

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: *Councillor:* P Atkinson (Chair)

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

OFFICIALS: D. Snowball, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

124.16-17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Brown and B Gibson, these were approved by resolution of the Council.

Apologies not received but absent; Councillor T Garrett.

125.16-17 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

126.16-17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

127.16-17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

128.16-17 MINUTES

Ordinary Council - 15th February 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council, held on Wednesday 15th February 2017, be confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

129.16-17 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance, Planning and General Purpose - 15 February 2017

Moved by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor K Conroy 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 15th February 2017 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.

130.16-17 **OTHER MINUTES**

- a) 2000 Committee - 15 February 2017
- b) Neighbourhood Plan Working Party - 20 February 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes be received.

131.16-17 **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Reports were received from the following meetings:

Councillor G Barker – Dean Bank Residents Meeting

Issues raised included: Proposed housing behind Dean Road is ongoing, youths still causing a problem in the Market place and at The Hub, underage drinking, Mr Brennan from FBEC and Sgt Gray are dealing with this issue, the old wall has been removed and new fencing erected overlooking A167, the footbridge at Dean Bank had been closed for 5 days to carry out repairs,

Councillor P Atkinson – PACT Meeting - February 2017

Issues included: Small improvement in antisocial behaviour, police are having more involvement with FBEC, update on new PCSO due to start March 2017 this has been put back , 19 traffic contraventions, diverted traffic is having a major effect on the Town and there has been an increase in minor accidents, Councillor Atkinson urged Members to contact Durham County Council to complain about increased traffic .

The PACT meetings will now be held on a Thursday evening to ensure the Police are able to attend, the next meeting is due to take place on 30 March 2017

RESOLVED

That the reports be received.

132.16-17 **CDALC CHARTER**

The Clerk informed members that Steve Ragg of CDALC had requested that the information within the briefing note previously circulated be brought to Members attention.

RESOLVED

That this information be received.

133.16-17 POLICIES

Members considered the report previously circulated.

Moved by Councillor P Crathorne, **Seconded** by Councillor B Lamb to agree to the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED

That members receive and adopt the policies as listed:

- | | | |
|---|-------|--|
| 1 | C_02 | Grave Digging |
| 2 | CG_04 | Dealing with Abusive, persistent or vexatious complaints |
| 3 | F_07 | Risk Management |

134.16-17 REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROL

Members considered the report previously circulated.

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

RESOLVED

That the report be received as evidence of the effective operation of the internal control system.

135.16-17 EVENTS SCHEDULE 2017/2018

Councillor P Atkinson advised that the date of the Summer Fayre should be Sunday 9th July and not Saturday 9th July as listed in the schedule. The Clerk advised he would get the schedule amended.

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

RESOLVED

That members receive the events schedule as detailed in the report.

136.16-17 ECAFE SALE UPDATE AND PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FUNDING

Moved by Councillor P Crathorne, **Seconded** by Councillor B Lamb to agree to the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED

- a) That Members note the completion of the sale of the Ecafe;
and
- b) agree that the balances raised are used for the two projects identified in the report, namely the resurfacing and remarking of the Town Centre Car Park and the urgent works required on the roof at the property located in Duncombe Cemetery
and
- c) the remaining balances be allocated as project contingencies with any remaining balances ear marked for the appropriate priority one works identified in the building condition survey recently completed.

137.16-17 RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Phil Wilson, M.P. Council Tax Referendum principles, decision deferred.

RESOLVED
That this be received.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.20pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....