

5th June 2024

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE 2024 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 12th June 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. GUEST SPEAKER

A representative from Durham County Council will be in attendance to discuss the public consultation on the draft masterplan for the Copelaw Housing Development Site.

6. 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.

7. MINUTES

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May 2024.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) Recreation Committee (AGM) – 15th May 2024
- (b) Environment Committee (AGM) – 15th May 2024
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee (AGM) – 15th May 2024
- (d) Environment Committee – 29th May 2024
- (e) Recreation Committee – 29th May 2024
- (f) Policy and Resources Committee – 5th June 2024

10. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON CENTRAL AVENUE – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

... To consider the attached correspondence from a number of local residents asking for the Town Council's support on a request to Durham County Council for a pedestrian crossing on Central Avenue.

11. APPROVAL OF THE 2023/24 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

12. APPROVAL OF THE 2023/24 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

13. APPROVAL OF THE 2023/24 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

14. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

15. COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

16. SAFETY OF LITHIUM BATTERIES ON E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

... To consider the attached request for the Council's support on a campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal.

17. AYCLIFFE AND DISTRICT BUS PRESERVATION SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

... To consider the attached letter from the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society for a letter of support from the Town Council for their bid for a portion of the Heritage Lottery funding that is earmarked for Newton Aycliffe and Shildon.

18. GREAT AYCLIFFE AND MIDDRIDGE LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE AND LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive notice that Councillor Arun Chandran wishes to step down from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils Committee and Larger Local Councils Forum, and to consider the election of replacement representatives for the positions.

19. 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 Arun Chandran and Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- e) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Arun Chandran 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.