

## PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE**, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

### PRESENT

Councillors: Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Peter Bergg, Arun M. Chandran, Phillip Hawkins, Carl Robinson, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.

### OFFICERS

Mr Dan Austin (Town Clerk)  
Mrs Julie Gale (Pre-School Manager)  
Mrs. Sharna Stretch (Senior Administration Officer)

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Arun M. Chandran, and seconded by Councillor Martin Ashcroft, that Councillor Peter Bergg be appointed as Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

It was further proposed by Councillor Anne Woodward and seconded by Councillor John Woodward that Councillor Tony Armstrong be appointed as Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

A vote then took place with the following results:

Councillor Peter Bergg - 6 votes  
Councillor Tony Armstrong – 2 votes

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Peter Bergg be appointed as Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

*Councillor Peter Bergg took the Chair for the Meeting*

## 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Arun M. Chandran, that Councillor Sandra Haigh, be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

It was further proposed by Councillor John Woodward and seconded by Councillor Anne Woodward that Councillor Tony Armstrong be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

A vote then took place with the following results:

Councillor Sandra Haigh - 4 votes  
Councillor Tony Armstrong – 4 votes

The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of Councillor Sandra Haigh,

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Sandra Haigh be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Sub Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors: Lindsey Aston, Bob Fleming, Sandra Haigh, Sandra Kirby and Ken Robson.

### 4. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

### 7. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft, and seconded by Councillor Eddy Adam and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 8. PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

The Pre-School Manager submitted a report updating members on the Pre-School attendance figures, staffing, activities, and events. It was added that the attendance figures are now at capacity and the forecast for the coming year is looking very good on the back of the 'Outstanding' Ofsted report.

The report also requested that the Sub-Committee consider extending the outside play area of the Tots in the Park.

The Chairman and members congratulated the Pre-School Manager on the Ofsted results and on the comprehensive report that had been submitted.

A number of questions were asked in relation to training, special educational needs, and financial performance, which the Pre-School Manager and Town Clerk answered.

Councillor Eddy Adam requested that the Town Councils' CCTV policy be updated to reflect the changes made to the Pre-School CCTV system.

Members discussed the proposal to extend the outside play area, and the Pre-School Manager clarified the location, size and need for the extension.

It was proposed by Councillor Arun M. Chandran and seconded by Councillor Martin Ashcroft, and

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that

- i. the report be received;
- ii. the proposal to extend the Tots in the Park outside play area, funded from the Pre-School Equipment and Resources Budget be agreed, subject to the recommendation being approved at the Policy and Resources Committee.

**CHAIRMAN**