

**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 At 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm** 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' 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. GUEST SPEAKER**

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner; Joy Allen and the Chief Fire Officer from Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority; Steve Helps will be in attendance to provide an update on policing in Newton Aycliffe and specifically on the future of the lease of the fire station premises to Newton Aycliffe Police, and fire and rescue services in Newton Aycliffe.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate Standing Order.

**7. MINUTES**

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following motion from Councillor Ken Robson, seconded by Councillor Michael Stead:

*“That Great Aycliffe Town Council is concerned at the threat to the level of policing in Newton Aycliffe. In particular, we believe a town of this size should have a Police Station based in the Town Centre, suitable to facilitate all policing needs, including Police Response Teams, as well as Neighbourhood Policing. In order to ensure that the Police have adequate facilities to do their job and respond immediately to any given situation in the Great Aycliffe area, we call upon the Police and Crime Commissioner to work with the Chief Constable, Durham County Council and our local Member of Parliament to look at securing a site in the Town Centre to facilitate this”.*

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

... To receive any announcements by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

## **10. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

... To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:-

(a) Recreation Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

(b) Environment Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

(c) Policy and Resources Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## **11. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – EXTERNAL DECORATION**

... To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager.

## **12. USE OF MOORE LANE ECO CENTRE BY GREEN ARTS – DRAFT LICENCE**

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

## **13. EXTERNAL EVENT APPLICATION – CYCLOCROSS EVENT**

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

## 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.*