



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Thursday, 18 May 2023 at 7.15 pm in The Octagon, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor O Cross (Chair)

Councillors R Baker, A Barrow, P Bell, A Benham, J Benzer, D Capper, G Claff, N Clarke, J Collins, G Cross, D Elliott-Starkey, S Evans, C Farrell, S Gardner, N Gourlay, D Greenhalgh, L Grooby, P Hacking, P Hardy, B Hastings-Asatourian, A Hopkinson, I Huddleston, Inman, K Kirkham, D Lomax, A McKeown, C Morton, C Payne, R Quinn, P Reddy, P Roberts, G Scott, E Siddall, K Sizeland, F Sloman, J Taylor, M Taylor and J Todd

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S De Pee, M Hall, P Mackie and R McKeown

24/1 ELECTION OF MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH (Agenda Item 2)

It was moved by Councillor Sloman and seconded by Councillor Barrow:

That Councillor Peter Inman be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Council and Mayor of the Borough of High Peak until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

The newly elected Mayor, having made and subscribed before the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer the Declaration of Acceptance of Office took the Chair, which was vacated by the outgoing Mayor and thanked members of the Council for electing him to the office of Mayor.

24/2 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH (Agenda Item 3)

It was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh and seconded by Councillor Siddall that:

“Councillor Stewart Gardner be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council and Deputy Mayor of the Borough of High Peak until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor Gardner then made and subscribed before the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

24/3 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

(Agenda Item 4)

Councillor A McKeown moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Ollie Cross, the retiring Mayor. Councillor Siddall seconded the motion and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor Cross, in response to the vote of thanks, thanked Mr John Morris, Mrs Julie Fawkes, Councillor Oakley and members past and present and gave his best wishes to the new Mayor and Mayoress.

24/4 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL

(Agenda Item 5)

There were no declarations made.

24/5 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda Item 6)

It was moved by Councillor Anthony McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The motion was carried and the Mayor was authorised to sign the minutes.

24/6 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Agenda Item 7)

The Mayor thanked the retiring Mayor and Mayoress and stated that he would champion the work of the Council. He confirmed that his wife, Lois Blackburn, would be his Mayoress for the year. He was considering choices for fundraising and would welcome suggestions from councillors.

24/7 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE

(Agenda Item 8)

It was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh and seconded by Councillor Sloman that Councillor A. McKeown be appointed as Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor A. McKeown reported to Council that Executive responsibilities would be allocated as follows:

- Councillor A. McKeown - Leader
- Councillor Greenhalgh (Deputy Leader) – regeneration, tourism and leisure
- Councillor Sloman – housing and licensing
- Councillor Todd – climate change and environment
- Councillor Barrow - corporate services and finance

- Councillor Claff – community safety and planning

Councillors Baker and M. Taylor were appointed as Assistant Executive Members.

The following Member Champions were also appointed:

Councillor G Cross – Mental Health
Councillor Inman – Armed Forces
Councillor J Taylor - Carers

24/8 SIZE AND POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

(Agenda Item 9)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the size and political composition of committees as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/9 NOMINATIONS FROM THE POLITICAL GROUPS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

(Agenda Item 10)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the size and political composition of committees as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

(Agenda Item 11)

Development Control Committee

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor R. McKeown be appointed Chair of Development Control Committee.

When put to the it was RESOLVED accordingly.

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor Lomax be appointed Vice-Chair of Development Control Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

Audit & Regulatory Committee

It was moved by Councillor A McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor O Cross be appointed Chair of Audit & Regulatory Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

It was moved by Councillor A McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor M Taylor be appointed Vice-Chair of Audit & Regulatory Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOVLED accordingly.

Standards Committee

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor Quinn be appointed Chair of Standards Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

It was moved by Councillor A McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor Hacking be appointed Vice-Chair of Standards Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

Licensing Committee

It was moved by Councillor A McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor Baker be appointed Chair of Licensing Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

It was moved by Councillor A McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor De Pee be appointed Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

Appointment and Appeals Panel

It was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh and seconded by Councillor Barrow that Councillor A. McKeown be appointed Chair of the Appointment and Appeals Panel.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/11

TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2023/24

(Agenda Item 12)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the Schedule of Meetings 2023 – 2024 be approved. It was stated that some dates of select committee meetings may change and that following the scrutiny review the Select Committee Programming Group would meet shortly.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/12 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

(Agenda Item 13)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillors Huddleston and Farrell be appointed as members of the Peak District National Park Authority until the Borough Council all-out elections.

When put to the meeting the motion was carried and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/13 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

(Agenda Item 14)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Councillor Claff be appointed as the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel and that Cllr Barrow be appointed as substitute.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/14 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 15)

24/14a APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

(Agenda Item 15a)

It was moved by Councillor A McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that Mr Philip Carnall be appointed as the Authority's primary Independent Person.

Councillors paid tribute to Mr Peter Matthews for his long and distinguished service.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

24/15 TO RESOLVE THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BECAUSE THERE MAY BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

(Agenda Item)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there maybe disclosure of

exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

24/16 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(Agenda Item 16)

The Leader of the Council responded to a question received from Councillor Gourlay with regards to what meetings had taken place between the Borough Council and Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council to discuss the parish council's financial position and the outcomes of those meetings.

The meeting concluded at 8.24 pm

MAYOR