

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2015** at **6.30 p.m.**

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

**OFFICIALS**                Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)  
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

115.    **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

116.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson and Mrs. A. Palmer.

117.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

118.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R.S. Fleming declared an interest in agenda item No. 5 (Honorary Freeman) and left the meeting for the discussion and voting thereon.

119.    **HONORARY FREEMAN**

The following Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillor A.M. Chandran and seconded by Councillor E.M. Adam:-

*"That in recognition of his long and distinguished service to this Council and the Community, Councillor R.S. Fleming be made an Honorary Freeman in accordance with Council Policy".*

Councillor A.M. Chandran spoke on his Motion setting out details and reasons why he was nominating Councillor R.S. Fleming to be made an Honorary Freeman of the Town. In his speech he indicated Councillor Fleming's outstanding achievements and service to the Town and the exemplary work he had carried out since becoming a Councillor in 1987.

Councillor E. Adam seconded the Motion.

A vote was taken on the Notice of Motion to make Councillor Fleming an Honorary Freeman of the Town.

The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLVED** – as follows:-

- (i) That in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Council and the Community, Councillor R.S. Fleming be made an Honorary Freeman of the Town.
- (ii) That Officers be authorised to make necessary arrangements for a presentation ceremony to be held at full Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

**CHAIRMAN.**