

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER 2019** at **7.30p.m.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* J Makepeace (Chair)

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

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

81.19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received, however, the Acting Town Clerk read out to Members an email received from Councillor J Lindsay and this was accepted as his apologies.

82.19-20 **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

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

83.19-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared, however, Councillor D Farry advised he would like to speak on agenda item 9.

84.19-20 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

85.19-20 **MINUTES**

a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th September 2019

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella to agree the minutes as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2019 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

86.19-20 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the following Committee:

a) Community Services - 5th June 2019

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor D Farry to receive the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be received.

87.19-20

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND INCOME

Members considered the monthly Statement of Accounts & Income.

Councillor P Atkinson queried if the repairs to the seesaw at King George were covered by the insurance, Mr Shingleton advised this was the case.

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor R Smith to accept the Statement of Accounts & Income.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Accounts & Income be accepted.

88.19-20

WEBSITE

Members considered a report from the Acting Town Clerk.

Moved by Councillor R Smith to accept the recommendations of the report, all members agreed.

RESOLVED

That steps be taken to attempt to recover money from CT-Web and a new developer be appointed to produce a website for the Council as quickly as possible.

89.19-20

MONITORING OFFICER DECISION NOTICE

Members considered a report from the Acting Town Clerk.

Councillor D Farry advised Members that this had been a disappointing time and he will adhere to the decision of the Monitoring Officer, training had been organised for 20th November.

The Acting Town Clerk advised Members that it was suggested by the Monitoring Officer that all policies be reviewed, the Clerk advised her that Council have 69 policies and some were not relevant. It was agreed that the most relevant policies be reviewed, those being;

- a) Filming and Recording Council meetings (with particular reference to recording meetings other than Council meetings)
- b) Member and Officer Relations
- c) Officer Code of Conduct
- d) Bullying and Harassment
- e) Capability

- f) Disciplinary
- g) Dismissal
- h) Grievance
- i) Stress

Moved by Councillor K Campbell, **Seconded by** Councillor P Atkinson that Councillor D Farry resigns forthwith for his bad behaviour.

A named vote was requested:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
C. Atkinson	G. Barker		J. Lindsay
P. Atkinson	J. Cansella		
K. Campbell	D. Farry		
K. Conroy	K. Graham		
Z. Roddam	N. Jones		
M. Walton	J. Makepeace		
C.Woods	M. Seymour		
	L. Smith		
	R. Smith		
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The proposal was defeated.

RESOLVED

That;

- a) Training be arranged as soon as possible for Councillor Farry, and any other Member who may feel it would benefit, in Member/Officer relations and the Member Code of Conduct;
- b) Councillor D Farry be removed from Membership of the Personnel Sub-Committee until the issues with the Town Clerk have been resolved;
- c) The policies identified above be reviewed as soon as possible.

90.19-20

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) National Coal Mining Museum - Request to extend the loan of the Dean and Chapter Miners Colliery Banner to 13th March 2020 (currently on display at the Museum until January 2020)

Moved by Councillor K Campbell, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy to extend the loan of the Dean & Chapter Banner.

All members agreed.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to the National Coal Mining Museum to inform them of the decision.

91.19-20

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members were requested to approve a request that Councillor M Seymour be replaced by Councillor R Smith on the Community Services Committee.

Councillor J Makepeace asked members if they would also allow him to propose a change to the allotment sub-committee, this being that Councillor D Farry be replaced by Councillor J Makepeace. **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella.

Members agreed.

RESOLVED

That Councillor R Smith replace Councillor M Seymour on the Community Services Committee and Councillor J Makepeace replace Councillor D Farry on the Allotment Sub-Committee.

92.19-20

TOWN HALL GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

Members considered a report from the Acting Town Clerk

The Acting Town Clerk informed Members that the boar stone is now in place.

Councillor J Makepeace advised Members that it is hoped the WW2 Memorial Stone will be in place by 11th November.

As per the report the Acting Town Clerk advised Members that if any work is approved it will not be completed by this years Remembrance Services and may be difficult to progress in the winter months, although the steps leading into the garden were in need of repair.

Moved by Councillor D Farry to accept the recommendations of the report.

All Members agreed.

RESOLVED

That Members note the boar stone is now in place and arrangements be made to repair the steps leading into the garden, however, the redevelopment of the garden be deferred until a later date.

93.19-20

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

To consider the following motion from Councillor P Atkinson, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy:

- a) That Ferryhill Town Council agree to re-instate CCTV to all of its parks Currently Ferryhill is plagued with off-road motor-bikes which recently has accumulated to a serious incident in the King George Recreation ground where a child was hit by an off-road bike, I realise that CCTV will not stop ASB but I hope it will act as a deterrent and also support Police when gathering identification information,

Although I do not have costs as of yet I would like Ferryhill Town Council to agree in principle to this motion and I will pursue costs to have available at the November Meeting.

Mr D Shingleton advised the meeting that he had also received a letter from Mrs Val Watson, Secretary of PACT supporting this motion.

Detailed discussion took place on this item and it was **Moved by** Councillor R Smith, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella to defer this item to the next Community Services Meeting where a more detailed report can be provided including costs and technical layout.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred until the Community Services Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

94.19-20 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members were 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.”

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the next section of the meeting. All members of the public left the meeting.

95.19-20 **MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the:

- a) Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2019 (private)
- b) Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2019 (private)
- c) Extraordinary Meeting held on 2 October 2019 (private)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2019 (private) and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2019 (private) be approved as a correct record.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 2 October 2019 (private) had not been circulated and these would be submitted to the next meeting.

96.19-20 **TOWN CLERK UPDATE**

Members considered the details relating to the Town Clerk leaving the employment of the Council, and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that

- a) The details relating to the Town Clerk leaving the employment of the Council be agreed;
- b) The letter from the Town Clerk be received and the contents noted;

- c) The process of recruiting a Town Clerk be started with the support of NEREO; and
- d) A meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee be arranged as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

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