

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held online via Zoom, on **WEDNESDAY, 19th August 2020** at **7.00p.m.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* J Makepeace (Chair)

Councillors: C Atkinson, P Atkinson, J Cansella, K Conroy, D Farry, K Graham,
J Lindsay, N Jones, Z Roddam, R Smith

Officials: D. Anderson, Town Clerk
D. Shingleton, Accountant
K. Younghusband, Events & Projects Officer
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

178.19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors G Barker, K Campbell, M Seymour, L Smith, M Walton. Councillor C Woods was not in attendance but no apologies were received.

179.19-20 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

180.19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests declared.

181.19-20 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2019-20

Members considered a report previously circulated. Mr Shingleton advised members that there would be a delay of in placing the annual return on the Council website, this would be done on Monday 24th August and not Friday 21st August and the public inspection period will start from Tuesday 25th August 2020.

RESOLVED

That, Members:

- a) Note the financial performance for the year 2019/2020 and the financial position at 31 March 2020.
- b) Approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), the Annual Governance Statement, and note the answers given to each of the questions
- c) Approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), the Statement of Accounts for Ferryhill Town Council;
- d) Authorise the Chair of the meeting and the Responsible Financial Officer/Town Clerk to sign the AGAR in the appropriate places on pages 4 and 5 and
- g) Approve the placing of the Return on the Council's website by Monday, 24 August 2020, with the 30 working day public inspection period to start on Tuesday, 25 August 2020 and end on Monday, 6 October 2020, which takes account of the Bank Holiday on Monday 31 August 2020.

182.19-20 DISPENSATION FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED

That all members of council receive a dispensation in relation to Section 85 of the Local Government Act for the period up to and including 6th May 2021 for the reason that not all members may be able to attend a virtual meeting during this pandemic period.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.15pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....