



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Wednesday, 12 December 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, S Flower, A Fox, D Greenhalgh, J Haken, P Hardy, S Helliwell, C Howe, I Huddleston, 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, J Wharmby and S Young

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Boynton, G Claff, P Easter, P Jenner, C Johnson, N Longos and M Stone

18/20 MR A KING AND LORD HEYWOOD OF WHITEHALL
(Agenda Item)

The Council stood and observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr Andy King, former Mayoral Chauffeur and Attendant, and the former Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service, Lord Heywood, who was born in Glossop.

18/21 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL
(Agenda Item 2)

The following declarations of interest were made with regards to Item 7a Treasury Management Update: Mid-Year Report 2018/19:

Councillor Kemp – Other Interest - Council nominee (DCC) on Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust. Interests of DCC and HPBC declared at Executive meeting on 11 October 2018 and withdrew during discussion.

Councillor Thrane – Other Interest – Council Nominee on Crescent Trust. Interest declared and withdrew when considered at Executive meeting on 11 October 2018.

18/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS
(Agenda Item 3)

18/22a MINUTES - 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

(Agenda Item 3a)

RESOLVED:

It was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 13 September 2018 be approved as a correct record.

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

18/22b MINUTES - 7 NOVEMBER 2018

(Agenda Item 3b)

It was moved by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Kemp that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 7 November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

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

18/23 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Agenda Item 4)

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- A letter of thanks had been received from Hayfield Royal British Legion with regards to the Freedom of the Borough Ceremony held on 7 November 2018.
- Councillors were invited to contribute to a collection for the Mayoral charities in lieu of sending Christmas cards.
- Councillors were reminded that the Civic Dinner would take place on 9 March 2019.

18/24 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

(Agenda Item 6)

18/24a UPDATED MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019/20 TO 2022/23

(Agenda Item 6a)

It was moved by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Ashton that the updated Medium Term Financial Plan be approved.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

18/25 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 7)

18/25a TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE
(Agenda Item 7a)

It was moved by Councillor Douglas and seconded by Councillor Sloman that the treasury management position (as at 30th June 2018) be noted and that a loan to the Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust, subject to the terms contained within the Individual Executive Decision issued 24 October 2018, be approved.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

18/25b APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR 2019/20
(Agenda Item 7b)

It was moved by Councillor Douglas and seconded by Councillor Sloman that at its meeting on 12 December 2018 Council confirm that the Labour Group be invited to make a nomination for the appointment of Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2019/20.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

18/26 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 8)

18/26a GAMBLING POLICY UPDATE (STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2019-2022)
(Agenda Item 8a)

It was moved by Councillor Perkins and seconded by Councillor R McKeown that the revised Statement of Principles 2019 – 2022 be approved.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

18/27 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 9)

18/27a STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18
(Agenda Item 9a)

It was moved by Councillor Sloman and seconded by Councillor Kappes that the report be noted.

When put to the meeting, it was RESOLVED accordingly.

18/28 NOTICES OF MOTION
(Agenda Item 10)

18/28a **BREAKING POINT CAMPAIGN**
(Agenda Item 10a)

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

This Council notes that many council budgets are now at Breaking Point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people – and the services we all rely on, like clean streets, libraries, and children’s centres;

This council further notes :

- Conservative Government cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010;
- With an aging population and growing demand adult social care faces a gap of £3.5 billion – with only 14% of council workers now confident that vulnerable local residents are safe and cared for
- Government cuts have seen over 500 children’s centres and 475 libraries close, potholes are left unfilled, and 80% of councils workers now say have no confidence in the future of local services
- Northamptonshire has already gone bust, and more councils are predicted to collapse without immediate emergency funding
- Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services ‘standing still’ and meeting additional demand. Even [Lord Gary Porter](#), the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association, has said ‘Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital local services on a shoestring’

This Council condemns Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss for stating on BBC Newsnight on 1st October 2018 that the government is “not making cuts to local authorities”, when all independent assessments of government spending show that this is entirely false; and that this Council further notes that Prime Minister Theresa May has also claimed that “austerity is over” despite planning a further £1.3bn of cuts to council budgets over the next year;

This Council agrees with the aims of the ‘Breaking Point’ petition signed by labour councillors across the country, in calling for the Prime Minister and Chancellor to truly end austerity in local government by:

- Reversing next years planned £1.3bn cut to council budgets;
- Immediately investing £2bn in children’s services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledging to use the Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years

This Council resolves to:

- Support the ‘Breaking Point’ campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community
- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for

Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local council, and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.

Councillor A. McKeown supported by one quarter of members present and voting, requested a recorded vote, the result of which was as follows:

FOR	AGAINST
Atkins	Ashton
Barrow	Douglas
Dowson	Flower
Greenhalgh	Fox
Huddleston	Grooby
Kelly	Haken
Kerr	Hardy
Lomax	Helliwell
McKeown, A	Howe
McKeown, R	Kappes
Oakley	Kemp
Pritchard	McCabe
Quinn	Perkins
Siddal	Roberts
Sloman	Sizeland
Todd	Thrane
	Walton
	Wharmby, G
	Wharmby, J
	Young

When put to the meeting the motion was declared lost.

18/28b COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION PROTOCOL
(Agenda Item 10b)

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

This Council notes :

1. Budget constraints mean councils face significant pressure to collect all the tax they're owed.
2. That in 2016/17 this council referred 1153 council tax cases to bailiffs.
3. For residents in vulnerable or complicated circumstances intervention by bailiffs can cause unnecessary additional stress and added fees making clearing outstanding debt more complicated.

This Council resolves :

1. To put in place a formal policy concerning the use of bailiffs and collection agents covering residents in vulnerable circumstances.
2. Exempt residents in receipt of Council Tax Support from Bailiff action.

3. To sign the Citizens Advice Council Tax Protocol which was jointly developed between the Citizen's Advice and the Local Government Association.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Thrane and seconded by Councillor Fox as follows:

The Council notes the statements and proposals in relation to council tax collection put forward by Councillors McKeown and Greenhalgh. The Council requests the Chair of the Corporate Select Committee to establish a sub-committee to consider the proposals in detail.

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

18/28c **SINGLE USE PLASTICS**
(Agenda Item 10c)

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

This Council notes:

- Most plastic does not decompose; a plastic bottle can last for 450 years in the marine environment. Plastic slowly fragments into smaller pieces but never truly go away- these are known as microplastics.
- Everyday approximately 8 million pieces of plastic are entering the oceans. Estimates suggest that by 2050 there could be more plastic in our oceans than fish.
- Approximately 5,000 items of marine plastic pollution have been found per mile of beach in the UK. Plastic bottles and packaging make up a third of plastic pollution entering the sea. Tyre dust, maritime waste, nurdles and synthetic microfibers make up another 47% of the problem.
- Plastic pollution causes harm to wildlife such as fish, seabirds and dolphins. Recent research has found marine plastic in 100% of marine turtles, 59% of whales, 36% of seals and 40% of seabirds. 100,000 marine mammals and turtles are killed by plastic pollution every year. 1 in 3 fish caught for human consumption contains plastic.
- UK rivers have been found to be heavily polluted with microplastics. Recent studies have also found microplastics in both tap and bottled water.
- The plastics crisis requires action by national and local governments to reduce plastic pollution by increasing recycling rates and eliminate unnecessary single-use plastic (SUP).

This Council believes:

- We need to move away from a linear plastics economy, where we take, make and dispose of plastic, towards a circular system where we capture the value of plastics material - keeping plastic in the economy and out of the oceans.

- National government are not taking decisive action to deal with the problem of plastic pollution.

This Council therefore commits to:

- To become a full signatory of the 'Plastic Free Pledge' by eliminating all single-use plastics within Council managed buildings and facilities by 2020.
- Incorporate the reduction of single-use plastic into the Council's waste strategy, and investigate ways to further improve our recycling performance by making it easier for residents to recycle by seeking ways in which a wider range of plastics and other dry recyclable materials can go into the brown bins.
- Consider with partners the installation of water fountains across the High Peak.
- Work with and encourage the public, local businesses, partners and institutions to go 'plastic free'.
- Investigate incentivising traders on Council land to sell re-usable or non-plastic bio-degradable containers and invite customers to bring their own, with the aim of phasing out single-use plastics, including investigating the possibility of requiring food and drink vendors to avoid SUPs as a condition of their event permission.
- Work with existing local and national groups and experts such as Keep Britain Tidy to implement these changes.
- Ask the cabinet member responsible for the environment to write to the Government Minister for Environment, requesting that the reduction of single-use plastic form part of the government's Resources and Waste Strategy.
- Ensure, where practical, all future council procurement exercises eliminate the use of single-use plastics, replacing them with sustainable or re-usable alternatives where practicable.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Flower and seconded by Councillor Douglas as follows:

The Council notes:

- the serious concerns about plastic pollution set out by Councillor Todd and Councillor Kerr in their notice of motion (attached as Annex A), in particular relating to single use plastics
- the proposed principles, remedies and actions set out in the notice of motion (attached as annex A)
- the widespread public and corporate support for effective action to deal with plastic pollution.

The Council therefore requests the Chair of the Community Select Committee to establish a sub-committee to undertake appropriate research, taking into account evidence from local public sector and corporate partners with the task of recommending an effective, achievable, timed and costed plan of actions by the Council for consideration as part of the new Corporate Plan agreed for implementation during the four years after the May elections 2019.

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

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm

MAYOR