



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday, 15 October 2019 at 7.15 pm in The Octagon, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor E Kelly (Chair)

Councillors R Abbotts, T Ashton, R Atkins, R Baker, A Barrow, E Burton, J Collins, O Cross, L Dowson, C Farrell, S Flower, S Gardner, D Greenhalgh, L Grooby, J Haken, M Hall, I Huddleston, T Kemp, D Kerr, E Lawson, D Lomax, E Longden, A McKeown, R McKeown, G Oakley, J Perkins, R Quinn, P Roberts, K Savage, E Siddall, K Sizeland, F Sloman, M Stone, K Thomson, S Thomson, E Thrane, J Todd, G Wharmby, J Wharmby and S Young

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Hardy and J Douglas

20/17 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations made.

20/18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 3)

It was moved by A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 15 May 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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

20/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Agenda Item 4)

The Mayor announced that a Christmas collection for his charities would take place at the next Council meeting in lieu of sending Christmas cards and that his Ball would take place on 14 March 2020.

20/20 NOTICE OF MOTION - CLIMATE EMERGENCY
(Agenda Item 11)

It was moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Todd that:

Climate Change is an existential threat. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1⁰C from pre-industrial

levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above the 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be safe for humanity. Extreme weather events have already caused damage and destruction in this country. Locally the effects of climate change are seen in falling water levels and erratic weather conditions affecting farming and infrastructure. Natural habitats, wildlife and biodiversity are in peril not only from Climate Change but also from human intervention, which in turn is increasing the effects of the climate and biodiversity crises.

Scientists warn that we have little over a decade to implement urgent action to reduce and limit CO₂ emissions before we reach a global tipping point. Action is required at international, national and local level to achieve the carbon reduction levels needed. Councils around the world and in UK are responding by declaring a Climate Emergency and committing the resources to address this emergency.

This Council pledges to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency
2. Make High Peak Borough Council carbon neutral in its internal operations and the services it delivers by 2030, and work with partners to achieve this target across High Peak
3. Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.
4. Work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies
5. Work to mitigate the biodiversity crisis in its actions across the Borough
6. To address this emergency, establish a cross-party working group to assist in investigation, prioritisation, drafting and delivery of a plan including targets for CO₂ reduction, working with officer support and drawing on wider expertise.
7. To include a cross section of local people in drawing up this plan.
8. To report back to Council by end of March 2020 with this plan
9. Ensure that all Council committees and scrutiny panels consider the impact on climate change and the natural environment when taking decisions and reviewing policies.
10. Review progress against the target and report back every six months.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that this Council pledges to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency
2. Aspire to make High Peak Borough Council carbon neutral in its internal operations and the services it delivers by 2030, and work with partners to achieve this target across High Peak
3. Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.
4. Work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies
5. Work to mitigate the biodiversity crisis in its actions across the Borough.

The Council therefore resolves to:

6. Respond to the Climate Change Emergency by working in accordance with the Corporate Plan 2019-23 to put in place practical policies and actions within the control of HPBC including:

- The establishment of a cross-party sub-committee to assist in investigation, prioritisation, drafting and delivery of a strategy, action plan and timetable including targets for CO2 reduction, working with officer support and drawing on wider expertise.
- The inclusion of local residents and businesses chosen in accordance with 'citizens' assembly' principles in drawing up this strategy and plan.
- Ensuring that all Council committees and scrutiny panels consider the impact on climate change and the natural environment when taking decisions and reviewing policies.
- Presenting the proposed strategy, timetable, action plan and monitoring arrangements to Full Council for approval by March 2020.

Following consideration by the Council, with the agreement of Councillor Ashton, the amendment was withdrawn.

A further amendment to revise the original motion was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Ashton as follows:

- The establishment of a cross-party working group to assist in investigation, prioritisation, drafting and delivery of a strategy, action plan and timetable including targets for CO2 reduction, working with officer support and drawing on wider expertise.
- The inclusion of local residents and businesses chosen in accordance with 'citizens' assembly' principles in drawing up this strategy and plan.

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/21 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE
(Agenda Item 6)

20/21a CORPORATE PLAN 2019-23
(Agenda Item 6a)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the Council's vision, aims, objectives, influencing objectives and priorities be approved.

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/22 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 7)

20/22a ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2018/19
(Agenda Item 7a)

It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Cross that the Annual Treasury Management Report 2018/19 be approved.

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE
(Agenda Item 7b)

It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Cross that the Treasury Management position as at 30th June 2019 be noted.

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/24 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 8)

20/24a COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE - ETHICAL STANDARDS REVIEW
(Agenda Item 8a)

It was moved by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the revised Code of Conduct as attached at Appendix 3 to the report be approved.

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/25 REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS
(Agenda Item 9)

It was moved by Councillor A. McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that:

1. A politically balanced sub-committee (comprising 7 councillors for which substitutes would be permitted), chaired by the Leader of the Council, be appointed to conduct a review of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function performed by its select committees.
2. Any revised arrangements be proposed to Council and implemented following Annual Council on 14 May 2020.

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

20/26 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND STATUTORY OFFICERS
(Agenda Item 10)

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

1. The model Disciplinary Procedure and Guidance for the Chief Executive in accordance with the JNC Conditions of Service Handbook for Chief Executives be adopted.
2. The same Disciplinary Procedure and Guidance for other officers who hold a statutory role (Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer) as recommended by the JNC for Chief Executives be adopted.
3. An Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (IDC) be established in accordance with the JNC for Chief Executives Conditions of Service Handbook. The IDC should consist of an equal number of members from both High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC), as a result of the Chief Executive and other statutory officers being jointly employed by the two councils.
4. An elected member (the Chair of the IDC) with the designated power to suspend the Chief Executive and other statutory officers in an emergency be appointed.
5. The Council's constitution be updated to comply with the JNC Conditions of Service Handbook for Chief Executives

When put to the vote, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 8.39 pm

MAYOR