

## FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held on **WEDNESDAY, 5 April 2023** at **6.00 pm** at **Ferryhill Town Hall, Chapel Terrace, Ferryhill.**

**PRESENT: Councillor:** C Atkinson (Chair)

**Councillors:** P Atkinson, G Barker, C Bihari, S Bowron, K Conroy,  
D Farry, L Fellows, R Hume, S Jones, J Makepeace, C Woods

**Officials:** D Anderson, Town Clerk,  
S Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

### **102.22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor B Lamb, P Donald, J Quinn & K Tinkler.

### **103.22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Farry declared an interest in agenda item 6 – Enhanced Football Facilities – Dean Bank as a member of Ferryhill Athletic Football Club.

Councillor C Bihari pointed out that although he and Councillor P Atkinson had declared an interest in the Enhanced Football Facilities item at the Resources Committee in respect of their funding the project as County Councillors, they had since been advised by the Governance Solicitor at DCC that they were not required to declare an interest in respect of the funding of the project at a Town Council meeting.

### **104.22-23 MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

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

### **105.22-23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

### **106.22-23 MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of:-

a. Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Councillor C Bihari commented on the statement made by Councillor Farry in item no. 94.22-23, he confirmed that he didn't actually say what Councillor Farry had said and he wasn't happy that Councillor Farry had tried to amend the minutes with something he didn't say.

**Moved by** Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Makepeace to accept the minutes.

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

b. Human Resources Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

**Moved by** Councillor L Fellows to accept the minutes.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

c. Community Services Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Moved by** Councillor C Bihari to accept the minutes.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

d. Corporate Governance Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Moved by** Councillor P Atkinson to accept the minutes.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

e. Resources Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Moved by** Councillor K Conroy to accept the minutes.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Resources Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

At this point Councillor D Farry left the meeting.

**107.22-23 ENHANCED FOOTBALL FACILITIES – DEAN BANK**

Members considered a report which was previously circulated, the Clerk advised Members that this item had been referred to Council from the Resources Committee meeting held last week.

**Moved by** Councillor C Bihari, **Seconded by** Councillor K Conroy, to accept the recommendations of the report but to amend recommendation no. 2 to read

Should approvals of the grant not be received by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Town Council fund the project to ensure facilities are in place by the Wearside League's deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023, unless it was not numerically possible for Ferryhill Athletic FC to gain promotion by that date in which case the work could be completed when the grant was received.

All members agreed.

## RESOLVED

That:

1. An application for Neighbourhood Funding and Towns & Villages funding via Councillors Bihari, Quinn and P Atkinson be noted.
2. Should approvals of the grant not be received by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Town Council fund the project to ensure facilities are in place by the Wearside League's deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023, unless it was not numerically possible for Ferryhill Athletic FC to gain promotion by that date in which case the work could be completed when the grant was received.
3. 2 no Team Shelters be obtained from Net World Sports at a cost of £5,991.60
4. The quote from Burnell Fencing Limited at a cost of £10,857 be accepted

Councillor D Farry returned to the meeting.

### 108.22-23 DAVY STREET / BRUNEL STREET ALLOTMENTS

Members considered a report which was previously circulated.

**Moved by** Councillor J Makepeace, **Seconded by** Councillor D Farry to amend the recommendations and that the Council only take over the Brunel Street Allotment Site.

A named vote was requested and Members voted on the amendment first.

| FOR         | AGAINST    | ABSTAIN  | ABSENT    |
|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| G Barker    | C Atkinson |          | P Donald  |
| D Farry     | P Atkinson |          | B Lamb    |
| J Makepeace | C Bihari   |          | J Quinn   |
|             | S Bowron   |          | K Tinkler |
|             | K Conroy   |          |           |
|             | L Fellows  |          |           |
|             | R Hume     |          |           |
|             | S Jones    |          |           |
|             | C Woods    |          |           |
|             |            |          |           |
| <b>3</b>    | <b>9</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b>  |

**Moved by** Councillor K Conroy, **Seconded by** Councillor L Fellows to accept the recommendations of the report and not take over ownership of the allotments at Davy Street and Brunel Street.

| FOR        | AGAINST     | ABSTAIN | ABSENT    |
|------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| C Atkinson | G Barker    |         | P Donald  |
| P Atkinson | D Farry     |         | B Lamb    |
| C Bihari   | J Makepeace |         | J Quinn   |
| S Bowron   |             |         | K Tinkler |

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|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| K Conroy  |          |          |          |
| L Fellows |          |          |          |
| R Hume    |          |          |          |
| S Jones   |          |          |          |
| C Woods   |          |          |          |
|           |          |          |          |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> |

**RESOLVED**

That the Council do not to take over ownership of the allotments at Davy Street and Brunel Street.

**109.22-23 MOTIONS**

- Moved by** Councillor J Makepeace, **Seconded by** Councillor D Farry that Council institute formal assessment / appraisal protocols for all staff.

Most organisations adopt these protocols for the purpose of staff development, allowing for free and frank discussion dealing with strengths, weaknesses, aspiration, training needs etc. Sadly FTC has been neglectful in this respect and should embrace this important development measure as soon as practically possible.

Templates exist for most larger councils, indeed several smaller councils already develop staff through appraisal systems.

It may be council decide to outsource the function, or manage internally. Either way the protocol should be instituted without undue delay.

A named vote was requested.

| <b>FOR</b>  | <b>AGAINST</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| G Barker    | C Atkinson     |                | P Donald      |
| D Farry     | P Atkinson     |                | B Lamb        |
| S Jones     | C Bihari       |                | J Quinn       |
| J Makepeace | S Bowron       |                | K Tinkler     |
|             | K Conroy       |                |               |
|             | L Fellows      |                |               |
|             | R Hume         |                |               |
|             | C Woods        |                |               |
|             |                |                |               |
| <b>4</b>    | <b>8</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>4</b>      |

**RESOLVED**

That this motion be defeated.

- Moved by** Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Makepeace that FTC agree to commence work asap on the Neighbourhood Plan. Use the template the Grants and Projects Officer has already started and completed the consultation within 12 months. Costs to come from identified reserves.

A named voter was requested.

| <b>FOR</b>  | <b>AGAINST</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| G Barker    | C Atkinson     |                | P Donald      |
| D Farry     | P Atkinson     |                | B Lamb        |
| S Jones     | C Bihari       |                | J Quinn       |
| J Makepeace | S Bowron       |                | K Tinkler     |
|             | K Conroy       |                |               |
|             | L Fellows      |                |               |
|             | R Hume         |                |               |
|             | C Woods        |                |               |
|             |                |                |               |
| <b>4</b>    | <b>8</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>4</b>      |

**RESOLVED**

That this motion be defeated.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.55pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

**CHAIR**.....

**DATE**.....