

17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 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. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

**6. MINUTES**

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## 8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) Recreation Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- (b) Environment Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## 9. CDALC AGM PREPARATIONS

... To consider the attached correspondence from CDALC regarding nominations for the roles of President, Vice Presidents x 3, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Auditor ahead of their Annual General Meeting in October, and to consider any motions that the Council wishes to put forward to the Meeting.

## 10. REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL'S VIEW ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REMOVAL OF COUNCILLOR'S HOME ADDRESSES FROM REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS

... To consider correspondence from CDALC requesting the views of the Town Council on Durham County Council's Register of Interests proposal for all Members' home addresses to be treated as sensitive information, and only the electoral division in which they live to be published, unless a Member opts in to have their home address published.

The CDALC Executive Committee is minded to support the proposal but is required to consult with all town and parish councils to ascertain their views.

The Council is therefore asked to consider the issue and complete a survey and to choose one of the following options:-

- *Agree to remove Member Home Addresses unless the individual Member decides to opt-in*
- *Leave the existing arrangements where Member Home Addresses are published and individual members must request individually that particular interests are not published due to their sensitivity*
- *Abstain*

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION: NAMING OF STREETS

To consider a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Jed Hillary, and seconded by Councillor Arun Chandran:

*"That the Town Council writes to Durham County Council, asking them to consider the naming of streets in Great Aycliffe, in particular the proposed Copelaw or other new developments, to include the names of: Fleming, Bailey, and White to give recognition to the Honorary Freemen of Great Aycliffe".*

Note from the Town Clerk:

Freeman Don Vickers already has a street named after him (Vickers Court).

## 12. REQUEST FROM LIFELINE COMMUNITY ACTION

... To consider a request from Lifeline Community Action to extend an invitation for one Town Councillor to join the Community Hub Development Group and to agree the attendance of the Town Clerk at meetings of this group in an advisory capacity.

## 13. LOCAL NETWORK BOUNDARY CONSULTATION – DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

... To consider the attached correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) highlighting details of a consultation by Durham County Council on the proposed boundaries for the new Local Networks, which are replacing the Area Action Partnerships. In Great Aycliffe, it is being proposed that the Local Network will cover Aycliffe North and Middridge, Aycliffe South, and Sedgefield.

## 14. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE VACANCIES

To consider a proposal from Councillor Arun Chandran, seconded by Councillor Lindsey Aston:

*“That in accordance with Standing Order 15 a) (iii) the Environment and Recreation Committees be increased by one member and that Councillor Peter Musa be added to these committees”; and*

*“To note that Councillor Peter Bergg has advised the Town Clerk that he wishes to stand down as a member of the Policy and Resources Committee, and to agree that Councillor Peter Musa replaces him on this committee”.*

## 15. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- a) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**  
Councillors Ken Robson and Jed Hillary, and the Town Clerk
- b) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**  
Councillor Carl Robinson.
- c) **Woodham Village Community Association**  
Councillors Michael Stead and Lindsey Aston.
- d) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils’ Committee**  
Councillors Peter Bergg, Jed Hillary and the Town Clerk.
- e) **Larger Local Councils’ Forum**  
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and Jed Hillary and the Town Clerk.
- f) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**  
Councillor Ian Gray.
- g) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**  
Councillor Jim Atkinson.
- h) **Western Area Partnership**  
Councillors Arun Chandran and Ken Robson.
- i) **Cornforth Partnership**  
Councillors Eddy Adam and Brian McAnaney.

***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.***