

## COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 23 MAY 2022

#### **Present:**

Councillor Martin E Thacker MBE JP (Chair)  
Councillor Diana Ruff (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Pat Antcliff	Councillor William Armitage
Councillor Nigel Barker	Councillor Jayne Barry
Councillor Joseph Birkin	Councillor Stephen Clough
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Councillor Suzy Cornwell
Councillor Charlotte Cupit	Councillor Alex Dale
Councillor Lilian Deighton	Councillor David Drabble
Councillor Peter Elliott	Councillor Michelle Emmens
Councillor Angelique Foster	Councillor Mark Foster
Councillor Roger Hall	Councillor David Hancock
Councillor Lee Hartshorne	Councillor Anthony Hutchinson
Councillor Maggie Jones	Councillor Jeremy Kenyon
Councillor Pat Kerry	Councillor Barry Lewis
Councillor Heather Liggett	Councillor Gerry Morley
Councillor Paul Parkin	Councillor Stephen Pickering
Councillor Alex Platts	Councillor Maureen Potts
Councillor Alan Powell	Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney
Councillor Michael Roe	Councillor Kathy Rouse
Councillor Ross Shipman	Councillor Bentley Strafford-Stephenson
Councillor Kevin Tait	Councillor Richard Welton
Councillor Philip Wheelhouse	Councillor Pam Windley
Councillor Brian Wright	Councillor Philip Wright

#### **Also Present:**

M Broughton	Director of Growth and Assets
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
A Maher	Interim Governance Manager
A Bond	Governance Officer

#### **COU Election of the Chair of Council**

**/1/22**

**-23** Councillor Alex Dale spoke to Council in support of his motion for Councillor D Ruff to be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2022-23 Municipal Year. Councillor C Cupit seconded his motion.

RESOLVED – That Councillor D Ruff be elected Chair of the Council for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

#### **COU Address of Gratitude to Members by the Newly Elected Chair of Council**

**/2/22**

**-23** Councillor D Ruff spoke to Council thanking Members and the Leader and

Deputy Leader for their kind words.

She explained that it would be an honour and privilege to serve the Community and that she would build upon the hard work of previous Chairs of the Council.

The Chair informed Council that she would support the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) through her charity appeal in order to raise awareness and funds for their work.

**COU** **Address of Gratitude to the Outgoing Chair of Council**

**/3/22**

**-23**

The Chair for the previous Municipal Year, Councillor M E Thacker MBE, was presented with a past Chair's badge and an album of photos recording his year in office.

Councillor D Ruff thanked Councillor M E Thacker MBE on a fantastic year and also gave thanks to his consort and his PA, Joe Bradley.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE congratulated Councillor D Ruff on her election as Chair, he recounted that it had been a great privilege to serve in the role himself.

Council heard of a number of events that Councillor M E Thacker MBE had attended across Derbyshire such as a memorial service for Prince Philip and a Jubilee commemoration at Derby Cathedral. As well as this, there was also recognition of others when attending emergency services day, the voluntary sector awards and many events linked to the armed forces convention. Councillor M E Thacker MBE drew attention to his visit to Darmstadt-Dieburg where he promoted meaningful links between the area and North East Derbyshire.

Members heard that a variety of fund raising activities had taken place throughout the year in support of his charity appeal, the Ashgate Hospice. Councillor M E Thacker MBE thanked all those who had contributed to his Charity Appeal and gave special thanks to Councillor B Trafford-Stephenson and Councillor J Barry for their efforts.

Councillor Trafford-Stevenson congratulated and thanked the former Chair for his work noting that the year had been full of scheduled events that benefited the community as a whole.

Councillors J Barry, D Hancock, A Dale and B Lewis echoed these comments and thanked the former Chair for his work over the year. Councillor A Dale noted that the outgoing Chair had attended over fifty events on behalf of the Council and ran over thirty events himself.

**COU** **Apologies for Absence**

**/4/22**

**-23**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Funnell, E A Hill, T Lacey, J Lilley, T Reader, C Renwick, J Ridgway, and L Stone.

**COU** **Declarations of Interest**

**/5/22**

**-23**

Councillor R Hall declared an interest in Item 14 – Adoption of the Revised Taxi Licensing Policies, as he was a badge holder for a different authority. He indicated that he would withdraw from the meeting during the discussion of the item.

**COU** **Minutes of the last Meeting**

**/6/22**

**-23**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 April 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**COU** **Election of Vice Chair of Council**

**/7/22**

**-23**

One nomination had been received for the position of Vice Chair of the Council for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year.

Councillor A Dale spoke to Council in support of his nomination for Councillor M E Thacker MBE. The motion was seconded by Councillor C Cupit

RESOLVED – That Councillor M E Thacker MBE be appointed Vice Chair of the Council for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year.

**COU** **Composition of the Cabinet**

**/8/22**

**-23**

The Leader informed Council of the Cabinet Members and their Portfolios for the 2022-23 Municipal Year.

Councillor A Dale

Leader and Portfolio Holder for Overall Strategic Leadership

Councillor C Cupit

Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

Councillor M Foster

Portfolio Holder for Council Services

Councillor Jeremy Kenyon

Portfolio Holder for Economy, Transformation and Climate Change

Councillor Paul Parkin

Portfolio Holder for Finance

Councillor Alan Powell

Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Communication

Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Portfolio Holder for Housing & Community Safety

RESOLVED – That Council notes the Cabinet for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

**COU** **Scheme of Delegation**

**/9/22**

**-23**

Members considered a report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer that requested Council approve the Scheme of Delegation as outlined in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

The Monitoring Officer advised that it was a requirement under Council Procedure Rule 1.1 of the Council's Constitution that the Annual Meeting agreed the Scheme of Delegation. The Scheme also outlined proper officer provisions.

**RESOLVED** – That Council's Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Council's Constitution be approved.

**COU** **Appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs**

**/10/2**

**2-23**

A list of proposed appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees had been circulated by the Majority Group. Councillor A Dale and Councillor C Cupit proposed and seconded the motion to approve the proposed appointments.

Councillor R Shipman raised concerns that he believed the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees should not be members of the Majority Group.

**RESOLVED** – That the proposed Chairs and Vice Chairs for Committees as circulated by the Majority Group for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year be approved.

**COU** **Appointments to Committees and Advisory Groups - Proportionality**

**/11/2**

**2-23**

A list of proposed appointments to Committee and Advisory Groups had been circulated.

Councillor A Dale and Councillor C Cupit proposed and seconded the motion to approve the proposed appointments.

**RESOLVED** – That council approve the appointment of Members to Committee and Advisory Groups for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

**COU** **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

**/12/2**

**2-23**

Councillor N Barker and Councillor J Barry moved and seconded a motion to nominate Councillor M Jones to fill the vacancy on the Holmegate Darby and Joan Club, following the sad passing of Councillor A Holmes.

Councillor A Dale informed Council of a number of changes to the list of Outside Bodies as set out within the report. Council was informed that Councillor C Renwick be appointed to the Community Safety partnership and the Ridgway Sports & Social Club and that; Councillor W Armitage be appointed to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel.

RESOLVED – That the appointments to outside bodies for 2022/2023 be approved.

**COU** Operation of Urgency Rules and Thresholds for Key Decisions

**/13/2**

**2-23**

Council considered a report of the Assistant Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer, which advised of Decisions taken under Special Urgency Rules in the past twelve months and the financial limits for the Key Decisions.

Council was required under legislation to report instances where Special Urgency Rules had been utilised in respect of Key Decisions. This was where it was impractical to give the requisite notice of Key Decisions before they were made.

Council noted that no decisions had been taken under Special Urgency Rules.

Council also had a constitutional requirement to advise of those occasions when it had taken decisions where call-in provisions had been waived. The Council had not taken any such decisions in the previous twelve months.

Council noted that it was a requirement at its Annual Meeting to review the thresholds for Key Decisions. The current thresholds for Key Decisions were recommended to continue and were as follows:

- Revenue (income, savings or expenditure) £100,000
- Capital (income or expenditure) £250,000.

RESOLVED – That Council:

1. Noted that no decisions have been taken over the past 12 months under Special Urgency Rules in the Council's Access to Information Rules.
2. Noted that no decisions taken over the past 12 months under the urgency provisions (called General Exception) in the Council's Access to Information Rules.
3. Agreed that the financial thresholds for Key Decisions be maintained at £100,000 (Revenue) and £250,000 (Capital)

**COU** Adoption of the Revised Taxi Licensing Policies

**/14/2**

**2-23**

The consideration of this item was deferred.

**COU** Chair's Urgent Business

**/15/2**

**2-23**

There was no Chair's urgent business. The Chair declared the meeting closed.