

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2021 At 7.15 P.M.
(immediately following the Special Policy and Resources Committee)

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2021** (immediately following the Special Policy and Resources Committee) 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.

To receive the following written question submitted by Mr. John Clare:-

“At its Full Council meeting of 12th June 2019, the Town Council resolved to:

- 1. Declare a ‘Climate Emergency’; and*
- 2. Adopt targets and actions which will make significant progress towards making Great Aycliffe Town Council carbon neutral within an ambitious timeframe”.*

It is appreciated that Covid, and changes at the Council, have unavoidably delayed progress on this. However, in accord with the government’s recently published ‘Net-Zero’ plans, and given the heightened urgency afforded this issue by COP26:

1. What is the Town Council currently doing to mitigate its climate impact?
2. What is the Town Council currently doing to adapt to the weather and environmental impacts expected to accompany climate changes in our region?
3. What is being done to prepare a costed Climate Plan 'with an ambitious timeframe' which will allow Great Aycliffe Town Council to become carbon neutral".

6. MINUTES

- ... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council held on the 27th October 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 – 24th November 2021
- (b) Recreation Committee – 24th November 2021
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee – 1st December 2021
- (d) Special Policy and Resources Committee – 8th December 2021

9. CODE OF CONDUCT DECISION

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

10. GREENFIELD SCHOOL CONSULTATION

- ... To consider the attached consultation document from Durham County Council in relation to a proposal to close the Sunnydale site of Greenfield Community College on 31 August 2022 and rebuild the Newton Aycliffe site and consider whether the Council wishes to make a formal response.

11. NEWTON AYCLIFFE MASTERPLAN

- ... To receive the attached information from Durham County Council in relation to the launch of the consultation on the draft Newton Aycliffe Masterplan and to consider how the Council wishes to take part in and respond to this consultation.

12. MOBILE COFFEE UNIT – SCHOOL AYCLIFFE PLAYING FIELDS

- ... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk requesting consideration of a request to site a mobile coffee shop at School Aycliffe playing fields car park.

13. EXEMPT BUSINESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

14. WAIVER OF SIX-MONTH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RULE

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk for consideration of a request from a Councillor for the extension of the statutory six-month period of non-attendance from Council meetings.

15. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To re-admit the Press and Public to the meeting.

16. 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**
To appoint a replacement representative to this outside body.
- (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 Brian Haigh.
- (j) Western Area Partnership**
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and George Gray.

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.

(N.B.) Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

