

## **FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **ORDINARY** meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** *Councillor:* P Atkinson (Chair)

*Councillors:* M Walton, K Conroy, A Patchett, J Makepeace, B Lamb,  
P Crathorne, K Campbell, B Gibson, G Barker, M Seymour,  
M Brown, D Allen

**OFFICIALS:** D. Snowball, Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

Prior to the meeting Members, Officers and members of the public observed a one minute's silence as a mark of respect for the recent passing of Councillor Duncan Harrison and ex Councillor Edie Whitfield.

### **107.16-17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Z Roddam, these were approved by resolution of the Council.

Apologies not received but absent; Councillor T Garrett.

### **108.16-17 MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

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

### **109.16-17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

### **110.16-17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

### **111.16-17 MINUTES**

Ordinary Council - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Moved** by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded** by Councillor P Crathorne that the minutes are a true and accurate.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council, held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, be confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

#### **112.16-17**    **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Finance, Planning and General Purpose                    -            25 January 2017  
Property, Environment & Recreation                        -            25 January 2017

**Moved** by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded** by Councillor P Crathorne that the minutes are a true and accurate record.

#### **RESOLVED**

As follows;

That the minutes of the meetings of the;

- i) Finance, Planning and General Purpose Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.
- ii) Property, Environment & Recreation Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.

#### **113.16-17**    **OTHER MINUTES**

a) Corporate Governance                                    -            25 January 2017

**Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor P Crathorne that the minutes be received.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes be received.

#### **114.16-17**    **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Reports were received from the following meetings:

##### **Councillor G Barker – Dean Bank Residents Meeting 5/12/16**

Issues raised included: Recycling information, traffic on Armistice Day and the flag not being lowered, Neighbourhood Plan update and the walkabout.

##### **Councillor P Atkinson – PACT Meeting 1/2/17**

Issues included: Update on new PCSO due to start March 2017, 33 traffic contraventions, Antisocial behaviour still a priority and failed checks on some off licences for the sale of alcohol.

The Chairman encouraged all members who have attended local meetings as a representative of the Council to bring a report back to the following Council meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the reports be received and members who have attended local meetings as a representative of council report back to council under the relevant agenda item.

**115.16-17**     **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Clerk advised members that no official notice had been received from Durham Council as yet for the Councillor vacancy but he asked members what actions they wished to consider to enable a response to be provided to the electoral officer.

**Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor J Makepeace to not co-opt and leave the position vacant until the May elections as a mark of respect.

**RESOLVED**

Not to co-opt and leave the position vacant until the May 2017 elections.

**116.16-17**     **INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Members considered the report previously circulated.

**Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor J Makepeace to agree to the recommendations of the report.

**RESOLVED**

That the contract for the Council's Insurance arrangements is awarded to Zurich Insurance for the three year period commencing on 1 April 2017.

**117.16-17**     **COUNCIL POLICIES**

Members considered the report previously circulated.

Councillors J Makepeace and B Gibson queried the Complaints Policy and whether the Ombudsman should be included in the complaints process. The Clerk advised he will look into the matter and report back to Councillors Makepeace and Gibson and make the appropriate amendments to the policy if required.

**Moved** by Councillor P Crathorne, **Seconded** by Councillor K Conroy to agree to the recommendations of the report.

**RESOLVED**

That members receive and adopt the policies as listed:

- G\_02            Complaints
- CG\_01        Freedom of Information

**118.16-17    RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1.        Ladder Centre                            Thank you for grant of £800.00

**RESOLVED**

That this be received.

**119.16-17    EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members were 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 ITEM 14 of the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to public interest.”

At this point members of the public left the meeting.

The next item is recorded in the Confidential – Part 2 section of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

**CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIR**.....

**DATE**.....