

11 May 2018

To: **All Members of the Council**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the North East Derbyshire District Council to be held **on Monday, 21 May 2018 at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber**, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield.



Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1 For Members' information the following room arrangements have been made for Group Meetings prior to this Council meeting:

Labour Group	-	Council Chamber
Conservative Group	-	Executive Meeting Room
- 2 Members are requested to bring their laptops and iPads to the meeting where assistance will be provided to anyone who may require it in order to follow the meeting electronically.
- 3 At the start of the meeting a presentation of the monies raised during Councillor Rosie Smith's year in office, as Chair of Council, will be made to her chosen charities, The Elm Foundation and The Spinal Injuries Unit at Sheffield Hospitals Charity.

A G E N D A

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 **To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the attached Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 March 2018**

4 **Chair's Announcements (if any)**

5 **Public Participation**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 to allow members of the public to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period up to fifteen minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

(a) **Question submitted to Councillor G Baxter MBE Leader of the Council from Mr Ross Shipman:-**

Given that the District Council has the ways and means to audio record Council meetings as we saw at the one held on 5th March 2018 – can the Council give an explanation why it will not continue audio recording and publish them on the website for the benefit of North East Derbyshire residents, many of who are unable to attend these meetings due to work commitments.

(b) **Question submitted to Councillor M Gordon Portfolio Holder Environment from Mrs Carol Hutchinson, North East Derbyshire Local Communities Mineral Planning Group / Eckington Against Fracking**

The LCMPG has been formed to work with our local elected members and officers of PC, NEDDC & DCC, on the development of the new Mineral Plan and specifically on the section on the new industry that is Unconventional Gas Extraction. We represent the communities of Bolsover, Cresswell, Eckington Marsh Lane, Barlborough et al.

Over the last year:

Eckington Against Fracking (EAF) have been actively lobbying the Housing Communities & Local Government Select Committee that has culminated in an Inquiry into fracking planning guidance.

EAF have been in support of Frack Free Rydale on the development of the NYCC Mineral & Waste Plan. This has been a long but worthwhile experience, culminating in some positive outcomes. The plan has recently been EiP with some positive outcomes that sets national precedent. Ends need to be tied up there but we are hopeful of maintained positive outcomes. The work with the Authorities has been helpful to all & productive.

The Inspector (Elizabeth Ord) was minded to accept:

- *500 metres set back from residential buildings except in exceptional circumstances.*
- *Definitions of extraction processes that defines Conventional Gas Extraction, Exploratory Wells & Unconventional Gas Extraction (UGE)*

New research is being published at a pace, and we wish to keep abreast of this to ensure best practice is considered and practiced. E.g. a Paper has been published by Professor Peter Styles of Keele University in April 2018 in respect of dangers developing UGE in mining areas and indicates the dangers of faults generally. He recommends a set back of 850 metres from fault lines.

We have actively responded to the HC&LGSC Inquiry the NPPF consultation (response in development) and any planning applications locally & nationally.

We would like to ask the NEDDC:

- i. For their acceptance of our voice in the community and support in our aim? and to ask*
- ii. How in their view can this be best achieved?*

6 Minutes of Meetings held between 19 February and 26 April 2018

The following meetings have taken place. To access these documents on the Council's website go to: <http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/your-council/document-library/committee/minute-book/may-2017-may-2018-minute-book>

	MEETING	DATE
(a)	Communities Scrutiny Committee	23 February 2018 13 April 2018
(b)	Standards Committee	15 March 2018
(c)	Planning Committee	20 March 2018 10 April 2018
(d)	Cabinet	21 March 2018 11 April 2018
(e)	Licensing Committee Licensing Sub-Committee (Premises) Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis)	22 March 2018 27 March 2018 26 April 2018
(f)	Strategic Alliance Joint Committee	3 April 2018
(g)	Growth Scrutiny Committee	5 April 2018
(h)	Joint ICT Committee	9 April 2018
(i)	Audit & Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee	12 April 2018
(j)	Organisation Scrutiny Committee	4 April 2018 18 April 2018

Arrangements will be made to project an electronic copy of the above Minutes onto the screens in the Council Chamber should any Member have a specific question they wish to raise.

The Council previously decided to dispose with going through the Minutes of previous meetings page by page and not to produce a hard copy of the Minute Book on condition that Members could make a specific request for any set of minutes to the Governance Team.

There are no recommendations within the above Minutes requiring Council approval that are not already covered on the agenda.

7 To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 to allow members to ask questions about Council activities. The replies to any such questions will be given by the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted to Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council from Councillor D Hancock:-

I am rather concerned to see that North East Derbyshire District Council has allocated public resource to designing Chesterfield's official May Day Rally leaflet.

Whilst I do not have an issue in principle with promoting an event (although I would prefer to see style, money and time invested in drawing visitors to our District rather than to a neighbouring authority), I am very concerned that North East Derbyshire Council Tax payers have been funding the Labour Party (or indeed any political party) propaganda. The leaflet contains a two page spread unashamedly promoting Labour Party PPC Christine Peace's Parliamentary bid. That is unacceptable. There is no value to the residents or businesses of North East Derbyshire in resourcing that.

Can Council confirm exactly how much, in terms of financial cost and hours, North East Derbyshire District Council has contributed to this item of political propaganda?

8 To consider any motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 to consider motions on notice from members. Motions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

To consider the following Motion from Councillor N Barker:-

North East Derbyshire District Council calls on the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to introduce legislation to ensure that training for regulatory functions, such as Planning and Licensing, and for statutory legal guidance like Data Protection and Information Security is mandatory for all elected Councillors.

The Council also request that this resolution be forwarded to the four leaders of the LGA Groups and the District Council network.

9 Report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

Review of the Council's Constitution

10 Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18

To receive the attached Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/18

11 Report of Councillor B Ridgway – Chair of the Standards Committee

Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2017/18

12 Report of Councillor N Barker, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Human Resources, Training and Member Development

Review of the Whistleblowing Policy
