

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: *Councillor:* D Farry (Chair)

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

Officials: D. Shingleton, Acting Town Clerk
R. Seymour, Works Manager
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

125.18-19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Lindsay and Councillor L Smith.

126.18-19 **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

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

127.18-19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors P Atkinson and J Makepeace as Durham County Councillors declared an interest in agenda item 10, Spring and Summer Bedding Contract.

128.18-19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

As the representative from Livin had not arrived at the meeting the Presentation from Livin was moved to the end of the meeting before the Press and Public were excluded.

129.18-19 **MINUTES**

a) Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 17th October 2018

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17th October be agreed as a true & accurate record.

130.18-19 **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Proposed by Councillor J. Makepeace, seconded by Councillor J Cansella that Ferryhill Town Council consider and cost the supply of resin or other impervious material plaques to inscribe all names currently held in the Ferryhill library

memorial book, of the fallen servicemen and women of Ferryhill. Said plaques to be affixed to the Town Hall exterior walls.

RESOLVED

That this motion be approved and the Council look into purchasing a memorial plaque.

131.18-19 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & INCOME

Members considered the monthly statement of accounts and income.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Accounts & Income be accepted.

132.18-19 ERECTION OF HEADSTONE IN DUNCOMBE CEMETERY

Members considered the report previously circulated from the Works Manager and discussed this matter in detail.

Proposed by Councillor K Campbell, **seconded by** Councillor J Makepeace that no headstone be erected until the person is deceased. All Members agreed.

RESOLVED

That permission not be granted for the erection of this headstone.

133.18-19 SPRING AND SUMMER BEDDING CONTRACT

Members considered the report from the Works Manager which was previously circulated.

RESOLVED

That the Council award a one year contract for the supply of spring and summer bedding plants and hanging baskets to Durham County Council commencing summer 2019 at a cost of £13,050.00. A letter be sent to Thinford Nurseries to thank them for their hard work over the years.

134.18-19 REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE

Members considered the report from the Works Manager which was previously circulated.

RESOLVED

That the Council acquires the required vehicle, a Citroen Relay Tipper, from XLCR Vehicle Management on the basis of a 5 year finance lease at a cost of £406.62 per month.

135.18-19 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Members considered the report from the Acting Town Clerk which was previously circulated.

RESOLVED

That this year, as a gesture to recognise staff's commitment over a difficult year, the staff are not required to use four days holiday entitlement over the Christmas closure, the Council to give all staff 2 concessionary days, therefore staff are only required to use 2 days of their holiday entitlement. The Christmas Closure will be as follows:

- Monday, 24 December 2018 – closed (extra-statutory day)
- Tuesday, 25 December 2018 – closed (Bank Holiday)
- Wednesday, 26 December 2018 – closed (Bank Holiday)
- Thursday, 27 December 2018 – closed (extra-statutory day)
- Friday, 28 December 2018 – closed (concessionary day)
- Monday, 31 December 2018 – closed (concessionary day)
- Tuesday, 1 January 2019 – closed (bank holiday)
- Wednesday, 2 January 2019 – office re-opens.

136.18-19 PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP WORKING BY MS VICKY MILLER AND MR MALCOLM GREY FROM LIVIN

Mr Malcolm Grey of Livin was in attendance and gave members a short presentation on the work Livin do in the area and offered members the opportunity to ask questions:

Councillor J Makepeace advised the meeting he attended the recent Open Day and questioned if the works at the site of Dean Bank Grange was still due to commence on 26 November 2018, Mr Grey advised as far as he was aware this was the case but if anything changed he would let the Council know.

Councillor P Atkinson thanked Mr Grey for everything Livin do putting things back into the Community and expressed how important this is.

The Chair thanked Mr Grey for his attendance and asked if he would be happy to receive invites to the Councils Events Committee, Mr Grey accepted this offer, the chair thanked Mr Grey for his and Ms Vicky Millers involvement with the Council's Working Groups.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to Mr Grey formalising his involvement with the Event Management Committee. Members thanked Mr Grey for his presentation whereupon he left the meeting.

At this point all members of the public left the meeting.

137.18-19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members are requested to move the following motion:
"That in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the public and press for the

remaining items on the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to public interest.”

The next item 138.18-19 is recorded in the Confidential – Part 2 section of these minutes.

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

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....