

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2018** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* J Lindsay (Chair)

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

OFFICIALS: D Shingleton, Consultant Accountant

IN ATTENDANCE: K Youngusband, Grants & Projects Officer
S Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

140.17-18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received.

141.17-18 **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

Councillor R Smith requested a dispensation in agenda item no. 14, Clevesferye House as Senior Pastor and Trustee of the Immanuel Christian Fellowship and also Councillor A Smith in the same item as Co Pastor and Trustee of the Immanuel Christian Fellowship.

Moved by Councillor J Makepeace, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy to accept the dispensations.

RESOLVED

The dispensations be approved.

142.17-18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors R and A Smith declared an interest in agenda item no.14 Clevesferye House Update and Councillor P Atkinson declared an interest in agenda item no. 17 Surtees Doorstep Green.

143.17-18 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation

144.17-18 **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record;

a) Ordinary meeting 15th November 2017 – re submitted

The Chair asked for these minutes to be approved as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Cansella stated that the minutes were not a true and accurate record as minute no. 94.17-18 was incorrect as the minute reference 57.17-19 should read 57.17-18 and this minute reference refers to the meeting of 20th September and not 18th October, these need amending.

Councillor Farry said these minutes could be approved now if it was agreed the amendment would be made, the Chair advised the minutes would be brought back to the next meeting for approval once the amendment had been made.

RESOLVED

The Clerk look into the incorrect minute reference and the amendment be made and the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15th November 2017 be brought back to the March meeting for approval.

b) Ordinary meeting 24th January 2018

Councillor A Smith asked for an amendment to be made to minute no. 129.17-18, she was the seconder of the proposal for Councillor J Makepeace to chair the public meeting.

Councillor J Cansella asked for an amendment to minute no. 132.17-18, the word 'Initially' to be added at the beginning of the 2nd sentence and the following wording be added at the end of the resolution 'and J Cansella proposed she would liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.'

Councillor R Smith asked for an amendment to minute no. 133.17-18, he would like the words 'some Councillors' adding to the first paragraph after 'annoyed with'.

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy that the amendments be made and the minutes be approved.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th January 2018 be agreed as a true & accurate record once the following amendments are made:

- 1) Minute no. 129.17-18 be amended to '**It was then moved by** Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor A Smith that Councillor J Makepeace chair the public meetings.
- 2) Minute no. 132.17-18 to be amended to read 'That the Council set up a (non-hierarchical) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, with delegated powers, to sit outside the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Initially, the group to be made up of Councillors J Cansella, D Farry, J Makepeace and the Grants & Project Officer, Mrs K Youngusband and J Cansella proposed she would liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.'
- 3) Minute no. 133.17-18 to be amended to read 'Councillor R Smith

informed the meeting that he was annoyed with some Councillors and the general consensus from the public as they were under the impression that the charity he is involved in has put a declaration of interest in on this property and this is not the case.

145.17-18 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

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| a) Appeals Sub Committee | 16 th January 2018 |
| b) Finance, Planning & General Purpose | 24 th January 2018 |

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella to approve the minutes.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Appeals Sub Committee held on 16th January 2018 and the Finance, Planning & General Purpose Committee held on 24th January 2018 be received and that the said minutes be approved and adopted.

146.17-18 **OTHER MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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| a) Corporate Governance Sub Committee | 24 th January 2018 |
| b) Ferryhill 2000 Committee | 24 th January 2018 |
| c) Corporate Governance Sub Committee | 6 th February 2018 |
| d) Dean Bank Park Regeneration Working Group | 7 th February 2018 |

RESOLVED

That these be received.

147.17-18 **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Councillor P Atkinson gave a brief report on the PACT Meeting he attended on 1st February with focus being on the continuing problem of antisocial behaviour in Ferryhill. The next PACT meeting will be held on 1st March 2018.

Councillor J Cansella advised members that she had recently attended the NAC Environmental Conference in Leeds and had compiled a report, the report had been passed to the Town Clerk if any members would like to read it.

148.17-18 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor gave a report on the Civic Events he had attended in the last

month, these included a Charity Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Shildon Town Council and Bishop Auckland Town Council Mayors Valentine Ball.

RESOLVED

That this be received.

149.17-18 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Councillor D. Farry to move;

- 10a) Motion . . . That Ferryhill Town Council agree to set up Policy on renewable energy.
Background . . . In a changing world the use of renewable energy is becoming something of a norm.
Report . . . With fossil fuels proving more and more expensive and likely to increase in cost rapidly in future years. Clean energy should be looked at as a positive alternative to fossil fuel energy.
Recommendation. . . That this council creates a renewable energy policy.

- 10b) Motion This council instructs the Clerk to report back to Council with the success of the large advertising notice boards in the Market Place, with all costs to the council and all revenues.
Background . . . The council have a number of large advertising notice boards.
ReportFTC have a number of large notice boards which were to generate a large income to the tax payer of Ferryhill. For what ever reason these seem to be redundant.
Recommendation Members consider all options.

Councillor Farry proposed that as no reports had been provided in relation to these motions, they be deferred until a later date when a report can be produced by the Clerk.

RESOLVED

That the above motions be deferred until the April meeting and the Clerk be asked to prepare a report in relation to the motions.

Councillor J. Cansella to move;

- Motion:

That this Council considers all current Partnership Working Agreements between Ferryhill Town Council and other local authorities and decides whether or not they are still viable.

Purpose:
For Council to undertake a relatively high-level review of all current Partnership Working Agreements between Ferryhill Town Council and other local authorities, considers the associated costs, benefits and potential risks and make recommendations accordingly.

Officer report required:

Please provide a full list of the current Partnership Working Agreements between Ferryhill Town Council and any other local authorities. Including inception dates, expiry dates (if any), together with costs, perceived benefits and associated risks.

Moved by Councillor J Cansella, **Seconded by** Councillor D Farry, that the Clerk sends all Councillors a copy of the 2009 Winter Maintenance (Enhanced Support) agreement via email and reports back to Council in March or, if more time is needed, April, with details of what was discussed and all outcomes with the Clean and Green Team, during the meeting which took place on 9th January.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk sends all Councillors a copy of the 2009 Winter Maintenance (Enhanced Support) agreement via email and reports back to Council in March, or, if more time is needed, April, with details of what was discussed and all outcomes with the Clean and Green Team, during the meeting which took place on 9th January.

150.17-18 **MOTIONS REJECTED**

Members considered the report previously circulated for information only.

RESOLVED

That the report be received.

151.17-18 **MOTIONS POLICY AMENDMENT(submitted by the Corporate Governance Sub Committee)**

Members considered the report previously circulated.

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor R Smith to accept the recommendation of the report.

RESOLVED

That Members adopt the motions policy with the proposed amendment made by the Corporate Governance Sub Committee.

152.17-18 **CEMETERY POLICY AND REGULATIONS REVIEW - resubmission**

Members considered the report previously circulated and Members were asked to approve the revised Cemetery Policy.

Councillor J Cansella questioned why there are currently two Cemetery policies in place and only one has been resolved by Council.

As an adequate Cemetery Policy, agreed by Council, is already in place it was **Moved by** J Cansella, **Seconded by** M Seymour that at the March meeting the Clerk reports to Council on why 2 cemetery policies are in existence, why dogs have now been banned without written permission from the Council, without the prior agreement of Council and either re-presents

this Policy with the correct information regarding the opening times or amends the existing one.

RESOLVED

That at the March or April meeting the Clerk reports to Council on why 2 cemetery policies are in existence, why dogs have now been banned without written permission from the Council, without the prior agreement of Council and either re-presents this Policy with the correct information regarding the opening times or amends the existing one.

153.17-18 CLEVESFERYE HOUSE – update - resubmission

Members considered the report previously circulated.

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor M Walton to add item c) to the recommendation, 'if the decision is to continue with an expression of interest by Ferryhill Town Council a public consultation be carried out.

Members voted to accept the recommendations a), b) & c).

For	8
Against	7

RESOLVED

That the Council continue to submit an Expression of Interest, taking into account the outcome of the organisation consultation;

And;

The details of why the Council is interested in this asset/service and what the Council plans to do with the asset including alterations to the building and where it will be funded from to enable section Q4 of the Expression of Interest application be completed.

And;

A public consultation be carried out.

154.17-18 PARKING & TAXI RANK CONSULTATION

Members considered the report of the Grants & Projects Officer and discussed the outcome of the public meeting in detail.

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella to accept the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED

That Members accept the contents of the report and agree to it being forwarded together with a copy of the signed petitions, and all completed comments forms generated by the Public Consultation Events, to Lee Mowbray at Durham County Council's Highways Department and Michael Turnbull at Durham County Council's Democratic Services, who would make the final decision and cover all cost of works.

