

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2021 at 7.15 p.m.**

### PRESENT

**Councillor M. Ashcroft (Chairman) and**  
Councillors E. Adam, T. Armstrong, J. Atkinson, P.J. Bergg, A.M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I Gray, B. Haigh, S. Haigh, B. Hall, D. Hardaker, P. Hawkins, J. Hillary, W. Hillary, K. Hopper, N. Jones, J. Moore, C. Robinson, K. Robson, M. Shelton and M. Stead

### OFFICERS

Mr D. Austin (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 J. Jones

#### 7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A. Miller.

#### 8. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

#### 9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

#### 11. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor D. Hardaker, seconded by Councillor K. Robson and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 12. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor G.C. Gray, seconded by Councillor R.S. Fleming, and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee, held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the addition that Councillors I. Gray and P. Hawkins had submitted their apologies for absence in advance of this meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor A.M Chandran, seconded by Councillor P.J. Bergg and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Councillor R.S. Fleming to update the committee on an item arising from the Planning Sub-Committee regarding a planning application for the construction and operation of a high temperature thermal treatment facility for clinical and hazardous wastes on land north of Millennium Way, Newton Aycliffe.

After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor A.M Chandran and

**RESOLVED** – that consideration be given by the Council at its next meeting to the following items relating to this planning application.

- i) A letter to be sent to local media.
- ii) A public meeting to be organised.
- iii) A planning consultant to be appointed to represent the Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor A.M. Chandran, seconded by Councillor P.J. Bergg and agreed that Standing Orders be reinstated.

## 13. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report updating members on issues relating to the Council's allotments for the eight-week period ended 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.

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

## 14. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to update members on issues relating to the environment.

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

## 15. CEMETERIES REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report giving information regarding burials and grants of grave space.

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

**16. POSSIBLE SECTION 106 FUNDING**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report regarding a possible bid for Section 106 funds to improve facilities and infrastructure within the parish.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor A.M. Chandran, seconded by Councillor J.D. Clare and

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) This item be deferred to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.
- iii) Members refer any suggestions for potential projects to the Works and Environment Manager, bearing in mind the criteria in place for these.
- iv) Local residents be asked for any suggestions for potential projects, bearing in mind the criteria in place for these.

**CHAIRMAN.**