

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY 2019** 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 Lindsay, J Makepeace,
Z Roddam, L Smith, R Smith, M Seymour, M Walton, C Woods

Officials: D. Shingleton, Acting Town Clerk
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

Before the meeting the Chair advised Members that Mr Derek Snowball, Town Clerk returned back to work this week on a phased return and asked that Members give him the respect he deserves and not to overwhelm him with work issues.

157.18-19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received.

158.18-19 **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

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

159.18-19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

160.18-19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

161.18-19 **MINUTES**

a) Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2018

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 12th December 2018 be agreed.

162.18-19 **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

- a) Policy & Resources - 12th September 2018
- b) Policy & Resources - 7th November 2018
- c) Policy & Resources - 4th December 2018
- d) Community Services - 3rd October 2018

Moved by Councillor J Makepeace , **Seconded by** Councillor R Smith to accept the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be accepted.

163.18-19 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & INCOME

Members considered the monthly statement of accounts and income.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Accounts & Income be accepted.

164.18-19 REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS

Members considered the report from the Acting Town Clerk.

Moved by Councillor J Cansella, **Seconded by** Councillor N Jones to accept Standing Orders 1-25 and 37 subject to the following changes being made:

9a The proposal to delete the first sentence (Motions may be submitted to the Clerk in writing (including via email) and should include a brief explanation of their purpose) and last sentence (The appropriate officer to prepare a report for council providing all relevant information relating to the motion) is not agreed and these remain as part of Standing Order 9a.

18d(v) This be amended to read ‘tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee after the deadline for submission of tenders has passed.’

Standing Orders 26-36 be reviewed by the Corporate Governance Committee at a meeting held no later than 12th February 2019.

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy to remove the last sentence of Standing Order 9(a) ‘The appropriate officer to prepare a report for council providing all relevant information relating to the motion’ as this is creating a lot of work for the Clerk. The person who puts the motion in should do the background work.

Members voted on Councillor Atkinson’s amendment.

A named vote was requested:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
C. Atkinson	G. Barker	
P. Atkinson	J. Cansella	
K. Campbell	D. Farry	
K. Conroy	K. Graham	
J. Lindsay	N. Jones	
Z. Roddam	J. Makepeace	
M. Walton	M. Seymour	
C. Woods	L. Smith	
	R. Smith	
8	9	0

The amendment was defeated.

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor P Atkinson that Standing Order 9 be amended to include ‘the decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final’.

RESOLVED

That Standing Orders 1-25 and 37 be accepted subject to the changes being made to 9a and 18d(v).

And;

Standing Orders 26-36 be reviewed by the Corporate Governance Committee no later than 12th February 2019.

And;

‘The decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final’ be added to Standing Order 9 if the 2018 NALC model includes those words.

165.18-19 ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS

Members considered the report from the Acting Town Clerk.

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor R Smith to accept the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED

That Members approve the allotment Self Management Agreement and Tenancy Agreement.

166.18-19 PRECEPT 2019/2020

Members considered the report from the Acting Town Clerk.

The Acting Town Clerk suggested that the budget headings for donations be amalgamated to make one budget for all donations.

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor P Atkinson to propose a 1% increase in Council Tax.

Councillor N Jones queried if the 1% increase would cover the repairs needed to Council buildings. Councillor P Atkinson advised that it probably wouldn't but he didn't want to burden Ferryhill residents with an increase.

Moved by Councillor J Makepeace, **Seconded by** Councillor R Smith to propose a 2% increase in Council Tax taking into account additional staffing costs following the nationally agreed pay settlement, and increases in utility costs as well as the repairs required to Council buildings, also the budget headings for donations be amalgamated.

Members agreed to vote on Councillor J Makepeace's proposal.

A named vote was requested

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
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G. Barker	C. Atkinson	
J. Cansella	P. Atkinson	
D. Farry	K. Campbell	
K. Graham	K. Conroy	
N. Jones	J. Lindsay	
J. Makepeace	Z. Roddam	
M. Seymour	M. Walton	
L. Smith	C. Woods	
R. Smith		
9	8	0

RESOLVED

That the budget for the year 2019/2020 be increased by £11,580 to include a provision for addressing outstanding issues identified in the property condition survey, and the Council approve a Precept of £525,188 for the year ended 31st March 2020, resulting in an increase of 2% in Council Tax.

And;

The budget headings for donations be amalgamated.

167.18-19 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 168.18-19 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.....