



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting: Wednesday, 4 December 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, J Douglas, L Dowson, C Farrell, D Greenhalgh, L Grooby, J Haken, M Hall, I Huddleston, T Kemp, D Kerr, E Lawson, E Longden, A McKeown, R McKeown, G Oakley, J Perkins, R Quinn, P Roberts, K Savage, 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, S Flower, S Gardner, D Lomax and E Siddall

20/24 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations made.

20/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 3)

20/25a SPECIAL MEETING - 15 OCTOBER 2019
(Agenda Item 3a)

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

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

20/25b ORDINARY MEETING - 15 OCTOBER 2019
(Agenda Item 3b)

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

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

20/26 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Agenda Item 4)

The Mayor announced that a Christmas collection for his charities was available at the meeting in lieu of sending Christmas cards and thanked the Mayoral Charity Committee.

20/27 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(Agenda Item 5)

1. Question received from Councillor Haken for the Leader of the Council:

“It is public knowledge that the current works to the roof of Glossop Municipal Buildings have caused water damage to the shops in the market arcade.

Could the leader of the council please explain what compensation will be paid by the council to the council tenants in the affected market arcade shops?”

Response from Councillor A. McKeown, Leader of the Council:

“Our contractor, Tomlinson, has completed the works required to get all the Town Hall arcade tenants in and trading from their units.

To date we have cancelled the rent demands for the traders for the months of October, November and December. We have paid for and arranged repairs to the tenant’s specification in one of the units and arranged for new ceiling tiles to be installed in two other units.

We have received one compensation claim from a tenant and are responding to this with our insurers and Tomlinson. At this stage we are not able to confirm what sum will be agreed by way of compensation.”

Councillor Haken asked the following supplementary question:

“I would ask if the Leader could ensure that the Council, on completion of the roof repairs to the Municipal Buildings, to fully refurbish the retail premises of the council tenants affected by the water leaks at the Council’s expense. Such refurbishments to include full electrical re-wiring of the units together with full internal ceiling and wall re-decorations and also relaying of the floors to the units. To allow the tenants a rent free period that shall be equal to the length of the full period that has elapsed during the repair to the Municipal Buildings and the cost of these repairs to be paid by HPBC together with any legal costs from the Council’s tenants.”

The Leader of the Council stated that he wanted the repairs to be completed as soon as possible. One shop had already been completely refurbished and the business had re-opened. A second had long standing issues that pre-dated any instances of water ingress. A full response would be issued when information became available.

2. Question received from Councillor Ashton for the Leader of the Council:

“Following the unanimous support at the last Full Council meeting to declare a climate emergency and the Council to be carbon neutral by 2030, I emailed you on 21st October stating that in view of the challenging timescale we need to start planning as soon as possible.

I then asked you to advise the steps that had been taken to implement the resolution.

As you have not replied to my 21st October email, will you now update Council on the steps that have been taken.”

Response from Councillor A. McKeown, Leader of the Council:

“A considerable amount of work has been undertaken in the background in preparation for the working group and development of an action plan.

The date for the first meeting of the Working Group is 30th January 2020 at 6pm.

This will be preceded by a training event on 20th January 2020 to which all Councillors are invited to attend.

Which in turn will be preceded by an open event on 15th January 2020 at New Mills Town Hall to which interested community groups and others are being invited to attend and contribute views and ideas which can feed into the deliberations of the Council’s Climate Change Working Group.

Every Head of Service has been asked to identify the significant policy decisions taking place over the next year where there is an opportunity to integrate climate change issues – for example, AES fleet vehicle replacement programme, asset management strategy, renewal of the energy supply framework – together with any other ideas.

Work is underway to establish the Council’s CO2 emissions baseline so that targets can be set.

Meetings have been held with community groups and other councils to establish the partnerships required to deliver a robust Climate Change Action Plan. Officers have been working with the County Council through the newly established Climate Change Officer Working Group to support the development of the Derbyshire Environment and Climate Change Framework. Working with partners we have access to key tools, Carbon Budgets and SCATTER, to help set both overall targets for the Borough as well as targets for specific areas such as transport, housing and business.

Meetings continue with the Peak District National Park Authority and other authorities to consider how we work together to tackle Climate Change and how or if they can support the work of the Climate Change Working Group.”

In response to a supplementary question the Leader of the Council stated that the intention was that, as there was no Full Council meeting scheduled to take place in March, there would be an update with progress made so far at the Full Council meeting on 27 February 2020 and that a further update would be provided at the May Council meeting.

20/28 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 6)

20/28a TREASURY MANAGEMENT - MID YEAR UPDATE REPORT

(Agenda Item 6a)

RESOLVED:

That the Treasury Management position as at 30th September 2019 be noted.

20/28b APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR 2020/21

(Agenda Item 6b)

RESOLVED:

That the Conservative Group be invited to make a nomination for the appointment of Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

20/29 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 7)

20/29a STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

(Agenda Item 7a)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

20/30 MR D. LARNER - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PLACE)

The Mayor thanked Mr Dai Larner, Executive Director (Place), on his retirement and wished him well for the future.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm

MAYOR