

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held on **WEDNESDAY, 19 May 2021** at **7.00pm** at **Ferryhill Sports and Education Centre.**

PRESENT: *Councillor:* Joe Makepeace (Chair)

Councillors: C Atkinson, P Atkinson, G Barker, C Bihari, K Conroy, P Donald, D Farry, R Hume, B Lamb, Jane Makepeace, R Petitjean, J Quinn, M Seymour, K Tinkler, S Varty, C Woods

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

01.21-22 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the election of a Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Councillor K Conroy nominated Councillor P Atkinson, seconded by Councillor C Woods.

Councillor R Petitjean nominated Councillor D Farry, seconded by Councillor S Varty.

A vote took place:

In favour of Councillor P Atkinson - 8

In favour of Councillor D Farry - 9

RESOLVED

That Councillor D Farry be elected as Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. On taking office Councillor Farry made a declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Farry took the Chair

02.21-22 PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor D Farry asked for a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor and thanked him for his hard work especially during this last year. A socially distanced presentation of a medal was made to Councillor Makepeace to commemorate his term of office.

03.21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies, all members were present.

04.21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

05.21-22 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

06.21-22 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the election of a Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Councillor P Atkinson nominated Councillor C Bihari, seconded by Councillor C Atkinson.

Councillor M Seymour nominated Councillor J Makepeace, seconded by Councillor G Barker.

A vote took place:

In favour of Councillor C Bihari - 8

In favour of Councillor J Makepeace - 9

RESOLVED

That Councillor Joe Makepeace be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

07.21-22 ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLORS 6TH MAY 2021 – RESULTS OF POLL

A copy of the results of the election of Town Councillors was previously circulated to members for information.

RESOLVED

That this information be received.

08.21-22 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED

That appointments be made to Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups as follows:

Policy & Resources Committee

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Peter Atkinson, Kath Conroy, Paul Donald, Dave Farry, Robyn Hume, Jane Makepeace, Joe Makepeace, Ralph Petitjean and Kim Tinkler

Community Services Committee

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Curtis Bihari, Dave Farry, Bernie Lamb, Jane Makepeace, Ralph Petitjean, Joe Quinn, Kim Tinkler, Stephen Varty, Christine Woods

Corporate Governance Committee

Councillors Peter Atkinson, Kath Conroy, Paul Donald, Jane Makepeace, Joe Makepeace, Stephen Varty

Events & Community Engagement Sub-Committee

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Curtis Bihari, Dave Farry, Jane Makepeace, Joe Quinn, Kim Tinkler

Asset Management Sub-Committee

Councillors Peter Atkinson, Kath Conroy, Dave Farry, Ralph Petitjean, Joe Quinn, Stephen Varty

Personnel Sub-Committee

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Robyn Hume, Joe Makepeace, Joe Quinn, Margaret Seymour, Stephen Varty

Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillors Gordon Barker, Curtis Bihari, Kath Conroy, Paul Donald, Kim Tinkler, Stephen Varty

Planning Sub-Committee

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Paul Donald, Bernie Lamb, Jane Makepeace, Ralph Petitjean, Kim Tinkler

Allotment Sub-Committee

Councillors Peter Atkinson, Dave Farry, Bernie Lamb, Joe Makepeace, Ralph Petitjean, Joe Quinn

Complaints Panel

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Dave Farry, Bernie Lamb, Jane Makepeace, Joe Quinn, Margaret Seymour

Budget Review Working Group

Councillors Peter Atkinson, Kath Conroy, Dave Farry, Jane Makepeace, Joe Makepeace, Joe Quinn + 2 Officers

Friends of Ferryhill Working Group

Councillors Peter Atkinson, Curtis Bihari, Paul Donald, Dave Farry, Jane Makepeace, Joe Makepeace

Dean Bank Park Regen Working Group

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Paul Donald, Bernie Lamb, Jane Makepeace, Margaret Seymour, Stephen Varty, together with 2 Officers

Dean Bank Strategic Regen Working Group

Councillors Paul Donald, Dave Farry and Ralph Petitjean, together with the Town Clerk and Events and Projects Officer.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Councillors Carole Atkinson, Peter Atkinson, Christine Woods, together with the Town Clerk & Events & Projects Officer

09.21-22 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

That appointments be made to outside bodies as follows:

County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC)

Councillors C Atkinson and B Lamb, together with the Town Clerk.

Larger Local Councils' Forum

Councillors C Atkinson and B Lamb, together with the Town Clerk.

Dean Bank Residents Association

Councillor G Barker

Mainsforth Bowls, Cricket Club and Football Liasion

Councillor D Farry

National Association of Councillors (NAC)

Councillor C Atkinson

PACT

Councillor K Tinkler

Lafarge

Councillors C Atkinson, G Barker and K Tinkler

Chamber of Commerce

Councillors C Bihari, D Farry and J Quinn

10.21-22

DIARY OF MEETINGS 2021/22

Members considered the diary of meetings for 2021/22, previously circulated.

RESOLVED

That the diary of meetings be approved.

11.21-22

RE-ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

That the Council confirms it continues to meet the necessary criteria to use the General Power of Competence and re-adopts the power.

12.21.-22

DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' EXPENSES 2020/21

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk detailing allowances paid to members during 2020/21, which was previously circulated. It was noted that no allowances or expenses had been paid.

RESOLVED

That the report be approved and the information be published in accordance with the Local Authority (Members Allowances) Regulations 2003.

13.21-22

DIRECT DEBIT, DEBIT CARD AND BACS RENEWAL APPROVAL

Members considered a report of the Finance & Administration Manager, which had been previously circulated

RESOLVED

That the schedule of the direct debits, standing orders and BACS payments paid from the Council's bank account be approved and the continued use of the Councils debit cards as specified be approved.

14.21-22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions raised by Members of the public.

15.21-22 MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of:-

- 1) Special meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 2021.

Councillor D Farry noticed that in minute number 96.20-21 Councillor J Lindsay was recorded on the voting table as voting for and against the proposal. The Clerk advised that the recording would be checked to see how Councillor Lindsay had voted and the minute would be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 2021 be agreed as a true and accurate record subject to the above amendment.

- 2) Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 2021

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 2021 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

16.21-22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND INCOME

Members considered the monthly statement of accounts and income.

Moved by Councillor P Atkinson to approve the Statement of Accounts & Income.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Accounts and Income be received.

17.21-22 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1. Citizens Advice County Durham – Request for financial assistance of £3,431 to provide advice & information service to local residents

Moved by Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor P Atkinson to support the application.

All members agreed.

RESOLVED

That a donation of £3,431 be made to Citizens Advice County Durham.

2. Endeavour Woodcrafts – Request for financial assistance of £200

Moved by Councillor C Atkinson to support this application

All members agreed.

RESOLVED

That Endeavour Woodcrafts be awarded £200.

18.21-22 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.”

19.21-22 BUNGALOW PROJECT DEAN BANK PARK

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk updating members with regard to the latest position relating to the bungalow project.

Members noted that due to increased costs it was no longer economically viable to meet the aspirations of the user groups as envisioned.

Members considered whether the bungalow project, as amended, should be abandoned.

A named vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G Barker	C Atkinson	P Donald	
D Farry	P Atkinson		
Jane Makepeace	C Bihari		
Joe Makepeace	K Conroy		
R Petitjean	R Hume		
J Quinn	B Lamb		
M Seymour	C Woods		
K Tinkler			
S Varty			
9	7	1	0

Moved by Councillor K Conroy – That the bungalow project proceed without additional extension and be offered to History Society; the Town Band remain in the pavilion with new vandal resistant windows with shutters and notice be served on the History Society to vacate the Chapel, Duncombe Cemetery, in order for the refurbishment to take place to provide facilities associated with the cemetery, as already agreed.

A named voted was requested:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
C Atkinson	G Barker	P Donald	
P Atkinson	D Farry		
C Bihari	Jane Makepeace		
K Conroy	Joe Makepeace		
R Hume	R Petitjean		
B Lamb	J Quinn		
C Woods	M Seymour		

	K Tinkler		
	S Varty		
7	9	1	0

This proposal was defeated.

Moved by Councillor J Makepeace – That Council give delegated authority to the Town Clerk to consult the user groups, and seek out and visit other viable properties in Ferryhill, including Kingdom Hall, which could provide suitable alternative to the "Bungalow project". To report back to Council via a special meeting, if necessary, to ensure a degree of rapidity is injected into this already lengthy, protracted project.

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G Barker	C Atkinson	P Donald	
D Farry	P Atkinson	B Lamb	
Jane Makepeace	C Bihari		
Joe Makepeace	K Conroy		
R Petitjean	R Hume		
J Quinn	C Woods		
M Seymour			
K Tinkler			
S Varty			
9	6	2	0

This proposal was agreed.

RESOLVED

1. That the Dean Bank Bungalow project be abandoned.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk to consult the user groups, and seek out and visit other viable properties in Ferryhill, including Kingdom Hall, which could provide suitable alternative to the "Bungalow project". To report back to Council via a special meeting, if necessary, to ensure a degree of rapidity is injected into this already lengthy, protracted project.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....