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Dear Councillor,

**I Hereby Summon You** to attend a **Meeting** of **Ferryhill Town Council** at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 17 February 2021**, the meeting will be held **online via zoom**.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Anderson', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Mr David Anderson  
Town Clerk

To join the meeting use the Zoom app or click on the following link:

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 870 4670 4393  
Passcode: 893530

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest that has not been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

### **3. 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.

#### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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 confirm as a correct record the Minutes of:-

1. Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **6. MOTIONS**

**Councillor Joe Makepeace to move the following motions:**

- a) The heritage of Ferryhill is a matter of interest to all who inhabit our town. Preservation of that heritage, whilst vital, often falls to the concern of individuals before effective measures to ensure preservation are taken. I cite the pit wheel, boar stone, and miners "knocky up" boards as examples. The signal box which has served our rail link since the 1800's is shortly to be decommissioned, I assume technological advancement can now fulfil its role. Geoff Wall, Chairman of Ferryhill History Society, has indicated that the Society would like to preserve some of that history, and I believe it to be incumbent on Ferryhill Council to support Ferryhill History Society, thereby actively participating in this process.

I ask that FTC support my motion by writing to Railtrack, who have responsibility for the signal box, requesting Ferryhill History Society be allowed access, and also be allowed to identify those artefacts which they believe should be saved for future generations, and any larger artefacts that could provide permanent display at Mainsforth with input from FTC, and or County Councillors. Perhaps a signal, or series of signal paraphernalia.

We therefore cordially invite Railtrack to participate in this preservation process by donating artefacts to the history society for permanent display in our Heritage Centre, and to consider possible external display of larger equipment by FTC .

- b) The heritage of Ferryhill is a matter of interest to all who inhabit our town. Part of our heritage was the activity and dedication of all those involved in the now defunct "church lads brigade". When disbanded uniforms, bugles, drums and documentation were all put into storage in the attic of St. Luke's church. Ferryhill History Society would dearly like to preserve these artefacts for future generations, indeed the number of artefacts in storage would seem to suggest that some items may be of interest to this council also.

I ask that Ferryhill Council support my motion by writing to the Bishop of Durham, who has ultimate responsibility for safekeeping, requesting access to these artefacts to ensure their survival for future generations, within our Heritage Centre and possibly Town Hall.

We therefore cordially invite the church to participate in this preservation process by considering donation of selected artefacts to the history society for permanent display in our Heritage Centre for future generations.

- c) The first floor of the Town Hall has long been a source of minor embarrassment to myself and many other councillors presenting as it does as a partial storage space for paperwork, dumping area for broken equipment, an unfinished room poorly decorated and generally unrepresentative of other areas in our town hall, the seat of municipal administration. It is long overdue some, indeed any attention.

Paul Eddie, an artist of some local renown, has kindly offered to undertake work to paint a mural representative of our heritage on the unfinished, bare plaster kitchen wall on the first floor. He requires no remuneration for this, will undertake all preparatory work, and will submit proposals for FTC to review and agree to. Paint costs would be our only financial contribution to the project, the completion of the mural would not impede any other planned work should that be planned in future years. This proposal would be immediate, free, and would undoubtedly enhance the dismal presentation of this room, Paul regards the opportunity as it's own reward.

**Councillor Neville Jones to move the following motion:**

- d) Due to a vast amount of residents concerns regarding the unacceptable amount of anti social behaviour and alleged drug related issues in Ferryhill, Ferryhill Town Council writes to the Head of County Durham Police and the Police and crime commissioner asking them to clarify the forces short , medium and long term strategies to reduce Anti Social Behaviour, drug abuse and speeding vehicles. All these things are becoming a big issue in Ferryhill and the people are asking for answers

**7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND INCOME**

To approve the monthly statement of accounts and income

**8. BUDGETARY CONTROL**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk

**9. INTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT 2021-2024**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk

**10. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2021-22**

To consider the attached report from the Events & Projects Officer

**11. UPDATE FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF COMPLETED ENERGY AUDIT OF FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTY**

To consider the attached report from the Events & Projects Officer

**12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members are requested to move the following motion:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the public and press for the remaining items on the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to public interest.”

**13. RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING DEBT**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk

**14. IT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk

**15. CORONAVIRUS – CONTINUING SUPPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk

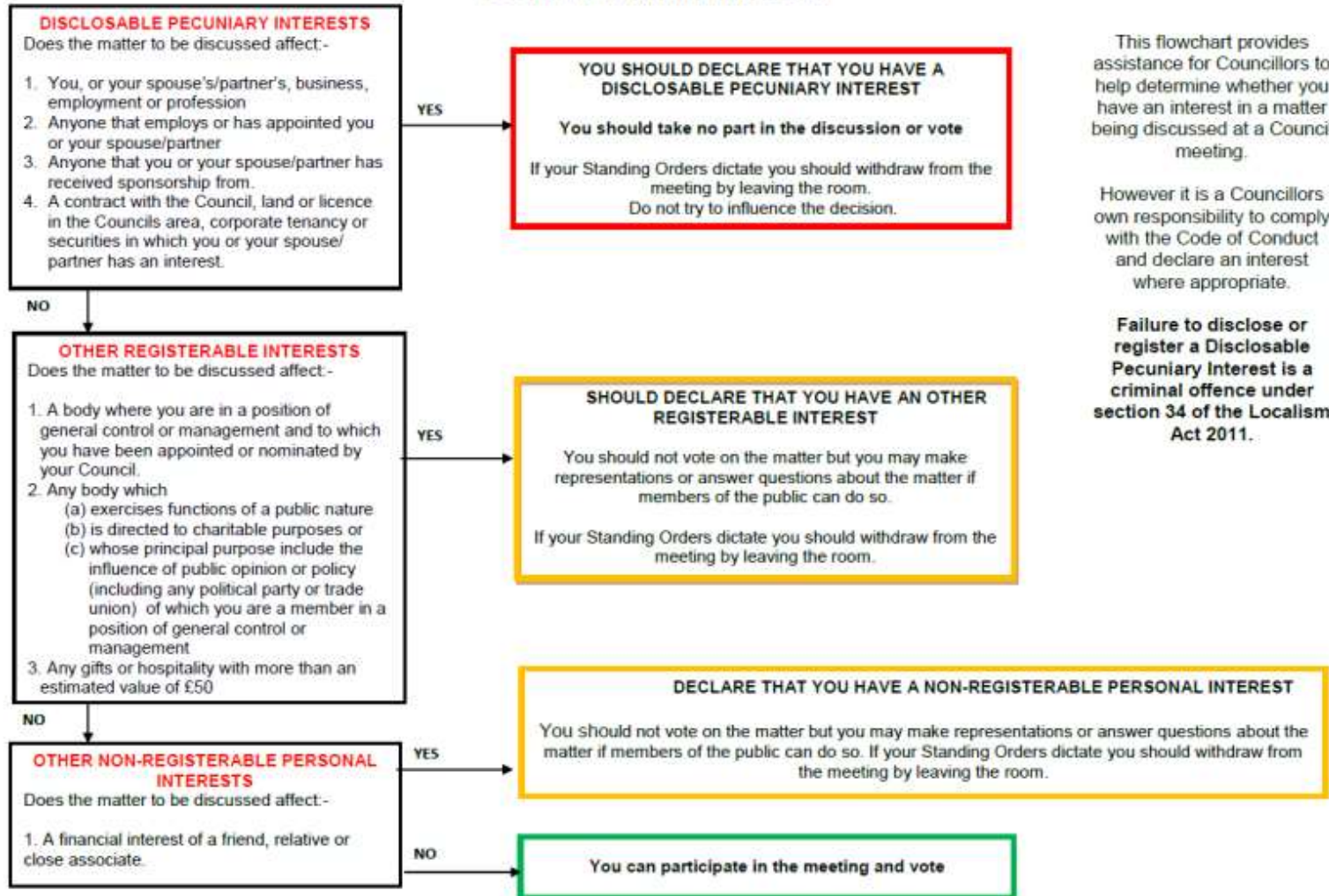
**16. BUNGALOW PROJECT DEAN BANK PARK - UPDATE**

To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk

**For Information Only**

**17. MONITORING OFFICER’S DECISION NOTICE (COM 325)**

## DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?



This flowchart provides assistance for Councillors to help determine whether you have an interest in a matter being discussed at a Council meeting.

However it is a Councillors own responsibility to comply with the Code of Conduct and declare an interest where appropriate.

**Failure to disclose or register a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is a criminal offence under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011.**