

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Councillor K Flunder (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, R Alcock, C J S Atkins, G Bentley, G Bond, M Bowen, B Cawley, S Coleman, M A Deaville, P Elkin, B Emery, E Fallows, M Gledhill, T Hall, A Hart, N Hawkins, I Herdman, K Hoptroff, B A Hughes, A Hulme, K J Jackson, B Johnson, J T Jones, 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, J Salt, S Scalise, D Shaw, H Sheldon MBE, L Swindlehurst, P Taylor, E Wain, R Ward, I Whitehouse, P Wilkinson, P Wood, M Worthington and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillors C Brady, J Davies, G Heath, T Holmes and P Routledge

PRAYERS WERE OFFERED BY REVEREND NIGEL IRONS

39 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(Councillor Jones left the meeting during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

The forthcoming withdrawal of the Rapid Response Vehicle by West Midlands Ambulance Service in Cheadle was raised by councillors. The Chairman confirmed that the matter would be considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 February 2020, which members were urged to attend.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made:-

Agenda Item	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
3. Urgent Items of Business	Cllr. J. Jones	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Employed by West Midlands Ambulance Service

Agenda Item	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
General – any matters arising relating to the Local Plan	Cllr. A. Hart	Other Interest – any matters relating to site specifics residential in Biddulph

42 **CHAIRMAN'S OR LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, IF ANY.**

The Chairman reminded councillors that his charity quiz night would take place on 21 February and that his Charity Ball would take place on 28 March 2020.

The Leader of the Council thanked the Council's Waste Collection Service for the collections over the Christmas period, for which she had received many compliments.

43 **TO CONSIDER AND DEBATE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND COMMITTEES, IF ANY.**

43a **RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 2 OCTOBER 2019 - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

43b **AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 25 OCTOBER 2019 - TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

RESOLVED:

That the treasury management position as at 30th September 2019 be noted.

43c **STANDARDS COMMITTEE 21 NOVEMBER 2019 - ANNUAL REPORT**

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

44 **NOTICES OF MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE NO. 8, IF ANY.**

44a **LEEK TRESTLE MARKET - CLLR S. COLEMAN**

"In the light of current national recommendations regarding the need to develop town centres in innovative and inclusive ways, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council should immediately begin a process of full scrutiny to determine the future of the Leek trestle market building as a valuable town centre resource. Through a process of full consultation with all stakeholders, all options should be evaluated and explored. No further alterations to the interior of the building should take place until the process has been completed and decisions have been approved by full council."

As an amendment it was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that the final sentence of the motion should read as follows “No further alterations to the interior of the building should take place until the process has been completed and decisions have been approved through the usual channels.”

A named vote having been called, voting was as follows:-

Those voting **FOR**:

Councillors Alcock, Atkins, Bentley, Cawley, Coleman, Elkin, Gledhill, Hoptroff, Jackson, Johnson, Malyon, Martin, Page, Price, Salt, Swindlehurst, Taylor, Whitehouse, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates. **(21)**

Those voting **AGAINST**:

Councillors Aberley, Bond, Bowen, Deaville, Fallows, Flunder, Hall, Hart, Herdman, Hughes, Hulme, Lawson, Lee, McNicol, Plimley, Porter, Ralphy, Redfern, Riley, Roberts, Scalise, Shaw, Wain, Ward and Worthington. **(25)**

ABSTENTIONS:

Councillors Emery, Hawkins, Jones, Plant and Sheldon **(5)**

Therefore, the **PROPOSAL** was declared **LOST**.

44b **SKY LANTERNS - CLLR L. MALYON**

“That Staffordshire Moorlands District Council writes to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and ask that our Government pass a Bill banning Sky Lanterns in the UK because of the harm they cause to people, animals, buildings and land.”

Having been **SECONDED**, upon being put to the vote, the **PROPOSAL** was declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

That Staffordshire Moorlands District Council writes to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and ask that our Government pass a Bill banning Sky Lanterns in the UK because of the harm they cause to people, animals, buildings and land.

44c **SINGLE USE PLASTICS - CLLR J. PORTER**

“Single use plastics have a terrible effect on the environment when littered or discarded after their use. Not only do they damage terrestrial and marine life, there are costs associated with their clean-up and consequences for the tourism and fishing industries. At least eight million tonnes of plastic enters the ocean every year, which is the equivalent of dumping one rubbish truck into the ocean every minute. And, if action is not taken, it is expected to increase to two per minute by 2030 and four per minute by 2050. The production of such material also contributes to climate change through CO2 emissions.

In May 2019 the Government expressed its aspirations for environmental improvement in ‘A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment’.

The Plan outlines ways to reduce the use of plastics that contribute to pollution, and broader steps to encourage recycling and the more thoughtful use of resources.

Following the Council removing all single use plastics from its buildings, supermarkets should remove all plastic carrier bags, reduce excessive plastic packaging and deliver viable alternatives for customers. We welcome the Government introducing from April this year The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020, to control single use plastics. However, as the plastic crisis is engulfing our seas we need to stop the problem urgently. I therefore propose that the Council writes to Government to ask that it works with businesses and individuals to accelerate the elimination of all single use plastics across society.”

As an **AMENDMENT** it was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that the Council proactively raises awareness with businesses and residents in the District and asks Government to confirm when single use plastics would be withdrawn .

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT** was declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council writes to Government to ask that it works with businesses and individuals to accelerate the elimination of all single use plastics across society and to ask when single use plastics would be withdrawn.
2. That the Council proactively raises awareness with businesses and residents in the District

45 **TO CONSIDER ANY POLITICAL GROUP APPOINTMENTS OR CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP, IF ANY.**

RESOLVED:

That the revised allocation of Committee seats for the political groups, following Councillor Alcock’s resignation from the Independents Group, be approved.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

_____ Chairman _____ Date