

28th August 2024

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Wednesday, 4th September 2024 (immediately following the Recreation Committee) in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

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.

3. 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.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

5. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 10th July 2024. (previously circulated)

6. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

... To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the eight weeks ended the 24th August 2024.

7. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

... To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the eight weeks ended the 24th August 2024.

8. CEMETERIES REPORT

- . . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the eight weeks ended the 24th August 2024.

9. AYCLIFFE NATURE PARK

Item for discussion requested by Councillor Brian McAnaney to provide an update on the Friends of the Nature Park group and to highlight some of the comments from local residents about the state of the pond, fencing, gates etc.

10. ANNUAL GARDEN AND ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION

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

11. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BUS SHELTER SEATING PROVISION

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

12. TARGET HARDENING ON THE OAK LEAF PLAYING FIELDS

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

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.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Neil Collinson, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Sandra Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Sandra Kirby, Brian McAnaney, John Moore, Peter Musa, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward