

**EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH 2021 – AT 9.10 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, 3rd March 2021 at 9.10 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Derek G Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, Dave Hardaker, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V. Raw, Ken Robson and Michael Stead.

OFFICERS

Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mr. L. Williams (Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

208. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council it was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. V.M. Raw that Councillor R.S. Fleming be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that Councillor R.S. Fleming be appointed as Chairman of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting.

Councillor R.S. Fleming took the Chair.

209. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Mrs. M. Dalton, B. Hall, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary and Paul Symons.

211. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

No dispensation requests had been received.

212. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

213. EXEMPT BUSINESS

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

RESOLVED – that it was in the opinion of the Council, advisable, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting in order that the tenders for the Pre-School extension building works could be considered.

214. PRE-SCHOOL BUILDING EXTENSION - QUOTATIONS

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

Three tenders had been received in the following sums:-

£100,279.81
£ 76,505.74
£ 61,178.21

Following discussion it was agreed that the tender of £61,178.21 be awarded to McCarrack Contractors for the works.

The Town Clerk pointed out that there was a shortfall of £21,178 which would be needed to be earmarked from capital reserves.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor M. Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson that the additional spend should be increased to £25,000 in order to cover any other costs which may arise from the construction.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Pre-School Extension Works be awarded to McCarrick Construction at a cost of £61,178.21.
- (iii) That an additional capital sum of £25,000 be allocated to the provisional project budget from earmarked capital reserves in order to fund the works.

215. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

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

CHAIRMAN.