

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2017

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NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HELD ON 31 JULY 2017

Present:

Councillor R Smith Chair
Councillor J Ridgway Vice Chair

Councillor P Antcliff	Councillor
“ W Armitage	“ P R Kerry
“ J Austen	“ H Laws
“ N Barker	“ Lilley
“ B Barnes	“ G Morley
“ J Barry	“ A Powell
“ G Baxter MBE	“ T Reader
“ L Blanshard	“ B Rice
“ S Boyle	“ B Ridgway
“ A Cooper	“ Mrs L Robinson
“ S Cornwell	“ K Rouse
“ C Cupit	“ D Skinner
“ A Dale	“ Mrs C A Smith
“ R Hall	“ L Stone
“ Mrs E A Hill	“ K Tait
“ J Hill	“ M E Thacker
“ Mrs P A Holmes	“ C Tite
“ G Hopkinson	“ R Welton
“ Mrs C D Huckerby	“ J Windle
“ C Hunt	“ B Wright

Before the meeting began Council observed one minute's silence in memory of two former Councillors who had recently passed away, Councillor K Marr and Councillor P Booker.

175 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors G Butler, P Elliott, S Ellis, Miss M Emmens, Mrs A Foster, M Foster, M Gordon, D Hancock, B Lewis, T Mansbridge and S Peters.

176 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors N Barker, Mrs E A Hill and R Welton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10 – Treasury Management Update – arising from their membership of the Rykneld Homes Board. They left the meeting for consideration of this item and did not take part in the vote.

177 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Council and Annual Council held on 15 May 2017 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 19 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

178 Chair's Announcements

The Chair informed the Council of a number of local events she had recently attended and advised Members of upcoming events that they would be invited to attend.

Council was advised that the 59th Annual Brass Band Festival would be taking place on Saturday, 23 September 2017 at Dronfield Sports Centre.

The Chair also informed Members of a Word Peace Day Event she would be hosting on 21 September 2017 at Unstone Village Hall.

The Chair thanked all those who had purchased plants and flowers from the sale at the Annual Council meeting and she advised the Council of further fundraising activities that were being organised.

179 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 members of the public were allowed to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period of up to 15 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.

No questions from the public had been submitted.

180 Minutes of Meetings held between 9 May and 10 May 2017

Council considered the following Minutes of meetings held between 9 May and 10 May 2017 and the meetings held between 15 May and 14 July 2017:-

The following meetings have taken place. To access these documents on the Council's website go to: www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/your-council/document-library/committee/minute-book/may-2016-may-2017-minute-book

	MEETING	DATE
<u>Minute Book 7 (2016/17 Municipal Year)</u>		
(a)	Planning Committee	9 May 2017
(b)	Cabinet	10 May 2017

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<u>Minute Book 1 (2017/18 Municipal Year)</u>		
(a)	Audit & Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee	18 May 2017
(b)	Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis)	25 May 2017
(c)	Communities Scrutiny Committee	2 June 2017
(d)	Cabinet	7 June 2017 28 June 2017
(e)	Planning Committee	13 June 2017 – 10.00 am - Special 13 June 2017 – 2.00 pm 27 June 2017
(f)	Organisation Scrutiny Committee	14 June 2017
(g)	Growth Scrutiny Committee	15 June 2017
(h)	Licensing Sub-Committee (Premises)	26 June 2017
(i)	Joint Employment Committee	10 July 2017
(j)	Strategic Alliance Joint Committee	11 July 2017

In relation Cabinet Minute No 667 (2016/17), Councillor C Cupit queried the Council's performance under the Corporate Plan Targets in relation to affordable housing. Councillor Mrs E A Hill undertook to provide a written answer to her question.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings held between 9 May and 10 May and between 15 May and 14 July 2017 as set out above be noted.

181 Questions from Members under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 Members were permitted to ask the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member questions about Council activities.

No questions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 9.2 for this meeting.

182 Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

No motions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 10 for this meeting.

183 North East Derbyshire Housing Update

Council received a presentation from Lorraine Shaw, Managing Director – Rykneld Homes Ltd.

The presentation outlined the history of Rykneld Homes partnership with the Council since it was set up in 2007. Council were advised of a number of successful projects that had been delivered by Rykneld Homes as well as an outline of future programmes being developed.

Rykneld Homes key priorities were described, which included delivering efficiencies for new technology, making people our priority and reducing tenancy turnover.

Members were advised of the development of an Asset Management Strategy for Rykneld Homes setting out a vision for the future of housing delivery.

Members asked for information on the role of tenant representatives on the Board as well as the involvement of tenants more widely within the company structure.

Members praised Rykneld Homes Limited for the successful projects it had delivered and its performance over the last 10 years and discussed the importance of future partnership working. Members also commented on some areas where they thought performance could be improved and asked for information in regards to safeguarding and the addressing of anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

184 Treasury Management Update

Council considered a report of Councillor P R Kerry, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Economy, Finance and Regeneration, which sought approval to undertake General Fund borrowing to purchase housing at Top Road, Calow and to develop affordable housing at North Wingfield on the basis that such borrowing meets the requirements of the Prudential Code.

It was also proposed that the Treasury Management Strategy be updated to reflect the increase in the authorised borrowing limit, the operational boundary and the capital financing requirements.

The recommended schemes at Calow and North Wingfield would also be included in the Council's approved Capital Programme.

It was queried why the business cases to support the housing schemes had not been provided to Members together with this report. Councillor P R Kerry advised Council that Members could be provided with a copy of the business cases which had been considered and approved by the Asset Management Group and Cabinet, before this report was brought to Council.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

- (1) Approves the undertaking of prudential borrowing for Phase 1a North Wingfield Scheme and for the purchase of housing units at Top Road, Calow.
- (2) Approves both Schemes as outlined in the report for inclusion in the Approved Capital Programme.
- (3) Approves the revised Capital Financing Requirement, Operational Boundary and Authorised Limit as set out in paragraph 1.10 of the report.