



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Thursday, 25th February 2016 at 7.15 pm in The Arts Centre, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor Young (Mayor)

Councillors Ashton, Atkins, Barrow, Boynton, Douglas, Dowson, Easter, Flower, Fox, Greenhalgh, Grooby, Haken, Hardy, Helliwell, Huddleston, Jenner, Johnson, Kappes, Kelly, Kemp, Kerr, Lomax, McCabe, A McKeown, R McKeown, Perkins, Pritchard, Quinn, Robins, Siddall, Sizeland, Sloman, Stone, Thrane, Todd, Walton, G Wharmby and J Wharmby.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Claff, Howe, Longos and Oakley.

At the beginning of the meeting the Mayor asked Members of the Council to join him in a minute's silence as a remark of respect for former Councillor and Mayor Jane Inglefield, who had recently passed away.

16/37 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST** (Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Ashton

Other Interest - Item 11 - Wife is a magistrate

16/38 **MINUTES** (Agenda item 3)

It was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015 be approved as a correct record.

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

16/39 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Agenda item 4)

The Mayor confirmed that his Charity Dinner would take place on 9th April 2016 at the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton.



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QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN

(Agenda item 5)

Mr Sweetmore submitted the following question for the Executive Councillor for Finance and Corporate Services:

“Mr Ashton. I have no problem with elected members both in parliament and elected councillors I have no problem with said elected members employing their own management team, what I have a problem with is non-elected members on said council mainly in the public sector and at senior level are members of SOLACE (the society of local authority chief executives) based in London as is central government, as these said public servants on freedom of information request take up 14 percent of income and expenditure which on last years statement of accounts gross expenditure £48,490,000.00 and central government provides the majority of funding including the largest grant housing benefits in the sum of £22,400,000.00 fees and charges raised a further £10,800,000.00 council tax in the sum of £5,000,000.00 retained business rates in the sum of £2,600,000.00 total revenue funding of £45,500,000.00 meaning a surplus of £2,990,000.00 why? which should reduce said government grants and which is a subsidy and also should reduce council tax accordingly which it didn't in 2015-16, so why didn't FCO report this indiscrepancy to FCO DCC as required by law?”

Response from Councillor Emily Thrane – Executive Councillor for Finance and Corporate Services:

“The question appears to be based on a number of misunderstandings about the 2014/2015 Statement of Accounts and the Council's accountabilities. The Income and Expenditure Statement summarises the resources (excluding the Housing Revenue Account) that have been generated and consumed in providing services and managing the Council during the year. This shows a gross expenditure for the year of £48.49 million. However, as set out clearly in the accounts, gross expenditure includes nominal charges made for the use of capital assets and future pension liabilities. Their inclusion is required to allow comparison between councils as to the true cost of providing services. However, statutory provisions require that such charges are excluded from the amount charged to council tax payers. These charges are removed to determine actual revenue expenditure. Actual revenue expenditure for the year was £45.5 million. The amount of revenue funding (e.g. government grants, council tax, business rates, fees and charges etc) also amounted to £45.5 million. If income were to exceed expenditure in any year, then the surplus would be added to the Council's reserves. Each year the Council's accounts are audited by external auditors and reported to the Council's Audit and Regulatory Committee. The Council is not accountable to Derbyshire County Council. The Council's auditors, Grant Thornton, issued an unqualified opinion on the Council's 2014/15 financial statements on 30 September



2015. Their opinion confirms that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Council's financial position and of the income and expenditure recorded by the Council.”

Mr Sweetmore asked a supplementary question regarding the way in which the council tax is calculated, to which the Executive Councillor agreed to provide a written response. This was as follows:

“The High Peak Borough Council 2016/17 budget approved at Council on 25th February 2016 set out the amount required to be collected in Council Tax as £5,270,520. To establish a Band D equivalent Council Tax payable, the amount to be collected is divided by the tax base (the number of properties against which the tax is collected).

This is calculated as below:-

Number of Properties in the Borough	41,221
Number of properties after applying discounts, reliefs and conversion to 'Band D' equivalents:	29,956
We then assume a 99% collection rate which further reduces the tax base	29,654

£5,270,520 divided by 29,654 results in a Band D equivalent Council Tax payable of £177.73 in 2016/17. This will then in reality vary dependent of the band of the property – so properties in Band A-C will attract a lower Council Tax liability and properties in Band E-H will attract a higher Council Tax liability.

This represents only the High Peak Borough Council share of Council Tax. There are then additional charges made by the Parish Councils, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue.

The link below shows the Council Tax Setting report for 2016/17, which was presented to Council on 25th February 2016. The appendices show the total Council Tax charge per Band per Parish for 2016/17.

http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/sites/default/files/meetings/papers/papers-569187341/8_council_tax_setting_2016-17.pdf”

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2016

(Agenda item 6)

- a) It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Ashton that Council:



- Approves the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2016/17 as detailed in Appendix A (section 8)
- Approves the revised Medium Term Financial Plan (2016/17 to 2019/20) as detailed in Appendix A, including the revised Capital Programme (attached at Annex A)
- Approves the proposed Fees and Charges for 2016/17 as detailed in Appendix B;
- Approves a Band D Council Tax of £177.73 for 2016/17 (increase of 1.9%)
- Approves the following HRA charges:-
 - Dwelling rents to reduce by 1% (over 52 weeks) from an average of £72.22 to £71.47 per week
 - Garage rents to be increased by 1% (over 52 weeks) from an average of £6.04 to £6.10 per week
 - Other charges including Sheltered Housing service charges to increase by a maximum of 1%
 - Fuel Charges to increase by 1.45%
 - Notes the view of the Chief Finance Officer that the level of reserves are adequate for the Council based on this budget and the circumstances in place at the time of preparing it

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, councillors voted as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Ashton		Atkins
Barrow		
Boynton		
Douglas		
Dowson		
Easter		
Flower		
Fox		
Greenhalgh		
Grooby		
Haken		
Hardy		
Helliwell		
Huddleston		
Jenner		
Johnson		
Kappes		
Kelly		
Kemp		
Kerr		



FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Lomax		
McCabe		
McKeown, A		
McKeown, R		
Perkins		
Pritchard		
Quinn		
Robins		
Siddall		
Sizeland		
Stone		
Thrane		
Todd		
Walton		
Wharmby, G		
Wharmby, J		
Young		

The recommendations were declared carried and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

16/42 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT & REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 23 FEBRUARY 2016
(Agenda item 7)

It was moved by Councillor Pritchard and seconded by Councillor Barrow that:

a) Treasury Management Update: Mid Year Report 2015/16

That the current Treasury Management position (as at 31 December 2015) be noted.

b) Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2016/17

That the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2016/17 be approved.

c) External Audit 2015/16 Audit Plan

That the report be noted.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.



16/43 TO SET THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINNING 1ST APRIL 2016
(Agenda item 8)

It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Ashton that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council in accordance with Sections 31A and 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011);

- (a) £50,287,322 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act. (Gross Expenditure on General Fund Services, and Parish Precepts)
- (b) £44,475,480 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. (Gross Income including External Financing and the Use of Reserves)
- (c) £5,811,842 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Amount to be Funded from Council Tax)
- (d) £195.98 being the amount at (c) above divided by the tax base, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31 (B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (Average Local Council Tax)
- (e) Appendix B being Council Tax for the HPBC Borough divided by the tax base plus the Parish Precept and any amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area divided the local tax base. (Band D Charges for each Parish)
- (f) Appendix C being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (Charges for all Bands)



- (g) Appendix D being the aggregate of the local charges in (f) above and the amounts levied by major precepting authorities. (Total Council Tax charge for each Band in each Parish)

APPENDIX B

Local Council Tax at Band D – 2016/17

(Total of the Borough charge plus the named Town or Parish Council)

Parish	
Bamford with Thornhill	£192.75
Brough & Shatton	£177.73
Buxton, Hadfield & Glossop	£177.73
Castleton	£214.62
Chapel-en-le-Frith	£213.18
Charlesworth	£188.72
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside	£226.76
Chisworth	£209.73
Derwent & Hope Woodlands	£198.45
Edale	£209.61
Hartington Upper Quarter	£211.35
Hayfield	£222.23
Hope With Aston	£193.78
King Sterndale	£177.73
New Mills	£239.91
Peak Forest	£223.83
Tintwistle	£212.80
Whaley Bridge	£211.38
Wormhill and Green Fairfield	£189.29

APPENDIX C

Local Council Tax All Bands – 2016/17

(Total of the Borough charge plus the named Town or Parish Council)

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bamford with Thornhill	128.50	149.91	171.33	192.75	235.59	278.42	321.25	385.50
Brough & Shatton	118.49	138.23	157.98	177.73	217.23	256.72	296.22	355.46
Buxton, Hadfield & Glossop	118.49	138.23	157.98	177.73	217.23	256.72	296.22	355.46
Castleton	143.08	166.92	190.77	214.62	262.32	310.01	357.70	429.24
Chapel-en-le-Frith	142.12	165.80	189.49	213.18	260.56	307.93	355.30	426.36
Charlesworth	125.82	146.78	167.75	188.72	230.66	272.59	314.54	377.44
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside	151.18	176.36	201.56	226.76	277.16	327.54	377.94	453.52
Chisworth	139.82	163.12	186.42	209.73	256.34	302.94	349.55	419.46
Derwent & Hope Woodlands	132.30	154.35	176.40	198.45	242.55	286.65	330.75	396.90
Edale	139.74	163.03	186.32	209.61	256.19	302.77	349.35	419.22
Hartington Upper Quarter	140.90	164.38	187.86	211.35	258.32	305.28	352.25	422.70
Hayfield	148.16	172.84	197.54	222.23	271.62	321.00	370.39	444.46
Hope With Aston	129.19	150.71	172.25	193.78	236.85	279.90	322.97	387.56



Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18
King Sterndale	118.49	138.23	157.98	177.73	217.23	256.72	296.22	355.46
New Mills	159.94	186.59	213.25	239.91	293.23	346.54	399.85	479.82
Peak Forest	149.22	174.09	198.96	223.83	273.57	323.31	373.05	447.66
Tintwistle	141.87	165.51	189.15	212.80	260.09	307.38	354.67	425.60
Whaley Bridge	140.92	164.40	187.89	211.38	258.36	305.33	352.30	422.76
Wormhill and Green Fairfield	126.20	147.22	168.26	189.29	231.36	273.42	315.49	378.58

APPENDIX D

Total Council Tax – 2016/17

(Total of the Borough, County, Police and Fire Service charges plus the named Town or Parish Council)

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bamford with Thornhill	1,070.78	1,249.23	1,427.71	1,606.17	1,963.11	2,320.03	2,676.95	3,212.34
Brough & Shatton	1,060.77	1,237.55	1,414.36	1,591.15	1,944.75	2,298.33	2,651.92	3,182.30
Buxton, Hadfield & Glossop	1,060.77	1,237.55	1,414.36	1,591.15	1,944.75	2,298.33	2,651.92	3,182.30
Castleton	1,085.36	1,266.24	1,447.15	1,628.04	1,989.84	2,351.62	2,713.40	3,256.08
Chapel-en-le-Frith	1,084.40	1,265.12	1,445.87	1,626.60	1,988.08	2,349.54	2,711.00	3,253.20
Charlesworth	1,068.10	1,246.10	1,424.13	1,602.14	1,958.18	2,314.20	2,670.24	3,204.28
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside	1,093.46	1,275.68	1,457.94	1,640.18	2,004.68	2,369.15	2,733.64	3,280.36
Chisworth	1,082.10	1,262.44	1,442.80	1,623.15	1,983.86	2,344.55	2,705.25	3,246.30
Derwent & Hope Woodlands	1,074.58	1,253.67	1,432.78	1,611.87	1,970.07	2,328.26	2,686.45	3,223.74
Edale	1,082.02	1,262.35	1,442.70	1,623.03	1,983.71	2,344.38	2,705.05	3,246.06
Hartington Upper Quarter	1,083.18	1,263.70	1,444.24	1,624.77	1,985.84	2,346.89	2,707.95	3,249.54
Hayfield	1,090.44	1,272.16	1,453.92	1,635.65	1,999.14	2,362.61	2,726.09	3,271.30
Hope With Aston	1,071.47	1,250.03	1,428.63	1,607.20	1,964.37	2,321.51	2,678.67	3,214.40
King Sterndale	1,060.77	1,237.55	1,414.36	1,591.15	1,944.75	2,298.33	2,651.92	3,182.30
New Mills	1,102.22	1,285.91	1,469.63	1,653.33	2,020.75	2,388.15	2,755.55	3,306.66
Peak Forest	1,091.50	1,273.41	1,455.34	1,637.25	2,001.09	2,364.92	2,728.75	3,274.50
Tintwistle	1,084.15	1,264.83	1,445.53	1,626.22	1,987.61	2,348.99	2,710.37	3,252.44
Whaley Bridge	1,083.20	1,263.72	1,444.27	1,624.80	1,985.88	2,346.94	2,708.00	3,249.60
Wormhill and Green Fairfield	1,068.48	1,246.54	1,424.64	1,602.71	1,958.88	2,315.03	2,671.19	3,205.42

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

16/44

LEADERS' UPDATE: NORTH MIDLANDS DEVOLUTION DEAL

(Agenda item 9)

Further to the recommendations contained in the report it was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that:-

- The Combined Authority/Devo Deal negotiated by the North Midlands Negotiation Team with Government is not appropriate for High Peak on account of our geographical position, transport,



employment, cultural and social links with Greater Manchester and other neighbouring authorities outside the “North Midlands” area;

- The Council supports the report of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee that elected mayors are not necessarily suitable for areas with multiple identities and existing quite complex governance arrangements, with the added risk of public confusion;
- The Council requests officers to reopen discussions with the Greater Manchester City Region and other neighbouring authorities to develop long-term joint arrangements and alliances more appropriate to the economic and social geography of High Peak and the interests of its residents;
- The Council wishes those authorities that have agreed to participate in the deal well and looks forward to continuing positive and fruitful arrangements with them and the Combined Authority in the interests of High Peak residents in the future.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

16/45 LOCAL PLAN – LEADER’S UPDATE
(Agenda item 10)

It was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that the report on the progress of the High Peak Local Plan be noted.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

16/46 PROPOSAL ON THE PROVISION OF COURT AND TRIBUNAL ESTATE IN THE MIDLANDS REGION
(Agenda item 11)

It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Lomax that the Council be invited to comment on the response to the consultation document issued by HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) regarding the proposal on the provision of the court and tribunal estate in the Midlands Region.

Councillors considered that the consultation exercise was flawed and that the response did not address the needs of the High Peak. Whilst the retention of Stockport Magistrates’ and County Court was welcomed, this should be subject to consultation. It was the view of the Council that all High Peak cases should be heard in either Stockport or Manchester, with none being referred to Chesterfield Justice Centre due to transport and cost implications. The Council’s views would be forwarded to the HMCTS.



When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

16/47 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17
(Agenda item 12)

It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Ashton that the Pay Policy statement for 2016/17 be noted.

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

16/48 NOTICE OF MOTION – FRACKING
(Agenda item 13)

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Todd:

“That this Council resolves to request the Leader and the Chief Executive of the Council to formally register the concerns of the Council regarding the use of unconventional gas exploration and extraction within the High Peak, with the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), and to inform the DECC that this Council would not currently be in a position to support this form of development.

In addition, this Council resolves to approach the Environment Agency to lend its support to the development of alternative sources of energy supply more suited to the High Peak and the Peak District National Park. This Council recognises that these would generate local employment and business opportunities and have significantly less negative impact on the integrity of the area. As well as the consideration of large scale alternative energy supplies consideration should be given to the production of small scale hydro power as detailed by Friends of the Peak District.”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor McCabe:

The Council is aware of both the benefits of and concerns about ‘fracking’, both generally and in High Peak. If proposals for fracking within or with implications for the High Peak area and its residents are made, the Council, in its role as a consultee, will respond in the light of the evidence to each specific application at the appropriate time”.

When put to the meeting, the amendment was declared lost.

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



The meeting concluded at 8.54 p.m.

MAYOR





MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Thursday, 14th April 2016 at 7.15 pm in Gardens Marquee, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor Young (Mayor)

Councillors Ashton, Barrow, Claff, Douglas, Easter, Flower, Fox, Grooby, Haken, Hardy, Howe, Huddlestone, Jenner, Johnson, Kappes, Kelly, Kemp, Kerr, Lomax, Longos, McCabe, A McKeown, R McKeown, Perkins, Quinn, Robins, Siddall, Sloman, Stone, Thrane, Todd and Walton and G Wharmby.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atkins, Boynton, Dowson, Helliwell, Greenhalgh, Oakley, Pritchard, Sizeland and J Wharmby.

16/49 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Agenda item 2)

Councillor Claff Other Interest Item 3 – Known to Friends of George Street Woods (not a member).

16/50 THE ADOPTION OF THE HIGH PEAK LOCAL PLAN

(Agenda item 3)

The report informed the Council of the Final Report of the Inspector regarding the Examination of the High Peak Local Plan. Councillors expressed their thanks to officers for the delivery of the Plan. It was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp:

1. That the Council notes the Final Report of the Inspector and his recommended main modifications (Appendix C and D).
2. That the Council notes the consultation feedback regarding the additional modifications, supports the suggested Council responses (Appendix G) and supports the inclusion of the additional modifications as set out in Appendix E and F into the High Peak Local Plan.
3. That the Council adopts the High Peak Local Plan (Appendix A) with the main modifications recommended by the Inspector (Appendix D) and the additional modifications proposed by the Council (Appendix E and F).



4. That the Council delegates to the Executive Director (Place) authority to prepare the Policies Map to illustrate geographically the application of the policies in the adopted Local Plan.
5. That the Council delegates to the Executive Director (Place) authority to make further additional modifications to the Local Plan that relate to factual updates, grammatical and formatting corrections

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 p.m.

MAYOR