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STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor T Holmes (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, C Atkins, G Bentley, C Beswick, C Boone, C Brady, B Cawley, A Church, J Cox, M Deaville, M Durose, C Edwards, B Emery, E Fallows, K Flunder, J Garvey, M Gledhill, M Haines, A Hart, I Herdman, K Hoptroff, B Hughes, P Hughes, A Hulme, M Johnson, J Jones, L A Malyon, K Mills, N Moulton, V O'Shea, A Parkes, Pascall, I Plant, O Pointon, J Porter, D Price, D Proudlove, P Roberts, J Salt, D Shaw, C Smith, M Spooner, L Swindlehurst, M Swindlehurst, Taylor, E Wain, R Ward, L Whitehouse, P Wilkinson, C Wood, M Worthington and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillors P Barks, C Jebb and J Kempster

Prayers were offered by Reverend Nigel Irons

Former Chairman's Consort - Mr Ray Malyon

Councillors observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr Ray Malyon, consort to former Chairman, Cllr Linda Malyon, during 2000/01.

1 **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, officers and event organisers for their support. The many events for the Chairman's charities during the year had raised over £6,000 for the RNIB and the Air Ambulance.

2 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor L. Swindlehurst be appointed as Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

6 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, IF ANY.**

The Chairman offered congratulations to everyone on their success at the local elections. During the year fundraising would take place for Homestart Staffordshire and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

8 **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor M. Gledhill be appointed as Leader of the Council.

9 **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 M. Gledhill	Leader
Cllr D. Price	Regeneration and Planning (Deputy Leader)
Cllr C. Atkins	Services
Cllr B. Cawley	Communities
Cllr M. Swindlehurst	Leisure and Tourism
Cllr N. Yates	Climate Change and Environment
Cllr C. Wood	Finance
Cllr D. Proudlove	Cabinet Support Member

10 **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.

11 **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, as attached to these minutes be approved.

12 **TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE LOCAL PLAN WORKING STEERING GROUP AS FOLLOWS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PLACE), HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND 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

13 **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/24**

RESOLVED:

That appointments to outside bodies be delegated to political group leaders.

14 **TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023/24**

RESOLVED:

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24 be approved, subject to morning meetings commencing at 10.00 am, afternoon meetings commencing at 2.00 pm and evening meetings commencing at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS		
Election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs:		
	Chair	Vice-Chair
1. Resources	Cllr A Hart	Cllr A Church
2. Service Delivery	Cllr L Malyon	Cllr M Haines
3. Health & Community	Cllr K Mills	Cllr L Whitehouse
4. Finance & Performance Sub-Committee	Cllr G Taylor	Cllr M Worthington
5. Growth & Economy Sub-Committee	Cllr J Garvey	Cllr G Taylor
6. Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee	Cllr J Jones	Cllr B Hughes

COMMITTEES / BOARDS, ETC.		
Election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs:		
	Chair	Vice-Chair
1. Planning Applications	Cllr P Wilkinson	Cllr K Hoptroff
2. Licensing and Regulatory	Cllr K Hoptroff	Cllr M Deaville
3. Standards	Cllr A Church	Cllr I Herdman
4. Audit and Accounts Committee	Cllr M Spooner	Cllr C Edwards
5. Appeals Board	Cllr C Smith	Cllr J Aberley
6. Constitution Review Working Party	Cllr A Church	Cllr D Pascall
7. Local Plan Steering Group	Cllr M Johnson	Cllr M Spooner

