

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **MONDAY, 30th OCTOBER 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* John Lindsay (Chair)

Councillors: K Campbell; M Walton; R. Smith; K. Conroy;
J Cansella; L Smith; J Makepeace; K Conroy;
M Brown; G Barker; Z Roddam; M Seymour;
R Shepperd; D Farry.

OFFICIALS: D. Snowball, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: None

The chairman welcomed the newly elected Councillor R. Smith to the council.

84.17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors:

P. Atkinson
C. Atkinson

these were approved by resolution of the Council.

85.17-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

86.17-18 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

87.17-18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

88.17-18 HOSPITALITY LETTERS

Councillor Farry proposed the suspension of Standing Orders and Councillor Cansella seconded. The Clerk explained that all Standing Orders cannot be set aside and that the Standing Order to be set aside must be specific. Councillor Farry and Makepeace said we want to set aside all Standing Orders. The Chairman explained that this was illegal and Councillor Makepeace said we only want to suspend Standing Order on only being able to comment once. The Clerk asked which Standing Order and Councillor Makepeace said I don't know you have the Standing Orders.

The Clerk said it was not for him to say.

Following further debate the Clerk asked what the Standing Orders were being suspended for and Councillor Farry said it does not matter.

During the debate the Chairman said he was suspending the meeting for a week to seek legal advice as it was being stated to suspend all Standing Orders.

That the meeting was not suspended and was permitted to carry on.

Following further debate councillor Farry said it was Standing orders 1 – 29 all letters included that were being asked to be suspended.

Following further debate a named vote was requested on the suspension of Standing Orders 1 – 29 all letters included.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
R. Smith	Z. Roddam	M. Brown	C Atkinson
A. Smith	M. Walton		P Atkinson
G. Barker	K. Conroy		
M. Seymour	J Lindsay		
D. Farry	K Campbell		
J. Cansella			
R. Shepperd			
J. Makepeace			
8	5	1	2

RESOLVED

That Standing orders 1 – 29 are suspended for this meeting only.

Further debate took place over the submission of a motion and the background to how it had been responded to

It was then proposed;

- a) that this Council brings all communications or hospitality events to full council to appoint attendees that are not specific to the mayor and deputy mayor.
- b) adopts this as Council policy by no later than the December 2017 meeting.
- c) receives at the January 2018 meeting a report on a breakdown of attendees for the past four years and such events and costs.
That an annual report thereafter at each Annual meeting.

A named vote was requested on the proposals:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Z. Roddam			C Atkinson
M. Walton			P Atkinson
K. Conroy			
R. Smith			
J Lindsay			
A Smith			
M. Brown			
K Campbell			
G Barker			
M Seymour			
D. Farry			
J. Cansella			
R. Shepperd			
J Makepeace			
14	0	0	2

RESOLVED

That this council

- a) brings all communications or hospitality events to full council to appoint attendees that are not specific to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- b) adopts this as Council policy by no later than the December 2017 meeting.
- c) receives at the January 2018 meeting a report on a breakdown of attendees for the past four years and such events and costs. That an annual report on this is provided thereafter at each Annual meeting.

89.17-18 PERSONAL STANDARDS

It was proposed:

That members be reminded when in receipt of goods and services above £50 that this is declared as an interest to the council and failure to do so could render them liable to the costs being reclaimed by council. The Clerk is to look at the legality of this proposal.

The Clerk’s delegated powers are reviewed by the Corporate Governance Sub Committee and to report back to Council with its recommendations by no later than the January 2018 meeting.

To look to set up a policy review committee within the Corporate Governance Sub Committee

This council replaces its motions policy with NALC's model standard as from tonight's meeting.

The Clerk advised that this was not correct as the revised policy would have to be brought back to council for approval.

Councillor Conroy explained that we had already adopted NALC model and this was disagreed with by Councillor Cansella.

The chairman explained that our Standing Orders are already based on the model Standing Orders from N.A.L.C. and his advice was ignored. Concern was raised by Councillor Conroy on the delegated powers and policy review committee motions that had not been on the agenda and Councillor Farry stated Standing Orders suspended.

The chair said he was going to suspend the meeting to seek legal advice on the motions brought in that were beyond what was on the agenda. Councillor Farry said we will have to have a vote on it and the meeting proceeded to vote on this.

A named vote was then requested for the suspension of the meeting

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Z. Roddam	R. Smith	M. Brown	C Atkinson
M. Walton	A Smith		P Atkinson
K. Conroy	M Seymour		
K Campbell	D. Farry		
J Lindsay	G Barker		
	J. Cansella		
	R. Shepperd		
	J Makepeace		
5	8	1	2

RESOLVED

That the meeting is not suspended.

A named vote was then requested for the motions put forward.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
R. Smith	Z. Roddam	M. Brown	C Atkinson
A Smith	M. Walton		P Atkinson
M Seymour	K. Conroy		
G Barker	K Campbell		
D. Farry	J Lindsay		
J. Cansella			
R. Shepperd			
J Makepeace			
8	5	1	2

RESOLVED

To:

- a) remind members when in receipt of goods and services above £50 that this is declared as an interest to the council and failure to do so could render them liable to the costs being reclaimed by council. The Clerk is to look at the legality of this proposal.

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- ~~b) That the Corporate Governance Sub-committee review the delegated powers of the Town Clerk and report its recommendations back to the January 2018 meeting.~~

- ~~c) The Council adopts the NALC Model Standing Order on motions.~~

* Revoked at the Ordinary meeting of the council held on Wednesday 15th November 2017. A Council cannot lawfully decide a matter which is not specified in the summons. (Agenda)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....