

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: **Councillor:** John Lindsay(Chair)

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

OFFICIALS: D. Snowball, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: S Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator
K Younghusband, Grants & Projects Officer
D Shingleton, Consultant Accountant
E Gildersleeves, Finance & Administration Manager
R Seymour, Works Manager

52.17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor M Seymour, J Makepeace, M Walton and L Davies these were approved by resolution of the Council.

53.17-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Atkinson declared an interest in agenda items 11 and 12 but advised he would remain in the meeting for these items.

54.17-18 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

55.17-18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public questions on this occasion.

56.17-18 EMERGENCY ITEM

A timetable for an election has been received from Durham County Council following the resignation of Councillor Dennis Allen, members should decide if they want poll cards publishing and distributing for the by-election costing approximately £1,000 - £2,000.

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded** by Councillor J Cansella not to use poll cards.

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded** by Councillor G Barker that poll cards be used.

A named vote was requested on the proposal that poll cards be used:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
D Farry	R Shepperd	J Lindsay	J Makepeace
G Barker	Z Roddam		M Seymour
M Brown	P Atkinson		M Walton
A Smith	K Conroy		L Davies
	C Atkinson		
	J Cansella		
	K Campbell		
4	7	1	4

The proposal was defeated.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk advise Durham County Council poll cards are not required for the by-election.

57.17-18 MINUTES

Town Council - 19th July 2017

Councillor Farry asked if an amendment could be made to minute number 37.17-18 as he had asked for his actual response to be minuted in this section;

Good report has been lined up and I had a telephone call from a resident actually who had a flick through whatever we did is excellent for stuff in Ferryhill, especially when we have a budget with no capital spend in it so we're relying on grants which is great. The downside to this is – I don't know if anyone's flicked over onto the costings for this project – I don't know if you have looked at that yourself chair. If you look at the report you'll see we've had some involvement with a gentleman who as on green the flag committee or something to do with the green flag, who was looking to sponsor or investing in a project – D C Smith Plastics.

So if you go to the costing sheet, we received twenty thousand pounds off D. C. Plastics it's there in the first column on the top, unfortunately also we paid D.C. Plastics thirteen thousand pounds back; The person who phoned me takes a very dim view of it and it could be looking like money laundering because if you're taking twenty thousand pounds off someone and giving them thirteen thousand pounds back, I'm not sure if the council have a money laundering policy, I haven't had time, as I say I've been away, but it would be interesting to see it.

But this council needs to be aware of money laundering and it needs to have a belt and braces approach to money laundering, because if it certainly gets picked up as money laundering issue isn't looking good for the council.

The clerk responded that it's not money laundering and if councillor Farry had had this information and spoke to the grants officer she would; provide full and frank information on how their money's been going and I will ask the grants officer- there is definitely no money laundering goes on because the council is not like many, it is an honest and open and transparent council.

Councillor Farry also requested minute number 41.17-18 be amended to 'Councillor Davies to move' instead of 'Councillor Farry to move'.

Councillors agreed that the Clerk look into this and amendments be made if necessary.

For	11
Abstentions	1
Absent	4

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th July 2017 be amended if necessary and confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

58.17-18 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

a) Finance, Planning and General Purpose Committee - 19th July 2017

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

b) Property, Environment & Recreation Committee - 19th July 2017

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

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Finance, Planning and General Purpose meeting and the Property, Environment & Recreation meeting held on 19th July 2017 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.

59.17-18 **OTHER MINUTES**

a) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - 10th July 2017
b) 2000 Committee - 19th July 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes be received.

60.17-18 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor P Atkinson reported on the PACT meeting held on 14th September which was also attended by Councillors Z Roddam, M Brown, G Barker and J Makepeace. Issues raised included heavy traffic on Durham Road, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour, recycling unit on Dean & Chapter operating out of hours, parking, traffic contraventions. The priorities for this month are anti-social behaviour and criminality in Dean Bank, the next meeting will take place on 22nd October.

Councillor J Lindsay advised he had attended the recent Chairmanship Training and also Civic Events.

Councillor D Farry congratulated Councillor J Cansella on her recent appointment with the CLP.

RESOLVED

That the reports be received.

61.17-18 COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Members considered the report previously circulated.

It was **Moved** by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded** by Councillor G Barker to accept the recommendation of the report with the addition of *“also report back to this Council Durham County Councils decision when notified and implement all recommendations from the Monitoring Officer if it has any reference to Ferryhill Town Council”*.

It was **Moved** by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded** by Councillor K Campbell to accept the recommendations of the report.

A named vote was requested for Councillor Farry’s proposal:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
D Farry	R Shepperd	M Brown	J Makepeace
G Barker	Z Roddam	J Cansella	M Seymour
A Smith	P Atkinson		M Walton
	K Conroy		L Davies
	J Lindsay		
	C Atkinson		
	K Campbell		
3	7	2	4

The proposal was defeated.

RESOLVED

That Council receives this anonymous notification of an alleged breach of the Councillor’s Code of Conduct.

62.17-18 **BI-ANNUAL TOWN SURVEY**

Members considered a report previously circulated.

It was **Moved** by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded** by Councillor P Atkinson to accept the recommendations of the report.

Councillor D Farry proposed the following amendment be made to the Recommendation “these surveys to be organised by all elected Members of that ward and supported by Officers”.

A named vote was requested for the proposal of the amendment:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
D Farry	R Shepperd	J Cansella	J Makepeace
G Barker	Z Roddam		M Seymour
M Brown	P Atkinson		M Walton
A Smith	K Conroy		L Davies
	J Lindsay		
	C Atkinson		
	K Campbell		
4	7	1	4

The proposal was defeated.

RESOLVED

That the Bi-Annual Town Survey is ceased and that site/project specific surveys are carried out as and when required.

63.17-18 **REGENERATION OF THE SURTEES DOORSTEP GREEN**

Members considered the report previously circulated and the grants and projects officer was in attendance to answer any questions.

It was **Moved** by Councillor J Cansella, **Seconded** by Councillor D Farry to accept the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED

That Members approve a maximum contribution of £20,000 towards the Regeneration of the Surtees Doorstep Green.

64.17-18 **BROOM BUS SHELTER PROPOSAL**

Members considered the report previously

It was **Moved** by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded** by Councillor G Barker to accept recommendations a) and d) of the report and look into possibility of painting the shelter with anti-climb paint.

RESOLVED

To:

- a) Leave the bus shelter as is
- b) Relocate the Bus Stop Post to prevent access to the Bus Shelter Roof
- c) Apply anti-climb paint

65.17-18 DEAN BANK PARK REGENERATION UPDATE

Members considered the report previously circulated.

It was **Moved** by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded** by Councillor G Barker that an extra-ordinary meeting be called to discuss this item giving Members more time to look at the report.

RESOLVED

That an Extra-ordinary Meeting be arranged to discuss the Regeneration of Dean Bank Park.

66.17-18 CEMETERY POLICY AND REGULATIONS REVIEW

Members considered the report previously circulated. It was agreed that before a decision could be made on the amended policy and regulations that it would be beneficial for members to visit the Cemetery and provide details for an amended policy to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

That Members arrange to visit the cemetery and provide the relevant details to the Town Clerk to develop an amended policy for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....