

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Councillors: K Campbell, M Walton, J Cansella, R Smith,
C Atkinson, L Smith, J Makepeace, K Conroy,
P Atkinson, M Brown, G Barker, Z Roddam,
M Seymour, N Jones, D Farry

OFFICIALS: Mr D. Snowball, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: S Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator
D Shingleton, Consultant Accountant

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the new Independent Councillor Mr Neville Jones to the Council and congratulated him on his recent election.

90.17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor R Shepperd these were approved by resolution of the Council.

91.17-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

92.17-18 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

93.17-18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

94.17-18 MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record;

- a) minute 57.17-18 of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th September 2017 that had been deferred until the November meeting

A named vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
K Campbell	J. Cansella		R. Shepperd
M. Walton	M. Brown		
K. Conroy	D. Farry		
C Atkinson	A. Smith		
P Atkinson			
J Lindsay			
Z. Roddam			
7	4	0	1

Councillors R. Smith and N. Jones did not vote as they were not councillors for the meeting that the minute is in connection with.

Councillors J. Makepeace, G. Barker and M. Seymour did not vote.

RESOLVED

That minute 57.17-18 of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 is a true and accurate record.

Councillor Makepeace then came in and stated chair I would like to set aside Standing Orders specifically 1, 2, 9, 10, and 28. Councillor Farry then came in and asked for Standing order 7 to also be suspended.

Named votes were taken individually on each Standing Order

Standing Order 1

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
J. Cansella	K Campbell		R. Shepperd
M. Brown	M. Walton		
D. Farry	K. Conroy		
A. Smith	C Atkinson		
N. Jones	P Atkinson		
R. Smith	J Lindsay		
J. Makepeace	Z. Roddam		
M. Seymour			
G. Barker			
9	7	0	1

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 1 is suspended for the rest of this meeting only.

Standing Order 2

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
J. Cansella	K Campbell		R. Shepperd
M. Brown	M. Walton		
D. Farry	K. Conroy		
A. Smith	C Atkinson		
N. Jones	P Atkinson		
R. Smith	J Lindsay		
J. Makepeace	Z. Roddam		
M. Seymour			
G. Barker			
9	7	0	1

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 2 is suspended for the rest of this meeting only.

Standing Order 7

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
J. Cansella	K Campbell		R. Shepperd
M. Brown	M. Walton		
D. Farry	K. Conroy		
A. Smith	C Atkinson		
N. Jones	P Atkinson		
R. Smith	J Lindsay		
J. Makepeace	Z. Roddam		
M. Seymour			
G. Barker			
9	7	0	1

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 7 is suspended for the rest of this meeting only.

Standing Order 9

Denied by the Chairman.

Standing Order 10

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
J. Cansella	K Campbell	M. Brown	R. Shepperd
G. Barker	M. Walton		
D. Farry	K. Conroy		
A. Smith	C Atkinson		
N. Jones	P Atkinson		
R. Smith	J Lindsay		
J. Makepeace	Z. Roddam		
M. Seymour			
8	7	1	1

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 10 is suspended for the rest of this meeting only.

Standing Order 28

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
J. Cansella	K Campbell	M. Brown	R. Shepperd
G. Barker	M. Walton		
D. Farry	K. Conroy		
A. Smith	C Atkinson		
N. Jones	P Atkinson		
R. Smith	J Lindsay		
J. Makepeace	Z. Roddam		
M. Seymour			
8	7	1	1

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 28 is suspended for the rest of this meeting only.

Councillor D. Farry moved to review agenda item 5 the deferred minute that had just been resolved as a true and accurate record to and the resolution to include details that Councillor Farry had on a sheet in his possession. The clerk said to accept this and it would be added to the minute to move progress after checking the legality of this. Following further discussion it was agreed to accept then sheet and details form Councillor Farry and add them to minute 57.17-18 of the meeting held on 20th September 2017.

RESOLVED

To add the details provided by Councillor Farry to minute 57.17-18.

b) Extraordinary meeting held on 11th October 2017

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 11th October 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

c) Ordinary meeting held on 18th October 2017

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18th October 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

d) Extraordinary meeting held on 30th October 2017

Moved that items;

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.

And

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

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Be revoked due to being unlawful as these items were not agended as per legislative requirements.

For	7
Against	3
Abstentions	1
Absent	1
No vote	4

Councillor N Jones did not vote as he was not a councillor for the meeting that the minute is in connection with

RESOLVED

That Items b) and c) be revoked and the remainder of the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 30th October 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

95.17-18 COMMITTEE MINUTES

To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:-

- a) Finance, Planning & General Purposes - 18th October 2017
- b) Property, Environment & Recreation - 18th October 2017

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy to approve the minutes.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Finance, Planning and General Purpose meeting and the Property, Environment & Recreation meeting held on 18th October 2017 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.

96.17-18 OTHER MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Corporate Governance Sub Committee - 18th October 2017
- b) Ferryhill 2000 Committee - 18th October 2017

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella to receive the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be received

97.17-18 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor P Atkinson reported on the PACT meeting held on 9th November, he advised that crime was down this month, community protection orders have been issued following recent events in the Feryemount / Library area

and the library staff had been asked to turn the wifi off on an evening as this appears to be attracting youths to the area using the free wifi. The priorities for this month are antisocial behaviour and damage to cars. Councillor Atkinson asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to the Chair of PACT for her hard work. The next meeting will be held on 7th December.

Councillor J Lindsay advised that he had recently attended the Data Protection Training and also the Showmens Guild Luncheon Charitable Event.

Councillor J Makepeace reported on the recent site visit around Dean Bank with Oliver Sherritt, Head of DCC Clean & Green Team, issues had been raised about bins being left out, however on day of visit everywhere was clean, this will be a monthly visit.

Councillor Makepeace had also attended the recent Lafarge presentation regarding the proposal to open up the quarry which could create 150 jobs and there could still be 50-60 years of work left in the quarry.

RESOLVED

That these reports be received and the Clerk send a letter of thanks to the Chair, Mrs Val Watson on behalf of the Council.

98.17-18 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Members considered the report previously circulated, the Christmas closure period will be from 12noon on Friday 22nd December 2017 until 9am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** K Campbell to accept the recommendations.

RESOLVED

That members note the Christmas Closure.

99.17-18 APPOINTMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES, PANEL and OUTSIDE BODIES

The following vacant positions have been created by the recent resignations of two Ferryhill Town Councillors, Members were asked for nominations to fill the vacancies, the following nominations were received:

Finance Planning & General Purpose Committee VICE CHAIR

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella to nominate Councillor C Atkinson as the Vice Chair of Finance, Planning & General Purpose Committee

Human resource Sub Committee One position

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Makepeace to nominate Councillor N Jones

Corporate Governance Sub Committee One position

Moved by Councillor D Farry to nominate Councillor N Jones
Moved by Councillor J Cansella to nominate Councillor R Smith

Disciplinary and Grievance Panel One position

Moved by Councillor J Makepeace, Seconded by Councillor D Farry to nominate Councillor R Smith

Dean Bank Residents Association One position

Moved by Councillor J Makepeace to nominate Councillor G Barker

Lafarge **One position**

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, Moved by Councillor K Campbell to nominate J Lindsay
Moved by Councillor J Makepeace, Moved by Councillor N Jones to nominate D Farry

A vote therefore took place:

For Councillor J Lindsay 7

For Councillor D Farry 7

The Chair had the casting vote and used his vote for himself.

RESOLVED

That the following appointments be made and the relevant outside bodies be notified:

Finance Planning & General Purpose Committee Vice Chair	Councillor C Atkinson
Human resource Sub Committee	Councillor N Jones
Corporate Governance Sub Committee	Councillor N Jones
Disciplinary and Grievance Panel	Councillor R Smith
Dean Bank Residents Association	Councillor G Barker
Lafarge	Councillor J Lindsay

100.17-18 CARRS GRAZING LAND, East Howle, Ferryhill

The Clerk advised that since the report was sent out to members he had received an email to advise that only negative feedback had been received regarding this sale of land and it was unlikely to go ahead.

RESOLVED

That this be received

101.17-18 RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE (for information)

1. Spennymoor Town Council Concern raised over the recent
 'Councillor Sproat' actions of Ferryhill Town Councillor

D. Farry in an issue in the Kirk Merrington area that is not within the parish boundary of Ferryhill and is the responsibility of Spennymoor Town Council/Councillors.

RESOLVED

That this be received.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....