

**EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 2021 – AT 7.15PM.**

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on Wednesday, 28th April 2021 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Hillary (Chairman)

Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Derek G Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, 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, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, J. Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V. Raw, Ken Robson and Michael Stead.

OFFICERS

Mr D. Austin (Town Clerk)
Mrs. S. Stretch (Senior Admin Officer)

250. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

251. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bill Blenkinsopp and Mrs. M. Dalton.

252. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

No dispensation requests had been received.

253. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

254. EXEMPT BUSINESS

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

RESOLVED – that it was in the opinion of the Council, advisable, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

255. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE TOWN

The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor E. Adam and seconded by Councillor W. Hillary and submitted to members:

‘This Council recognises the outstanding contribution made by the retiring Town Clerk to the authority and its community and it recommends he be nominated for the award of Honorary Freeman of Great Aycliffe. to consider awarding the retiring Town Clerk the title of ‘Honorary Freeman of the Town’.

The Town Clerk submitted a briefing note and following discussion and comments from members, a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the Notice of Motion be approved
- (ii) That the retiring Town Clerk be awarded the title of 'Honorary Freeman of the Town, to be granted by the Town Mayor.
- (iii) That the title holder be presented with a scroll citing the grounds for the award and the presentation of the scroll be made by the Mayor at a suitable event.
- (iv) That a picture of the 'Honorary Freeman of the Town' will be placed in the Council Chamber in recognition of the honour.
- (v) The presentation of the award be deferred until such a time as the COVID-19 regulations allow for a suitable ceremony to be held that would allow all councillors, staff and family and friends of the Town Clerk to attend.

256. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

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

CHAIRMAN.