

Minutes of the Meeting of the **ALLOTMENTS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2015 AT 5.00 P.M.**

Present: Councillor Anderson, (Chair) and Councillors Blackburn, Fleming and S. Zair.

Also Present: Councillor Brownson, David Anderson (Town Clerk)

A&E.22/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present.

A&E.23/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

A&E.24/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

A&E.25/14 REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO AN ALLOTMENT GARDEN

N.B. As a result of Councillors Blackburn and Zair declaring an interest in this item the meeting became inquorate. The item would therefore be submitted to the next meeting of Town Council.

A&E.26/14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with the provisions 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 press and public for the remaining item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

A&E.27/14 REVIEW OF TENANCY

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk updating member in relation to a review of two allotment tenancies. Members noted details of the legal advice obtained and correspondence with solicitors.

Notices to Quit had been issued to both tenants which had expired. The next stage was to instruct the Council's solicitors to seek court orders to regain possession of the allotments.

- RECOMMENDED:**
1. That the information be noted be noted and action taken be endorsed.
 2. That the Council's solicitors be instructed to seek court orders to regain possession of the allotments.
 3. That the Town Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman of the Allotments and Environment Committee, to take any further action necessary to regain possession of the allotment plots.

Signed:
Chair