

**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.00pm** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin  
Town Clerk.

A short presentation ceremony will be held before the start of the meeting, at which the Mayor, Councillor John Clark will present a local resident with a Community Recognition Scheme Certificate and Local Hero Medal in recognition of their charitable fundraising achievements.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ... To receive any announcements from the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

## **8. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- (a) Special Policy and Resources Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024\*
- (b) Recreation Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- (c) Environment Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- (d) Policy and Resources Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*\* With regard to the minutes of the Special Policy and Resources meeting on 13th November 2024, the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee in consultation with the Town Clerk and Finance Manager has requested that, due to the politically sensitive nature of the decision, the Council gives further consideration to the amount of the increase proposed for the cemeteries fees with a view to either confirming the decision or revising it.*

## **9. ROYAL GARDEN PARTY 2025 NOMINATION**

- ... To consider the attached correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils requesting nominations for the 2025 Royal Garden Party ballot.

## **10. ENABLING REMOTE ATTENDANCE AND PROXY VOTING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS CONSULTATION**

- ... To consider the attached briefing note from the Town Clerk and advise whether the Council wishes to make a corporate response to this consultation.

## **11. TERRORISM (PROTECTION OF PREMISES) BILL - MARTYN'S LAW**

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

## 12. 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.
- j) **Community Hub Development Group**  
*To consider expressions of interest from Councillors Dorothy Bowman and Tony Armstrong to take on the vacant outside body representative position on the Community Hub.*

***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.***