

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH 2010 at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman) and**
Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, P. Gittins, G.C. Gray, G.R. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E.M. Paylor and A. Warburton.

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

115. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B. Hall, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson and Mrs. V.M. Raw.

116. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests were submitted from Councillors V. Crosby and G.C. Gray on Agenda Item No. 6 (3.2) (Grants – C.A.B.) and they would be leaving the meeting during the discussion thereon.

117. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

118. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 20th January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

119. **ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEET**

Accounts control sheets for the period 15th January 2010 to the 19th February 2010 and the General Bank Accounts for January 2010 were submitted.

RESOLVED – that the accounts control sheets for the period 15th January 2010 to the 19th February 2010 and the General Bank Accounts for January 2010 were received.

120. **GRANTS / DONATIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted a report setting out requests for the Council's support of donations to be considered and issued under the Wellbeing Power. The following applications had been received for consideration:

(3.1) Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band

Consideration was given to a donation / plaque being provided to the Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band towards their trip to Praque in August 2010.

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor V. Crosby that an amount of £200 be donated to the Pipe Band along with a Plaque for presentation in Praque.

It was further proposed by Councillor T. Hogan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh that an amount of £500 be donated to the Pipe Band along with a Plaque for presentation in Praque.

Voting took place on the two proposals which resulted in an amount of £200 and a plaque being donated to the Pipe Band.

(3.2) Citizens Advice Bureau

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests had been submitted from Councillors V. Crosby and G.C. Gray on item No. 3.2 (Citizens Advice Bureau) and they left the meeting during the discussion thereon.

Consideration was given to a donation being provided to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp that no donation be made the C.A.B. on this occasion.

It was further proposed by Councillor T. Hogan, seconded by Councillor P. Ducker that an amount of £500 be donated to the C.A.B.

Voting took place on the two proposals which resulted that no donation be made to the C.A.B. on this occasion.

Councillors V. Crosby and G.C. Gray returned to the meeting.

(3.3) Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders

Consideration was given to a donation being provided to the Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders.

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson that an amount of £250 be donated to the Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders.

It was further proposed by Councillor T. Hogan, seconded by Councillor P. Ducker that an amount of £1,000 be donated to the Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders.

Voting took place on the two proposals which resulted in an amount of £250 being donated to the Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders.

(3.4) ACLE Scout Group

This donation / grant would be an item that could be considered by the next meeting of the Youth Council.

(3.5) Victim Support

No background information or balance sheets had been supplied in time for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

(3.1) Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band

That an amount of £200 be donated to the Pipe Band, along with a plaque for their presentation in Praque in August 2010.

(3.2) Citizens Advice Bureau

That no donation be made on this occasion.

(3.3) Newton Aycliffe Cheerleaders

That an amount of £250 be donated to the Cheerleaders.

(3.4) ACLE Scout Group

That the matter be considered by the next meeting of the Youth Council.

(3.5) Victim Support

Await further information for members consideration.

NOTE:- The following Councillors have received training in the use of the Wellbeing Power:

Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, G.R. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, K. Henderson, T. Hogan, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer and A. Warburton.

121. **PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES REPORT**

The Early Years Officer submitted a report setting out information with regard to the attendance figures and voluntary contributions at the three Pre-Schools.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

122. **TOWN TWINNING – RHEINHAUSEN**

Councillor R.S. Fleming gave members an update on a meeting which had taken place with regards to Twinning with Rheinhausen.

At the present time Rheinhausen were not able to commit to twinning due to restrictions on their application to apply for funding. This may change in the future and at that time they would make an approach to this Council for twinning.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted.

123. **FOOTPATH – HORNDALE PARK / HORNDALE SCHOOL**

A letter had been received from Durham County Council seeking retrospective permission for the construction of a link footpath across land in the ownership of Great Aycliffe Town Council.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That retrospective permission for the construction of the footpath be agreed.
- (ii) That Durham County Council be responsible for the future maintenance of the footpath.
- (iii) That an appropriate wayleave agreement be put in place providing that Durham County Council be responsible for the payment of any legal fees.

124. **D.C.C. – DRAFT CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report giving information on the Draft Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. A copy of the full document was available at the Council Offices or on Durham County Council's website.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That any comments from members should be made individually to Durham County Council.

125. **SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – ISSUES PAPER CONSULTATION**

The Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a report and briefing note to bring members attention to a consultation request from Durham County Council on the Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document – Issues Paper. A copy of the full document was available at the Council Offices or on Durham County Council's website.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the information be received.

126. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp and

RESOLVED – that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

127. **CIVIC REGALIA**

The Town Clerk submitted a report following an incident with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office. The report was seeking to advise members of the need to review the use and security of the Council's Civic Regalia.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Town Clerk reviews the security procedures of the use of the Civic Regalia and discusses this with the appropriate Members and Officers.
- (iii) That the procedure of security measures put in place for the Civic Regalia be reviewed at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

128. **PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

CHAIRMAN.