



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 7.15 pm - Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor P Hardy (Chair)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Flower, D Kerr, E Lawson, M Stone, K Thomson and S Thomson

22/13 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor confirmed that the Council meeting was taking place online in a deliberative manner and any formal decisions, reflecting the views of the Council, would then be formally made by the Council's Chief Executive (or in his absence the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer) using emergency powers within the Council's constitution.

22/14 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest made.

22/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda Item 3)

It was moved by Councillor Anthony McKeown and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 4 May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

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

22/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Agenda Item 4)

The Mayor announced that tickets for his Charity Christmas Ball had sold out but the charity fund could be supported by purchasing raffle tickets.

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QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(Agenda Item 5)

1. Question received from Councillor Atkins for the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure

“Concerns about the availability of petrol supplies have recently dominated media headlines. However, we could easily envisage a much-more testing situation concerning electric vehicle charging facilities in the run up to the year 2030, when Britain will cease to manufacture petrol and diesel powered vehicles and move to electric and hydrogen powered cars, vans and lorries. This will involve major changes which will require in-depth planning at several levels. Could Cllr Greenhalgh assure the Council that planning is in hand to ensure that we do not have serious shortages of refuelling points for electric vehicles in High Peak in the coming years? These plans need to include not only Council-charging points but on-street facilities for the many residents without off street parking. The Council will presumably also liaise with current and potential commercial suppliers - through traffic and tourist vehicles being a major factor in our area.

Could I also ask that all the areas initially considered for council charging points but which to date have been rejected (which include my own home town of New Mills) be included in the next action list, as presumably there was sufficient evidence of potential current customer demand for these to have been originally considered?”

Response:

“In 2019 the Council gave permission to BP Chargemaster to install a number of chargepoints on council land as part of a project funded by our Local Enterprise Partnership, D2N2 and supported by Derbyshire County Council (DCC). As part of phase 1 of the project we put forward a number of town centre “priority” sites, which included all the major town centre car parks. D2N2 and their selected partner, Chargemaster surveyed the sites and selected the following car parks based on the feasibility of costs under the funding:

- Hope, Hope Valley
- Miry Meadow, Chapel
- Municipal Buildings, Glossop
- Sylvan, Buxton
- Canal Street, Whaley Bridge

Separately the Council secured funding from Highways England under another scheme for a further charger at Hadfield, Station Road.

A second phase of the project asked for potential sites in Council control to several areas of high density housing, where charging overnight on driveways was not possible. Projects at Victoria Park Road in Fairfield and Edwards Street car park in Glossop were successful.

Unfortunately, the funding did not stretch to facilitating installations at every town in the district. Across Derbyshire only High Peak and Derbyshire Dales were successful in delivering chargers under this particular project.

Costs vary depending on the location of the charge points depending on the nature of the electricity supply required. The installs completed under phase 1 varied between £25,000-35,000 per charger. The costs of an installation for New Mills exceeded this and was therefore unfortunately deemed prohibitive for this funding.

The Council is now looking to commission consultants to determine a delivery strategy for the roll out of EV charge points to the benefit of our residents, business and visitors as the technology develops and the uptake of EV increases. This will include working with Derbyshire County Council to ensure a cohesive approach that best utilises our Council's car parks and other land assets to support any on-street delivery that DCC are looking to deliver. We are in the process of bolstering resources around Climate Change, with an advert for a Climate Change and Biodiversity Officer currently out of recruitment and are looking into the resources available to our car parking service in order to meet the challenges of the future.

In response to supplementary questions the Executive Councillor stated that the Council had taken every opportunity to progress with regards to this matter and that the Borough needed to work with the highways authority. Cost was a barrier but is coming down. There was no specific date for consultation set and the Council's new climate change officer would be liaising with the County Council. The Council would also work with partners and businesses on a district, county, regional and national level on issues such as electricity infrastructure.

22/18 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 6)

Councillor Thrane proposed and Councillor Cross seconded the following motions.

22/19 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2020/21
(Agenda Item 6a)

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2020/21 be approved.

22/20 EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDIT PLAN
(Agenda Item 6b)

RESOLVED:

That the Audit Plan be noted.

22/20a TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATES

(Agenda Item 6c)

RESOLVED:

That the treasury management updates be noted.

22/20b AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Agenda Item 6d)

RESOLVED:

That the revised terms of reference be approved.

The meeting concluded at 7.32 pm

MAYOR