

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor J T Jones (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, R Alcock, C J S Atkins, G Bentley, G Bond, M Bowen, C Brady, B Cawley, S Coleman, J Davies, M A Deaville, P Elkin, B Emery, K Flunder, M Gledhill, T Hall, A Hart, N Hawkins, G Heath, I Herdman, T Holmes, K Hoptroff, B A Hughes, A Hulme, K J Jackson, B Johnson, I Lawson, L D Lea, L A Malyon, K Martin, T McNicol, L Page, I Plant, H Plimley, J Porter, D Price, S E Ralphs MBE, J Redfern, T Riley, P Roberts, P Routledge, J Salt, S Scalise, D Shaw, H Sheldon MBE, L Swindlehurst, P Taylor, E Wain, R Ward, I Whitehouse, P Wilkinson, P Wood and M Worthington

APOLOGIES: Councillors N Yates and E Fallows

Prayers were offered By Reverend Dr Phil Lockett

1 **FORMER COUNCILLOR - TERRY GIBSON**

Councillors observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Terry Gibson who had recently passed away.

2 **REMARKS BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman, in his retiring speech highlighted a number of events and visits undertaken during the year at which he had met many wonderful people. He thanked members and officers and event organisers for their support and, in particular, paid tribute to his wife Anne. The many events for the Chairman's charities during the year had raised approximately £5,000 for the Royal British Legion and the Donna Louise Trust.

3 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor K. Flunder be appointed as Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

4 **VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN'S CONSORT**

A vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman was moved by Councillor Ralphs and Councillors Gledhill and Malyon spoke in support.

## 5 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Nominations were received for Vice-Chairman of the Council. A named vote having been called, voting was as follows:-

Those voting for Councillor P. Roberts:

Councillors Aberley, Bond, Bowen, Davies, Deaville, Emery, Flunder, Hall, Hart, Heath, Herdman, Holmes, Hughes, Hulme, Jones, Lawson, Lea, McNicol, Plimley, Porter, Ralphs, Redfern, Riley, Roberts, Routledge, Scalise, Shaw, Sheldon, Wain, Ward and Worthington. **(31)**

Those voting for Councillor P. Wood

Councillors Alcock, Atkins, Bentley, Brady, Cawley, Coleman, Elkin, Gledhill, Hawkins, Hoptroff, Jackson, Johnson, Malyon, Martin, Page, Plant, Price, Salt, Swindlehurst, Taylor, Whitehouse, Wilkinson, Wood.**(23)**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P. Roberts be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

## 6 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made:-

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Member Declaring Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
General - Matters relating to Licensing	Cllrs. Wain, Deaville and Wilkinson	Other – anything related to licensing.

## 7 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to a reply to be issued to Councillor Cawley in response to a question raised relating to the collection of Council Tax.

## 8 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman explained his expectations for the orderly conduct of Council meetings for the year ahead and confirmed that he was in the process of finalising his fundraising activities and would inform councillors of these in due course.

9 **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor S.E. Ralphs MBE be appointed as Leader of the Council.

10 **TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CABINET AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of seats on the Cabinet be approved as follows:-

Cllr. S. Ralphs	Leader – Finance, Arts and Regeneration
Cllr. M. Deaville	Leisure and Sports, (Deputy Leader)
Cllr. T. Hall	Customer Services
Cllr. M. Bowen	Communities
Cllr. S. Scalise	Environment
Cllr. E. Wain	Planning, Development & Property

11 **TO RECEIVE THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND COMMITTEES/BOARDS FROM GROUP LEADERS**

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of seats on Overview and Scrutiny Panels/ Committees/Boards etc., as submitted by Group Leaders, be approved.

12 **ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees be approved.

13 **TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE LOCAL PLAN WORKING STEERING GROUP AS FOLLOWS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PLACE), REGENERATION MANAGER, SENIOR REGENERATION OFFICER (PLANNING POLICY).**

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of the following Officers to the Local Development Framework Working Party be confirmed:

Executive Director (Place)  
Regeneration Manager  
Senior Regeneration Officer (Planning Policy)

14 **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2019/20**

RESOLVED:

That appointment of representatives on outside bodies be approved.

15 **TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS 2018/19**

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Members' Attendances for 2018/19 be received, subject to amendments raised by councillors.

16 **TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES RECORDS 2018/19**

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Members' Allowances for 2018/19 be received, subject to amendments raised by councillors.

17 **TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

RESOLVED:

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2019/20 be approved, subject to further consideration by members and individual committees with regards to the start time of some meetings.

18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.

19 **TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

## ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS</b>		
<b>Election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs:</b>		
	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
1. Resources	Cllr. A Hart	Cllr. T Riley
2. Service Delivery	Cllr. R Ward	Cllr. Herdman
3. Health	Cllr B Hughes	Cllr. J Jones
4. Community	Cllr. D Shaw	Cllr. T McNicol

<b>COMMITTEES / BOARDS, ETC.</b>		
<b>Election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs:</b>		
	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
1. Planning Applications	Cllr. P Roberts	Cllr. B Emery
2. Licensing and Regulatory	Cllr. L Lea	Cllr. I Lawson
3. Standards	Cllr. G Bond	Cllr. B Emery
4. Audit and Accounts Committee	Cllr. J Davies	Cllr. T Hall
5. Local Joint Employees Consultative:	Cllr. S Scalise	<b>Employee Representative</b>
6. Appeals Board	Cllr. P Roberts	Cllr. A Hart
7. Constitution Review Working Party	Cllr. Bowen	Cllr. K Flunder
8. Local Plan Steering Group	Cllr. J Jones	Cllr. J Aberley

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**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

<b>REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTED</b>	
<b>Outside Bodies</b>	<b>2019/2020 Representative(s)</b>
(1) <b>Biddulph Moor Village Hall Committee</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Jones
(2) <b>Biddulph Sports Council</b> 5 Representatives	Councillors Davies, Jones, Redfern, Salt <b>1 Vacancy</b>
(3) <b>Campaign to Protect Rural England</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Wain
(4) <b>Captain's Barn Farm Liaison Committee</b>	Councillor Roberts
(5) <b>Cheadle and District Sports Council</b> 5 Representatives	Councillors Fallows, Flunder, Martin, Roberts and Routledge
(6) <b>Cheadle Citizens' Advice Bureau</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Flunder
(7) <b>Community Council of Staffordshire</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Alcock
(8) <b>Community Council of Staffordshire - Executive Committee</b> 1 Nomination	Councillor Whitehouse
(9) <b>Community Safety Partnership (District)</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Bowen
(10) <b>Conservation Liaison Panel</b> 7 Representatives	Portfolio Holder for Planning Development and Property Chair of Planning Applications Committee 3 Representatives from Biddulph, Cheadle and Leek Town Wards: <b>Biddulph:</b> Councillor Sheldon <b>Cheadle:</b> Councillor Routledge <b>Leek:</b> Councillor Emery  2 Representatives from the Rural Wards, or their Substitute: Councillors Plimley and Porter
(11) <b>Croxden Quarry Liaison Committee</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Elkin
(12) <b>District Councils' Network</b>	Leader of the Council (Councillor Ralphs)

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<b>Outside Bodies</b>		<b>2019/2020 Representative(s)</b>
(13)	<b>Freehay and District Liaison Committee</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Alcock
(14)	<b>Historic Towns Forum</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Wain
(15)	<b>Industrial Communities Alliance Midlands Region</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Kevin Jackson
(16)	<b>Leek and District Sports Council</b> 5 Representatives	Councillors Cawley, Emery, Roberts and P. Wood <b>1 Vacancy</b>
(17)	<b>Leek Citizens' Advice Bureau</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Emery
(18)	<b>Leek Town Centre Youth Project</b> 3 Representatives	Councillors Cawley, Emery and Swindlehurst
(19)	<b>Local Government Association</b> 1 Representative	Leader of the Council (Councillor Ralphs)
(20)	<b>Local Government Information Unit Assembly</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Brady
(21)	<b>Moorlands Partnership Board</b> 10 Representatives	<b>2 Cabinet Members</b> Councillors Bowen and Wain <b>7 Non-Cabinet Members</b> Councillors Gledhill, Fallows, Hart, Riley, Shaw, Sheldon, Wood
(22)	<b>National Association of British Market Authorities</b> 1 Representative	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Property
(23)	<b>Parish Assembly</b> 2 Representatives	Chairman of the Council and Leader
(24)	<b>Peak Park Authority</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Hart <b>(Appointed until May 2023)</b>
(25)	<b>Police and Crime Panel</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Holmes (Substitute - Councillor Hulme)



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Outside Bodies	2019/2020 Representative(s)
(26) <b>Rudyard Lake Trust</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Porter
(27) <b>Rural and Farming Network</b> 1 Representative	Leader of the Council (Councillor Ralphs)
(28) <b>Safer Neighbourhood Panel</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Lea
(29) <b>Staffordshire County Council Communities Mean Business Local Action Group</b>	Councillor Hart (Substitute)
(30) <b>Staffordshire County Council Corporate Parenting Panel</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Hughes
(31) <b>Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee</b> 1 Representative	Chair of Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel
(32) <b>Staffordshire DMP (Destination, Management and Partnership) Board</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Plimley
(33) <b>Staffordshire Joint Waste Board</b> 1 Representative	Portfolio Holder for Environment
(34) <b>Staffordshire Local Government Association (SLGA)</b> 2 Representatives	Leader Deputy Leader (Substitute - Councillor Hall)
(35) <b>Staffordshire Moorlands Arts Forum:-</b> (a) <b><u>Leek</u></b> 5 Representatives  (b) <b><u>Cheadle</u></b> 5 Representatives  (c) <b><u>Biddulph</u></b> 5 Representatives	Councillors Cawley, Emery, Herdman, Porter and P. Wood  Councillors Alcock, Bentley, Fallows, Routledge and Plimley  Councillors Brady, Davies, Jones, Sheldon and Yates
(36) <b>Staffordshire Moorlands Sports Council</b> 2 Representatives	Councillors Emery and Roberts
(37) <b>Staffordshire Moorlands Sports Council Chair</b> 1 Representative	Portfolio Holder for Communities Leisure, Sports, Parks & Countryside
(38) <b>Staffordshire North &amp; Stoke-on-Trent Citizens' Advice Bureaux</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Davies

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(39) <b>Staffordshire Planning Forum</b> 1 Representative	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development & Property
(40) <b>Staffordshire Playing Fields Association</b> 2 Representatives	Councillors Deaville and Yates
(41) <b>Staffordshire Valuation, Community Charge and Council Tax Tribunal</b> 4 Representatives	Councillors K. Jackson and Scalise <b>2 Vacancies</b>
(42) <b>Visit Peak District Executive</b> 1 Representative	Councillor Hart
(43) <b>Waterhouses Youth Project</b> 1 Representative	Councillors Wain
(44) <b>West Midlands Association of Leisure Chair Persons</b> 1 Representative	Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure, Sport, Parks & Countryside
(45) <b>West Midlands Employers</b> (1 Representative)	Leader of the Council