

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY 2016** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* P Crathorne

Councillors: M Walton, K Conroy, D Harrison, J Makepeace, B Lamb,
P Atkinson, K Campbell, G Barker, M Seymour, Z Roddam,
D Allen, M Brown

OFFICIALS: D.Snowball, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: R. Seymour, Works Manager
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

110.15-16 **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

111.15-16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Rimington & D Richardson, these were approved by resolution of the Council.

Councillors B Gibson & T Garrett were not present.

112.15-16 **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

There were no members dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

113.15-16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor G Barker declared an interest in Agenda Item No.14 Correspondence and Councillor Z Roddam declared an interest in agenda item 11 E Café.

114.15-16 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public questions in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

115.15-16 **MINUTES**

a) Town Council - 27 January 2016

Moved by Councillor B. Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor P Atkinson

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 January 2016 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

116.15-16 COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) Finance, Planning and General Purpose - 27 January 2016
- b) Property, Environment and Recreation - 27 January 2016

Moved by Councillor Z Roddam, **Seconded** by Councillor B Lamb and

RESOLVED

- i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Planning and General Purpose Committee and the Property, Environment and Recreation Committee held on the 27 January 2016 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

117.15-16 OTHER MINUTES

- a) Neighbourhood Plan - 11 January 2016
- b) Neighbourhood Plan - 2 February 2016

RESOLVED

That these be received.

118.15-16 DUNCOMBE CEMETERY GRAVE PLOTS

Members considered the report previously circulated proposing to position the graves in the cemetery as per the scheme identified on the plan attached to the report on this item. This was to enable easier access for reopening graves for second burials and the maintenance of the grassed areas.

Moved by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor J Makepeace

RESOLVED

That the proposal for the layout of the graves in the new section of Duncombe Cemetery be approved.

119.15-16 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Councillor J Makepeace moved the following motion:

All Councillors attending courses, seminars and other meetings on behalf of the Council and the people of Ferryhill, provide full, comprehensive report of that event to full Council as an agenda item at the next Council meeting following the event. For the sake of clarity thereafter that questions be accepted.

Members discussed this motion in detail, Councillor Lamb advised the meeting that when he attends courses he provides a detailed report for members to look at.

Councillor K Conroy proposed an amendment to the motion; this was second by Councillor Peter Atkinson, namely:

‘All Councillors attending courses, seminars and other meetings on behalf of the Council and people of Ferryhill provide a brief verbal report to be agreed for information only and for the sake of clarity minutes or relevant documents should be provided for the Town Clerk who will set up files for members to view upon request’

Members agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the amendment and motion be accepted.

120.15-16 ECAFE

Members considered the report previously circulated.

Councillor B Lamb proposed that Option A of the Recommendation (5.1) be accepted:

‘The Council agrees to the early termination of the lease agreement with the Ecafe management committee for 31/32 Market Street Ferryhill with effect from 1 April 2016’.

This was seconded by Councillor P Atkinson. Members agreed unanimously.

Members were requested to consider the options and reach a decision on the most suitable option for implementation.

Councillor B Lamb proposed option 3 - Place 31/32 Market Street on the market for sale, this was seconded by Councillor P Atkinson.

Councillor J Makepeace proposed option 1 - Progress the use of the facility by the Immanuel Christian Fellowship, this was seconded by Councillor D Harrison.

A named vote was requested:

Members voted on option 3 first:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
P Crathorne	M Seymour	M Brown	A Rimington
K Campbell	G Barker		D Richardson
P Atkinson	D Harrison		B Gibson
Z Roddam	D Allen		T Garrett
B Lamb	J Makepeace		

K Conroy			
M Walton			

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(4)

This motion was agreed.

Members then voted on option 1:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
G Barker	P Crathorne		B Gibson
D Allen	K Campbell		A Rimmington
J Makepeace	P Atkinson		T Garrett
M Seymour	Z Roddam		D Richardson
M Brown	B Lamb		
D Harrison	K Conroy		
	M Walton		

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This motion was defeated.

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees to the early termination of the lease agreement with the ECafe management committee for 31/32 Market Street, Ferryhill, with effect from 1 April 2016 and place 31/32 Market Street on the market for sale.

121.15-16 POLICY REVIEW

Members considered the report previously circulated.

Councillor Makepeace suggested that an amendment be made to the section of the policy regarding 'driving' and maybe add in that the Council may request a GP's letter from staff to confirm there is nothing that would affect their driving, this follows an incident that occurred in another City.

Councillor Atkinson agreed this was a valid point and moved that the Clerk look into the amendment and defer the policy for 1 month, Councillor K Conroy seconded this.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk look into the amendment to the policy and defer the policy for 1 month.

122.15-16 HM QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The meeting was informed that an event is being planned by officers to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations consisting of lighting a beacon in the front Garden of the Town Hall on Thursday 21st April 2016.

RESOLVED

That members note the celebratory event planned by Ferryhill Town Council for the Queens Birthday and pencil the date in their diaries in readiness for when the official invitation is received from the Town council events officer.

123.15-16 RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Mr G Barker - Add son Richard's name and address to the allotment plot number 6 on Storehouse Allotments

RESOLVED

That this be approved.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.25pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....