

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER 2020 – 7.15 p.m.**

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on Wednesday, 16th September 2020 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Hillary (Chairman) and
Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Derek G Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Dave Hardaker, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V. Raw, Ken Robson, Michael Stead, Paul Symons and Sally Symons.

OFFICERS

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

156. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

157. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, Mrs. M. Dalton, Mrs. S. Haigh and B. Hall.

158. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

No dispensation requests had been received.

159. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Eddy Adam, Jim Atkinson, J.D. Clare, Kate Hopper and Mrs. S.J. Iveson declared a pecuniary interest under item 15 (Notice of Motion – Double Taxation) on the agenda as Members of Durham County Council.

160. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

161. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 2nd September 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

Minute No. 154 – Notice of Motion – 2nd September 2020

Whilst the proceedings for the Notice of Motion had been dealt with correctly and the Motion was subsequently defeated. A further proposal had been made by Councillor M. Iveson and seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft which was procedurally incorrect under the Council's Standing Orders as once a decision had been taken on a Motion this should end the discussion.

It was noted that Councillor M. Iveson wished to withdraw his proposal.

On advice from the Town Clerk it was proposed by Councillor Arun Chandran and seconded by Councillor Eddy Adam that as the Motion did not follow procedure as indicated in Standing Orders, it be minuted as such, and that the motion be set aside.

162. EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Arun Chandran and

RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

163. PRE-SCHOOL BUILDING EXTENSION - QUOTATIONS

The Town Clerk submitted a report to receive and consider quotations for the provision of an extension to the main Pre-School building, and to appoint a contractor to undertake the works.

Invitations to provide quotations for the work had been forwarded to the following three building companies by Thornton Architectural who had supplied the specifications and drawings for the extension:-

Pinkney Building Contractors	- No quotation submitted.
Manners and Sons Ltd.	- £51,653.65
Regent Maintenance Services	- No quotation submitted.

As the only quotation received for the work exceeded the allocated budget of £40,000 and there were no comparison quotations in order that value for money could be obtained and evidenced, it was being recommended that further quotations be sought from a larger number of companies.

Discussion took place on whether the building should be offered out for tender as the quotation received exceeded the amount of £50,000 threshold for tenders to be sought. Durham County Council look after procurement on behalf of the Council and it would be befitting for them to carry out the tendering process on behalf of this Council.

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Arun Chandran that Durham County Council be asked to deal with the tendering process for the the building at the Pre-School under procurement.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That Officers contact Durham County Council Procurement Department to deal with the tendering process for the building of the extension at St. Oswald's Pre-School.

164. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Jed Hillary, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN.