

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor P Roberts (Chairman)

Councillors J Aberley, C Atkins, G Bentley, G Bond, M Bowen, C Brady, B Cawley, S Coleman, J Davies, M Deaville, S Ellis, B Emery, E Fallows, 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, J Jones, I Lawson, L Lea, K Martin, L Page, I Plant, H Plimley, J Porter, D Price, S E Ralphs MBE, J Redfern, T Riley, P Routledge, J Salt, S Scalise, D Shaw, H Sheldon MBE, L Swindlehurst, P Taylor, E Wain, R Ward, P Wilkinson, P Wood, M Worthington and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillors P Jackson, L A Malyon and T McNicol

Prayers were offered by Rev. Nigel Irons.

1 **FORMER COUNCILLOR SHEILA EDWARDS**

Councillors paid tribute to and observed a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Sheila Edwards who had recently passed away.

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

That Chairman of the Council thanked Mrs Margaret Roberts, all councillors and officers, the Vice-Chairman and his consort and the many people that he had met over the past year for their support.

3 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor T. Holmes be appointed as Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

4 **VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

The newly elected Chairman thanked Councillor Paul Roberts for his year as Chairman of the District Council.

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

RESOLVED:

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

6 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting on 23 February 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made:-

Agenda Item	Members Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Any matters relating to licensing.	Cllrs. Deaville, Wain and Wilkinson	Other Interest – current licensee

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

8a **REMOVAL OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - CLLR. J ABERLEY**

“That the Full Council of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council removes the current leader of the Council from post.”

A named vote having being called the result was as follows:

Those voting **FOR**:

Councillors: Aberley, Atkins, Bentley, Brady, Cawley, Coleman, Deaville, Ellis, Fallows, Flunder, Gledhill, Hawkins, Heath, Herdman, Hoptroff, Hulme, K. Jackson, Johnson, Page, Plimley, Porter, Price, Roberts, Routledge, Salt, Scalise, Swindlehurst, Taylor, Wain, Ward, Wood, Worthington and Yates. **(33)**

Those voting **AGAINST**:

Councillors: Bond, Bowen, Davies, Emery, Hall, Hart, Hughes, Jones, Lawson, Lea, Mills, Plant, Ralphs, Redfern, Riley, Shaw, Sheldon and Wilkinson. **(18)**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

Councillor Holmes.

The **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

8b **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - CLLR. J ABERLEY**

“That the Full Council of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council elects Paul Roberts, the Conservative Group Leader, as Leader of the Council.”

As an **AMENDMENT** it was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that Cllr. S Ralphs also be nominated as Leader of the Council.

A named vote having being called the result was as follows:

Those voting for **Cllr. P Roberts**:

Councillors: Aberley, Atkins, Bentley, Brady, Cawley, Coleman, Deaville, Ellis, Fallows, Flunder, Gledhill, Hawkins, Heath, Herdman, Holmes, Hoptroff, Hulme, K. Jackson, Johnson, Page, Plimley, Porter, Price, Roberts, Routledge, Salt, Scalise, Swindlehurst, Taylor, Wain, Ward, Wood, Worthington and Yates. **(34)**

Those voting for **Cllr. S Ralphs**:

Councillors: Bond, Bowen, Davies, Emery, Hall, Hart, Hughes, Jones, Lawson, Lea, Mills, Plant, Ralphs, Redfern, Riley, Shaw, Sheldon and Wilkinson. **(18)**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P. Roberts be elected Leader of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

9 **IF REQUIRED, TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CABINET AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillor M. Deaville would be Deputy Leader of the Council. It was proposed and seconded that the appointment of remaining Cabinet positions together with items 18 and 20 should stand adjourned until the Annual Council meeting is reconvened.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of remaining Cabinet positions together with items 18 and 20 should stand adjourned until the Annual Council meeting is reconvened.

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

The Chairman announced that he was very proud and honoured to have been elected Chairman of the District Council. The Chairman stated that it would be a very important year ahead and it was important that everybody worked together.

11 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT**

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

11a **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY**

RESOLVED:

That the revised Statement of Principles 2022 – 2025 be approved.

12 **SCRUTINY REVIEW**

It was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that the report be considered at the reconvened Annual Council meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the report be considered at the reconvened Annual Council meeting.

13 **TO REVIEW THE POLITICAL BALANCE AND RECEIVE THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND COMMITTEES/BOARDS FROM GROUP LEADERS (TO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING)**

RESOLVED:

That the item be adjourned to the reconvened Annual Council meeting due to its dependence on the Council's decision with regards to the scrutiny review, subject to delegation to Group Leaders of the allocation of seats (based on the revised political balance of the Council) and the appointment of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Planning Applications Committee scheduled to meet on 12 May 2022.

14 **ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS**

RESOLVED:

That the item stand adjourned until the reconvened Annual Council meeting.

15 **TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE LOCAL PLAN STEERING GROUP AS FOLLOWS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PLACE), HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, PRINCIPAL PLANNING OFFICER.**

RESOLVED:

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

- Executive Director (Place)
- Head of Development Services
- Principal Planning Officer

16 **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2022/2023**

RESOLVED:

That the item stand adjourned until the reconvened Annual Council meeting.

17 **TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/2023**

RESOLVED:

That the item be adjourned to the reconvened Annual Council meeting in order for discussions to take place between group leaders.

The meeting adjourned at 7.54 pm

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

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