Summers and C. Wheeler.

84. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

There were no applications for dispensations.

85. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There had been no declarations of interest received.

86. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the **17th September 2014** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

87. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions raised by the Public.

88. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of events she had attended for the period 18 September to the 29 October 2014 for information.

Two memorable events which the Mayor had attended was the opening of the Horndale MUGA and the 100th Birthday Party for Les Robson.

RESOLVED – that the information provided by the Mayor be noted.

89. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

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

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Environment Committee held on the 15th October 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 15th October 2014 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 W.M. Blenkinsopp and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 22nd October 2014 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

90. **“THE CUBBY”**

Councillors E. Adam, J.D. Clare, J. Hillary and Mrs. S. Iveson left the meeting during the discussion on this item as they are all members of Durham County Council.

A copy of a notice for The Cubby to vacate their site in Central Avenue had been received from Durham County Council for information.

RESOLVED – that the information be received and no action be taken at this point in time.

91. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS – ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

To consider whether the Council wishes to be represented at the Annual General Meeting and Conference of NAC which was to be held in Glasgow from the 28th – 30th November 2014.

RESOLVED – that the Council be not represented on this occasion.

92. **DELEGATION OF POWERS**

To consider granting delegated powers to the Recreation Committee to deal with grant allocations in respect of the Festival Working Group to make small grants up to £500.

RESOLVED – as follow:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That delegated powers be given to the Recreation Committee for the purpose of giving approval of small grants up to £500 as part of the Ayclffe Festival.
- (iii) That the Council's Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly.

93. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

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)

The next meeting would be 8th November.

(c) Aycliffe Village Community Association

No report.

(d) Woodham Village Community Association

Councillor N. Collinson gave an update.

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

No meetings.

(f) Larger Local Councils' Forum

No meetings.

(g) Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre

Councillor J.D. Clare gave a verbal report.

(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

There was nothing to report.

(l) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway

There was nothing to report.

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

CHAIRMAN.