

PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE**, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2022 at 6.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor Martin Ashcroft (Chairman) and
Councillors: Tony Armstrong, Arun M. Chandran, Bob Fleming, Mrs. Sandra Haigh, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones and Ken Robson.

OFFICERS

Mr D. Austin (Town Clerk)
Mrs J. Gale (Pre-School Manager)
Mrs. L. Downton (Deputy Pre-School Manager)
Mrs. S. Stretch (Senior Admin Officer)

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Phillip Hawkins.

10. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

13. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Arun Chandran, and seconded by Councillor Bob Fleming, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee, held on the 21st July 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

The Pre-School Manager submitted a report updating members on Pre-School attendance figures, staffing, activities, and events.

Councillor Bob Fleming thanked the Pre School Manager for the report and wished to record his appreciation for the work of the pre-school staff in running a pre-school learning centre that the Council could be proud of.

Councillor Joanne Jones through 'Community Spirit', offered to match fund the remainder of the costs associated with the development of the sensory wall in the Tots in the Park.

It was proposed by Councillor Bob Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) the Deputy Manager / SENCO contracted hours be permanently increased to 37 hours per week, subject to agreement by the Personnel Sub Committee.
- iii) the current Room Lead based in Tots in the Park be allowed to move over to the main Pre-School, with a Pre-School Assistant moving over to Tots to compensate, and one of the Tots Pre-School Assistants being appointed as Room Lead to ensure that the Tots room runs smoothly on a day-to-day basis.

CHAIRMAN