

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER 2018** at **7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor J. Clark (Chairman)** and
Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs V. Raw, Ken Robson and Paul Symons.

OFFICERS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)
Mrs. S. Stretch (Administrative Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE Ms. Sarah Nattrass (Assistant Chief Fire Officer)

73. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

74. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K. Beetham, Dave Hardaker, Mrs. I. Hewitson and Sally Symons.

75. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

76. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest had been submitted.

Councillor Eddy Adam informed the Chairman that he would be leaving the meeting after Item No. 12 (Flag Flying Protocol) on the agenda.

77. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

78. **INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION**

Ms Sarah Nattrass, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, was in attendance to give a presentation on the Consultation Plan for 2018 – 2019 in respect of the County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority.

The document outlined some options which were being considered to ensure that we continue to receive a first class, cost effective fire and rescue service going forward.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions prior to any comments being made.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) Ms. Sarah Natrass was thanked for her attendance and informative presentation.
- (ii) That the Town Clerk writes to the Chair of the Fire Authority and Chief Fire Officer to express the concerns raised by Councillors during the meeting.

79. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, and seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Council, held on the 31st October 2018, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor submitted a list of appointments which he had attended for the period 31st October to the 11th December 2018.

He wished to thank his Deputy, Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton, for attending a number of appointments during this busy time of the year.

The Town Clerk gave an update on the NALC Conference, held on the 30th/31st October 2018, which he had attended along with Councillor M. Iveson. They felt that this had been a very informative Conference and had been worthwhile attending.

RESOLVED – that the information be received.

81. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor I. Gray, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 28th November 2018 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 28th November 2018 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 5th December 2018 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

82. **DURHAM LOCAL COUNCIL'S CHARTER**

Information had been circulated in respect of the proposed Charter with a view to this Council submitting any comments they wish to make by the end of January 2019.

RESOLVED – that the information be received and no comments were made.

83. **ROYAL GARDEN PARTY**

Consideration was given to this Council sending a nomination for attendance at a Royal Garden Party to be held in 2019.

It was proposed that Councillor Mrs. V.M. Raw be nominated for one of the places allocated by the County Durham Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mrs. V.M. Raw name be forwarded to the Secretary of CDALC for possible attendance at a Royal Garden Party for 2019.

84. **FLAG FLYING PROTOCOL**

A copy of a proposed Flag Flying Protocol had been circulated for consideration and adoption.

Following changes to the Law in 2012 it was felt that a formal Protocol was needed for Flag Flying.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

That the Flag Flying Protocol be accepted subject to the following amendments:-

Other Flags

- “Written requests should be made, in the first instance, direct to the Town Clerk of the Council”.

Notes to the Protocol

- The Union Flag should be flown from sunrise to sunset (as far as is practicable).

Councillor Eddy Adam left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

85. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Verbal reports were given by representatives on the undermentioned Outside Bodies:-

- (a) Youth Council
Councillors Jim Atkinson and Derek G. Atkinson gave an update on the meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday.
- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils
No meeting (only at AGM).
- (c) Aycliffe Village Community Association
No report.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association
No report.
- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee
Councillor R.S. Fleming reported on the meeting.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum
Councillor R.S. Fleming gave an update.
- (g) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
Councillor I. Gray gave an update.
- (h) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve
Councillor I. Gray gave an update.
- (i) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway
In the absence of Councillor Dave Hardaker, Councillor J.D. Clare updated members on the last meeting.

RESOLVED – that the information given from the representatives serving on the Outside Bodies be received.

CHAIRMAN.