

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019 – 7.15 p.m.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on Wednesday, 24th July 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton (Chairman) and
Councillors Eddy Adam, Derek G. Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, J. Clark, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs V. Raw, Ken Robson and Sally Symons.

OFFICERS

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

42. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Wendy Hillary and Paul Symons.

44. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

No dispensation requests had been received.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There had been no Declarations of Interest submitted.

46. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A representative of Aycliffe Village Residents Association wished to speak on the Agenda Item No. 9 – Durham County Council response to Aycliffe Village Residents in connection with Traffic Measures through Aycliffe Village.

The Residents Association wished to thank the Town Clerk and Councillors for their letter to D.C.C. which had initiated the response from D.C.C. at Item No. 9. The Residents Association wished to express that they are not happy with that response and were interested to hear any further comments from the Councillor at that item on the Agenda.

47. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor Dave Hardaker and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 12th June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 12th June to the 23rd July 2019.

Councillor Mrs. Dalton gave a brief outline of the many appointments she had attended.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

49. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Environment Committee

It was proposed by Councillor I. Gray, seconded by Councillor Eddy Adam and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 10th July 2019 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) Recreation Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Hardaker, seconded by Councillor J. Clark and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 10th July 2019 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 M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 17th July 2019 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

50. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO AYCLIFFE VILLAGE RESIDENTS

A copy of correspondence received from Durham County Council had been circulated in response to issues raised by the Aycliffe Village Residents Association on traffic measures on the A167 Road through Aycliffe Village.

This had been brought to a previous Council meeting by the Chairman of the Aycliffe Village Residents Association setting out their concerns for road safety through Aycliffe Village. At that meeting it had been agreed that a letter be forwarded to D.C.C. seeking consideration of the points raised by the Residents Association together with concerns relating to traffic flow through Aycliffe Village.

Following a discussion on the reply received from D.C.C. Members felt they should seek to have a meeting with Durham County Council Senior Traffic Assets Engineer. It may also be beneficial to invite the Chief Traffic Officer from Durham Constabulary.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) The information in the letter from D.C.C. be noted.
- (ii) That a future meeting be organised with representatives of Durham County Council Traffic Assets and the Chief Traffic Officer from Durham Constabulary.

51. NALC – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Information had been circulated on the forthcoming conference for NALC to be held in Milton Keynes on the 28th / 29th October 2019. Members were asked to consider whether they wished to send representatives to attend this Conference.

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

52. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS - CONFERENCE

The Town Clerk had submitted information in respect of the SLCC Conference to be held in Leicestershire on the 2nd / 3rd October 2019.

Members were asked to consider whether they wished to send a representative to this Conference.

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk be authorised to attend the Society of Local Council Clerks Conference to be held on the 2nd/3rd October as there are items of interest to the Council on that Agenda.

53. OUTSIDE BODIES

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

- (a) **Youth Council**
Councillor Derek G. Atkinson gave an update on the last meeting of the Youth Council.
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
AGM to be held in October.
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp gave an update on the Community Association.

- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association**
There was no report.
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee**
Councillor R.S. Fleming gave a report on the meeting held on the 18th July when appointments on the Committee had been made.
Councillor R.S. Fleming was appointed Chairman, Councillor B. Hall the representative on GAMP and Councillor Mellors, Executive on the Durham County Association of Councils.
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
The next meeting would take place on Thursday, 25th July.
- (g) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor I. Gray gave an update.
- (h) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve**
Councillor I. Gray gave an update.
- (i) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Dave Hardaker gave members an update.
- (j) **GAMP – Community Safety Task Group**
The Town Clerk gave members an update in the absence of Councillor B. Hall.

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

CHAIRMAN.