

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 21st JULY 2010** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman (Chairman) and**
Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, T.R. Bowman, J.D. Clare,
V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, R.S.
Fleming, P. Gittins, G.C. Gray, G.R. Gray, I. Gray, B. Hall,
K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, T. Hogan, W. Iveson, Mrs.
A. Palmer, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A.
Warburton.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

IN ATTENDANCE Mr. S. Timmiss (Head of Planning, Durham County Council)
Mr. T. Bennett (Durham County Council)

39. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

40. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, M. Iveson and Mrs. S.J. Iveson.

41. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

42. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 10th June 2010 to the 21st July 2010.

The Mayor spoke on a number of events she had attended especially the Rotary Evening, Opening Middridge Fete, meeting the children at Horndale Infant School and the event at Durham Cathedral for the Durham International Festival.

The Mayor also spoke on the success of the 'At Home' and her 'Civic Service' at St. Clare's Church.

The Town Clerk thanked Councillors Mrs. M. Dalton and A. Warburton for their help in manning the stand on Saturday, 12th June at the Pioneering Care Centre (A.A.P.)

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

44. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No public questions had been received.

45. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Crosby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 7th July 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor V. Crosby and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 7th July 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted subject to it being noted that the Officer's Report on Minute No. 20 (Football Pitch Allocation) should read as 'Junior Pitch Fees are two thirds of the adult pitch rental.'

(c) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor J.D. Clare and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 14th July 2010 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

46. **THE COUNTY DURHAM PLAN – JUNE 2010**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Durham County Council, Mr. S. Timmiss (Head of Planning) and Mr. T. Bennett to the meeting to give a

presentation on the County Durham Plan – “Planning for the Future of County Durham.”

Following the presentation, members asked the Officers a number of questions to enable them to make their comments to Durham County Council on the Plan.

All comments from this Council should be submitted to D.C.C. by the 6th August 2010 and in view of the importance of this document it was felt that an Extraordinary meeting of the Council should take place on the 4th August to formulate our response to the Consultation.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the representatives from Durham County Council be thanked for their informative presentation and their answers in response to Councillors’ questions on the Plan.
- (ii) That an Extraordinary Council Meeting be held on the 4th August 2010 to formulate this Council’s comments on the plan which would then be submitted to Durham County Council.
- (iii) That Members submit any comments they may wish to make on the consultation to the Town Clerk or Corporate and Policy Officer prior to the Extraordinary Meeting on the 4th August.

47. POLICY ON HONORARY FREEMEN

The Town Clerk had submitted a report advising members of changes to legislation in relation to Honorary Titles and Officer’s in Dignity.

A copy of the existing Honorary Freemen policy was submitted together with an amended policy in line with the 2009 legislation.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the amended policy for the conferring of the title of Honorary Freemen be accepted.

48. GREAT AYCLIFFE AND MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

A copy of the Annual Report 2009-10 of GAMP together with notes of the Environmental and Street Cleansing Task and Finish Group held on the 30th June were submitted for members’ information.

The Town Clerk sought members to consider GAMP to be placed on the Outside Bodies list of the Council in order that our representative could update the Council on matters from the GAMP Meetings.

The Annual Report would remain as an item for consideration on the Council Agenda.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the Annual Report 2009-10 and the notes of the Environmental and Street Cleansing Task and Finish Group be received.
- (ii) That Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) be added to the Outside Bodies list in order that updates could be given by the Council Representatives on that body.
- (iii) That the GAMP Annual Report remain as an item for consideration as a Council Agenda item.

49. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (i) Correspondence had been received from Agnew Community Centre in which their Management Committee had unanimously agreed that, at this time, it was felt that they did not wish to have a council representative on their Committee.
- (ii) The following reports were given by representatives on the various Outside Bodies:
 - (a) Youth Council
Councillor V. Crosby gave an update on the activities of the Youth Council. Thanks were given to Councillors A. Warburton, I. Gray, P. Ducker and P. Gittins for their help with the Town Pride Week and Litter pick.
 - (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils
No meeting.
 - (c) Citizens Advice Bureau
Next meeting would be the 22nd July.
 - (d) Agnew Community Centre
This Committee would be deleted from the Outside Body List as per the wishes of the Management Committee of the Centre.
 - (e) Woodham Village Community Association
Councillor K. Henderson gave members an update.
 - (f) Great Aycliffe and Middridge A.A.P. Local Council's Committee
Councillor R.S. Fleming reported on this Committee and that he had been appointed as Chairman.
 - (g) Durham Countryside Volunteers
No meetings have taken place.
 - (h) Larger Local Councils' Forum
Councillor R.S. Fleming reported on the last meeting.
 - (i) Lifelong Learning Committee
Councillor V. Crosby gave an update on the meeting and the excellent Art Exhibition which had been attended by the Artist Norman Cornish.
 - (j) Normandy Veterans' Association
The next meeting would be on the 25th July.

- (k) Woodham Community Technology College Forum Meeting
No meeting.
- (l) Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
Next meeting would be the 9th August.
- (m) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I. Gray reported on the activities of this Society.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the information be received.
- (ii) That the Town Clerk write to the Agnew Community Centre informing them that we accepted with disappointment that their Committee no longer wished the Council to appoint representatives to their Committee.

CHAIRMAN.