

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2023 at 7.00PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

Please note: Councillor Phillip Hawkins and Councillor Andy Hill will present the Council with a salver commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Town, on behalf of the 'Around Town' radio show, before the meeting begins.

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' DISPENSATIONS

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 Meeting of the Council held on the 1st November 2023 and the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council meeting held on the 22nd November 2023.

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) Special Policy and Resources – 15th November 2023
- b) Recreation Committee – 29th November 2023
- c) Environment Committee – 29th November 2023
- d) Policy and Resources Committee – 6th December 2023

9. YOUTH COUNCIL

... To consider the attached report from the Corporate and Policy Officer.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAIGH

To consider approving a leave of absence until further notice, from attending Council Meetings for Councillor Sandra Haigh for ill health reasons. Please note that Councillor Haigh will not be claiming Members Allowance for the period of the absence.

11. AYCLIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024 – EVENT APPLICATION

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk and Head of Leisure and Events.

12. REPLACEMENT PARK PATROL VEHICLE

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

13. ROYAL GARDEN PARTY NOMINATIONS

... To consider the attached information from the County Durham Association of Councils requesting nominations for the 2024 Royal Garden Parties.

14. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- a) **Youth Council**
Councillors Tony Armstrong, Dorothy Bowman and the Corporate and Policy Officer.
- b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Lindsey Aston and the Town Clerk
- c) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
No representative at present.
- d) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors Lindsey Aston and Michael Stead.
- e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Lindsey Aston and the Town Clerk.
- g) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor Ian Gray.
- h) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Jim Atkinson.
- i) **Western Area Partnership**
Councillors George Gray and Ken Robson

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.

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.