

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on **WEDNESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Ashcroft (Chairman) and:

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

OFFICERS

Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)

Mr S. Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)

Mr L. Williams (Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator)

Mrs J. Thexton (Head of Leisure and Events)

Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Michael Stead

112. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs M. Dalton, B. Hall and Sally Symons.

113. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

115. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

116. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Jed Hillary, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on the 25th November 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

117. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor P.J. Bergg, seconded by Councillor I. Gray, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee, held on the 19th November 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

118. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report updating members on the Council's allotments.

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

119. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to update members on environment items.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report and information be received.
- ii) Officers undertake a review of the provisions of the current winter maintenance Service Level Agreement in place with Durham County Council and report back to the committee in due course.

120. CEMETERIES REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report giving information regarding burials and grants of grave spaces which had been issued.

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

121. BUS SHELTER SEATING PROVISION

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report regarding the provision of seating associated with Town Council managed bus shelters.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Perch benches be purchased for bus shelters on Central Avenue opposite Tesco, and for the recently rebuilt shelter on Williamfield Way.
- iii) The perch benches bear the name of Great Aycliffe Town Council.
- iv) Funding for the benches be allocated from the revenue contingency fund at a cost of approximately £870.

- v) Members refer any other shelters which would benefit from seating to officers for inclusion on a future report to the committee for consideration.

122. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONSULTATION

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report highlighting a recent public consultation document from Durham County Council regarding proposed sustainable transport links within the parish.

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

CHAIRMAN.