



## MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Meeting: Thursday, 13 September 2018 at 7.15 pm in The Arts Centre, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton**

**Present:** Councillor L Grooby (Chairman)

Councillors T Ashton, R Atkins, A Barrow, J Douglas, L Dowson, P Easter, S Flower, J Haken, S Helliwell, C Howe, I Huddleston, P Jenner, J Kappes, E Kelly, T Kemp, D Kerr, D Lomax, J McCabe, A McKeown, R McKeown, G Oakley, J Perkins, J Pritchard, R Quinn, P N Roberts, E Siddall, K Sizeland, F Sloman, E Thrane, J Todd, J Walton, G Wharmby and J Wharmby

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Claff, A Fox, D Greenhalgh, P Hardy, C Johnson, N Longos, M Stone and S Young

**18/10 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL**  
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest made.

**18/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**  
(Agenda Item 3)

It was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that the minutes of the Ordinary and Annual meetings of Council held on 3 May 2018 be approved as a correct record.

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

**18/12 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(Agenda Item 4)

The Mayor announced that there would be a Special meeting of Council on 7 November 2018 to award the Freedom of the Borough to the branches of the Royal British Legion within the High Peak area, which would be followed by a reception.

The Mayor's Civic Service would be on 23 September at Buxton Methodist Church.

The Mayor's Civic Ball would be held on 9 March 2019 in Pavilion Gardens.

**18/13 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - 21 JUNE 2018**  
(Agenda Item 6)

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

**Performance Framework 2018/19 (incorporating the Annual Report 2017/18 and revised Corporate Plan 2018 – 2019)**

Approve the revised Corporate Plan.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

**18/14 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - 25 JULY 2018**  
(Agenda Item 7)

It was moved by Councillor Sloman and seconded by Councillor Sizeland that Council:

**Annual Treasury Management Report 2017/18**

Approve the Annual Treasury Management Report 2017/18

**Treasury Management Update: Mid-Year Report 2018/19**

Note the treasury management position (as at 30 June 2018)

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

**18/15 NOTICE OF MOTION - AIR POLLUTION**  
(Agenda Item 8a)

It was moved by Councillor Lomax and seconded by Councillor Atkins:

“This council welcomes the recent press release highlighting the problems of air pollution caused by traffic in the Tintwistle area and the establishing of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). However, this is not the only area in the High Peak where pollution from traffic is a concern. The late summer opening of the Manchester Airport Relief Road from its junction with the A6, south of Hazel Grove, through to the Airport may have serious consequences for future traffic flow along the A6 in the High Peak - with the section between the Bridgemont Roundabout, near Whaley Bridge, and the Cheshire East boundary at Newtown being the worst affected. It is widely anticipated that the opening of the Relief Road will attract additional traffic from all over the East Midlands onto the A6, bound for Manchester Airport and the motorway network – traffic which has previously used a variety of other routes.

This Council is concerned about the likely adverse health effects caused by increased air pollution, as well as further deteriorating traffic congestion – and calls for High Peak Borough Council to:

- publicise the results of monitoring of air quality that has taken place along the A6 route since 2010.
- initiate an increase in air quality monitoring along the affected route – with a trial monthly operation for the first year after the opening of the relief road in the case of the A6 through Bridgemont, Furness Vale and Newtown
- liaise with Network Rail and Northern on how they can provide radically enhanced parking facilities at stations in the affected area, in an attempt to persuade even more motorists to commute by rail
- liaise with Derbyshire County Council - and other nearby highway authorities - about the long-term implications of predicted increase in traffic along the A6 corridor.”

When put to the meeting it was RESOLVED accordingly.

**18/16 NOTICE OF MOTION - HOUSEHOLD WASTE BIN CHARGES**  
(Agenda Item 8b)

It was moved by Councillor Atkins and seconded by Councillor Lomax:

“This Council believes that the current system of deciding whether or not to charge a householder for replacing a damaged or missing waste bin is inconsistent.

At present, with regard to damaged bins, the Council agrees to bear the cost of a damaged bin when it is accepted that the Council’s waste contractor is responsible for the damage - otherwise the householder is asked to pay.

On the other hand, the Council asks the householder to pay for replacement of all missing bins – regardless of who is culpable.

This Council meeting now resolves that this situation is unacceptable and that where there is clear evidence that a householder is not responsible for the disappearance of one or more waste bins from their property and, particularly, where there is a strong suggestion that the Council may bear responsibility - such as on collection day - then the Council should carry the cost.”

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Ashton that the motion should be referred to the Community Select Committee for consideration.

When put to the meeting, the amendment was RESOLVED accordingly.

**18/17 NOTICE OF MOTION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING**  
(Agenda Item 8c)

It was moved by Councillor Kelly, and seconded by Councillor Sloman:

“This Council believes:

1. Local authorities have reached the point where relentless financial cutbacks are putting the well-being of vulnerable adults and children at risk, Lord Porter, the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association has stated that Local Government services are at 'breaking point', and in consequence there is urgent need for significant and 'genuinely new additional Government funding' to be made available for Local Government, and that there is an urgent need for Central Government to resume wide-scale investment.

In light of the above, this Council therefore resolves to:

1. Request that the Chief Executive of the High Peak Borough Council prepares a letter, to be addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, supporting Lord Porter's calls for 'genuinely new additional Government funding' for Local Government as part of a wider call for an end to 'austerity'."

As an amendment, it was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor McCabe:

This Council notes Lord Gary Porter's remarks about the financial challenges facing local government as reported in the Guardian of 3 July 2018 immediately before the Local Government Association Conference. The Council acknowledges in particular the pressures on local authorities with responsibilities for social care and vulnerable young people.

The Council looks forward to the publication of the government's Green Paper on Social Care this autumn and to the longer term reviews of local government and other public funding in 2019 which will form the basis of a new financial settlement from 2020. The Council will respond to consultation on the government's proposals at the appropriate time.

When put to the meeting, the amendment was RESOLVED accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 8.36 pm

MAYOR