

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 at 7.15PM**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.15pm in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

**Town Clerk.**

**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. GUEST SPEAKER**

To receive a presentation from the Durham County Council Ecologist regarding the new Biodiversity Net Gain Legislation and the potential impact on and benefits to Great Aycliffe Town Council.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

**6. MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. (previously circulated)

## **7. ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator.

## **8. ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the six weeks ended the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

## **9. CEMETERIES REPORT**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the six weeks ended the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

## **10. CEMETERIES DRAINAGE ISSUES**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator

## **11. BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN- NEW LEGISLATION**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

## **12. LETTER FROM ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ECO WARRIORS**

. . . To consider the attached letter from the Eco Warriors at St Joseph's Primary School.

## **13. THE COUNTY RESTAURANT - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LICENCE TO USE A SECTION OF VILLAGE GREEN AS A BEER GARDEN**

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

*Members are requested, during Council Meetings, to observe the Council's Standing Orders relating to the Business and Proceedings of the Council, with particular reference to the Rules of Debate, as well as the Members' Code of Conduct and the principles of Civility and Respect Pledge*

*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.*

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jim Atkinson, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Neil Collinson, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Sandra Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Sandra Kirby, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.