

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* John Lindsay (Chair)

Councillors: K Campbell, M Walton, K Conroy, A Smith, C Atkinson,
J Makepeace, P Atkinson, G Barker, Z Roddam, M Seymour,
D Farry, J Cansella, R Shepperd, D Allen

OFFICIALS: D. Snowball, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Hewitson, Committee and Civic Administrator

22.17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors L Wayman and M Brown and these were approved by resolution of the Council.

23.17-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24.17-18 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

25.17-18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

26.17-18 MINUTES

Annual Meeting - 17th May 2017

Minute 06.17-18:-

Councillor Farry advised the meeting that both Councillor Wayman and himself declared an interest in the 2000 Committee donation, the Clerk advised this would be amended.

04.16-17:-

Councillor Cansella brought to Members attention that the proposer and seconder for Deputy Mayor was Councillor M Walton and questioned if this was allowed. The Clerk advised this would be amended to state Councillor P Atkinson.

0816-17:-

Councillor Cansella did not clearly identify any inaccuracy in the minute detail and then went into detail explaining the Housing Act contents. The Town Clerk advised the chair that this should have been brought up at the meeting discussing the agenda items and not retrospectively.

Councillor Cansella then asked if there was a way around that and the chairman advised that this was possible via a motion brought to council and that the minute will stand.

09.17-18:-

Councillor Cansella queried a missing appendix, number 2, and the Clerk explained that his had not been picked up at the meeting discussing this item but a copy of the certificate is in the Clerk's office if members wish to see it and the Clerk apologised to all members for this omission.

10.17-18:-

Councillor Cansella queried the appointments and the Clerk responded that he had answered this at the previous meeting discussing the appointments and that you could not appoint to groups that do not exist and that the information in the minute was exactly as per the committee structure at this moment.

Councillor Farry and the Clerk disagreed on what had been proposed at the meeting and the Clerk confirmed that Councillor Farry proposed and Councillor Conroy seconded to defer and agree the panels, working groups and friends groups until the next meeting.

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

Councillor Farry did not agree the minutes were a true and accurate record and requested a named vote:

A named voted therefore took place to agree the minutes as a true and accurate record.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Z. Roddam	D. Farry	J Makepeace	L. Wayman
M. Walton	J. Cansella		M. Brown
K. Conroy	R. Shepperd		
C Atkinson			
J Lindsay			
A Smith			
P Atkinson			
K Campbell			
G Barker			
D Allen			
M Seymour			
11	3	1	2

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 17th May 2017 with the amendment of a declaration of interest in the 2000 committee donation request for Councillors Farry and Wayman were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

27.17-18 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- a) Finance, Planning and General Purpose Committee - 17th May 2017
- b) Property, Environment & Recreation - 17th May 2017

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

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Finance, Planning and General Purpose meeting held on 17th May and the Property, Environment & Recreation meeting held on 17th May 2017 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.

28.17-18 **OTHER MINUTES**

- a) 2000 Committee - Wednesday 17th May 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes be received.

29.17-18 **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Councillor P Atkinson reported on the PACT meeting held on 25 May 2017 where the priorities for June were underage drinking, off road bikes and local crime.

Councillor J Makepeace advised members that he had attended the Partnership meeting and resigned from the group; the group is now defunct and has been taken over by a Charity involved with the Community Hub.

Councillor John Lindsay reported on the recent events he had attended as Mayor of Ferryhill.

RESOLVED

That the reports be accepted and the Clerk bring to the next meeting a report to remove the Partnership from the Outside Bodies list.

30.17-18

**RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO PANELS,
WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL
YEAR 2017-2018**

It was **Moved** by Councillor J Cansella, **Seconded** by Councillor D Farry that this item be deferred until the July meeting when the Constitution had been discussed.

It was **Moved** by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded** by Councillor J Makepeace to accept the appointments.

A vote therefore took place on Councillor Cansellas proposal:

For	3
Against	12
Abstain	0
Absent	2

A vote for Councillor Atkinsons proposal then took place:

For	12
Against	1
Absent	2
Didn't vote	2

RESOLVED

That members ratify the appointments to the Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

31.17-18

**MEMBERS BRIEFING NOTE
UPDATE ON THE REGENERATION OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING
FIELD**

Councillor Farry queried the costing in the report in connection with funding for the project and he asked for this to be recorded;

It looks like money laundering and the council needs to be aware of money laundering and if it gets picked up as a money laundering issue it doesn't look good for the council.

The Clerk explained it is not money laundering and if Councillor Farry had spoken to council to provide full and frank information on how the money is used and will also discuss this with the grants officer. It is an honest, open and transparent council.

Members asked that the Clerk pass on the Councils thanks to the Project Officer for this project, the Clerk advised that the Finance Manager and the Works Manager were also involved with the regeneration.

RESOLVED

That this be received and the staff be thanked for their work with this project.

32.17-18 RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email -Town Councillor D. Farry Ferryfest

RESOLVED
That this be received.

2. Great North Air Ambulance Letter of thanks for Mayors Fundraising

RESOLVED
That this be received.

3. Great North Air Ambulance Letter of thanks for financial assistance

RESOLVED
That this be received.

4. Ferryhill Banner Committee Letter of thanks for financial assistance

RESOLVED
That this be received.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....