

8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 At 7.15 P.M.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at 7.15 p.m. in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin  
Town Clerk.

**AGENDA**

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**3. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate Standing Order.

**6. MINUTES**

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

## **8. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

... To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:

- (a) Environment Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- (b) Recreation Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **9. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE**

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

## **10. OUTCOME OF THE ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT**

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

## **11. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENT ORDER**

... To consider the attached request for comments or objections to a proposed Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Prohibition of Stopping, Permit Holders Only Amendment Order relating to a number of roads and streets in the Great Aycliffe area.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following Notice of Motion from Councillor Michael Stead:

*“Council meetings currently start at 7.15pm and can extend after 10pm.*

*This impacts upon the wellbeing of staff, puts residents off standing as councillors and makes it more unlikely that the public will attend meetings.*

*It is proposed that this Council therefore agrees:-*

- *to change the start times of Council and Committee meetings to 7pm with effect from 1st November 2021;*
- *that before 9pm a motion must be carried that allows the meeting to proceed beyond 9pm, otherwise the meeting closes at 9pm prompt;*
- *that every half hour thereafter, the vote must be put to continue or not; and*
- *any outstanding business will go to the next available ordinary meeting of the Council or relevant Committee. This does not exclude calling special meetings to clear any items of an urgent nature.*

### Note:

If this motion is agreed and the new meeting time is to be applied to all Council and Committee Meetings, Standing Order 2c relating to the Business and Proceedings of the Council would need to be amended to reflect the new time. The schedule of Council Meetings for 2021/22 will also need to be updated and reissued.

### 13. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) **Youth Council**  
Councillors Dorothy Bowman and Phillip Hawkins and the Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**  
Councillors Arun M. Chandran and Ken Robson and the Town Clerk
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Hall Association**  
Councillor Jim Atkinson.
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association**  
Councillors Maureen Shelton and Michael Stead.
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**  
Councillors Arun M. Chandran and Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**  
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Martin Ashcroft and the Town Clerk.
- (g) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**  
Councillor Ian Gray.
- (h) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve**  
Councillor Ian Gray.
- (i) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**  
Councillor Dave Hardaker.
- (j) **Western Area Partnership**  
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and George Gray.

### 14. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE TOWN CEREMONY

The Mayor of the Council to conduct the presentation of a scroll bestowing the title of 'Honorary Freeman of the Town' to the former Town Clerk of the Council, Mr. Andrew Bailey, as agreed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

*A buffet will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.  
The attached memo provides further details in relation to the ceremony.*

*Any questions or queries on agenda items or reports should be raised with officers before meetings by telephone or email.*

*Please note that this does not preclude members from asking the question at the meeting if this is important to the debate or decision.*