

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on **WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Ashcroft, (Chairman) and:
Councillors Eddy Adam, Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, 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 D. Austin (Finance Manager)
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

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor B. Hall.

103. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

105. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

106. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor R.S. Fleming, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on the 14th October 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

107. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report updating members on the Council's allotments, for the six-week period ended 15th November 2020.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Officers investigate options for increasing the number of allotments available to the public and report back to the Environment Committee.

108. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to update members on environment items for the six-week period ended 15th November 2020.

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

109. 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.

110. DRAFT ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS – 2021/22

The Finance Manager submitted a report requesting members' consideration, comments and approval of the draft 2021/22 Revenue and Capital Budgets for the Environment Committee.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The draft 2021/22 Environment Revenue and Capital Budgets be approved.

Councillor Kate Hopper joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

111. 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) Costs be obtained for adding a seat to shelter number 38 on Williamfield Way, which was currently being reconstructed, and reported to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- iii) Costs be obtained for seats to be added to shelters 22 and 23 on Central Avenue, and reported to the Policy and Resources Committee.

CHAIRMAN.