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COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 29 May 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Geoff Stevens, MBE - In the Chair

Councillors Richard Bright, David Burton, Bob Cartwright, Albert Catt, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, David Fearn, Richard FitzHerbert, David Frederickson, Chris Furness, Neil Horton, Cate Hunt, Andrew Lewer, Mike Longden, Tony Millward, Jean Monks, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, OBE, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Jacquie Stevens, Philippa Tilbrook, Barrie Tipping, Judith Twigg, Carol Walker and Jo Wild.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Peter Foley (Corporate Director), Tim Braund (Head of Environmental Health), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Rob Cogings (Head of Housing), Heidi McDougall (Head of Environmental Services), Karen Henrikson (Accountancy and Exchequer Manager), Ashley Watts (Leisure Facilities Manager), and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jacque Bevan, Jennifer Bower, Ken Bull, Steve Bull, Sue Burfoot, Ann Elliott, Andrew Statham and Colin Swindell.

1/14 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That Councillor Geoff Stevens be elected Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

The Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales District Council congratulated Councillor Andrew Lewer on his election to the European Parliament on 22nd May 2014.

2/14 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Jacquie Stevens and

RESOLVED That Councillor Richard FitzHerbert be appointed Vice-Chairman of
(Unanimously) the Derbyshire Dales District Council until the next annual meeting of
the Council.

3/14 – APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT OF DERBYSHIRE DALES

Councillor Jo Wild arrived at 6.04pm prior to consideration of this item. Councillor Richard Bright arrived at 6.10pm during consideration of this item.

It was moved by Councillor Judith Twigg, seconded by Councillor David Fearn and

RESOLVED That Councillor Carol Walker be appointed Chairman of the District of
(Unanimously) Derbyshire Dales until the next annual meeting of the Council.

The duly elected Chairman of the District of Derbyshire Dales signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the chain of office.

The Chairman of the District of Derbyshire Dales expressed her thanks to Members and proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Councillor Peter Slack.

Councillor Walker then outlined her plans for the year ahead.

4/14 – APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT OF DERBYSHIRE DALES

It was moved by Councillor Tony Millward, seconded by Councillor David Frederickson and

RESOLVED That Councillor Albert Catt be appointed Deputy Chairman of the
(Unanimously) District of Derbyshire Dales until the next annual meeting of the
Council.

The duly elected Deputy Chairman of the District of Derbyshire Dales signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chain of Office.

5/14 – LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Rose reminded Members that this was Council's final year before the May 2015 elections, and acknowledged the financial challenges that the Council had faced during the preceding year, and those forthcoming in the year ahead.

Councillor Rose outlined some of the 2013/14 highlights, including:

- The Council had frozen Council Tax for the 4th year in succession,
- the Corporate Management Team had been restructured as part of the Chief Executive's plan for the future,
- the Revenue and Benefits Department had been transferred to Avarto which enabled the Council to work more efficiently with others and to save money,
- the new Benefits regime had been handled sensitively and effectively, using the hardship fund where appropriate.
- a car park review had been undertaken, facilitating the modernisation of the ticket machines in the near future,
- the local plan had been finalised and submitted to the Inspectorate. The Leader gave special thanks to Mike Hase and his team for the hard work and resources that were required in this respect;

- The Tourist Information Office in Ashbourne had been successfully transferred to the Town Council,
- surplus buildings had been sold off – of particular mention was Mike Galsworthy's sale of the toilet block for £100,000, which made the National news,
- the Council had facilitated more affordable homes, in accordance with its number one priority. The Leader expressed his thanks to Rob Cogings and his team.
- Work had started on the much needed refurbishment of Jubilee Bridge in Matlock Bath; and the new Ashbourne Leisure Centre changing village including modernisation of the infrastructure.
- an all-round improvement in rubbish collection had been achieved, together with increased recycling. The Leader expressed his thanks to Peter Foley and Heidi McDougall for their support.
- The Community Forums had continued to be welcomed by the participants and Cllr Rose thanked Ros Hession for her work in organising these and following up the issues raised.

The Leader went on to mention upcoming challenges, such as the debate regarding the Bakewell Road redevelopment; the noise attenuation measures at the Agricultural Business Centre, and the need to provide for the Traveller Community, particularly those who have a close affinity to our area.

The Leader reminded the Council of other on-going issues to be dealt with in the new Civic year:

- The date for the Local Plan inquiry had been confirmed as 22nd July, for which 3 weeks had been allocated;
- The completion of the Leisure Review led by Peter Foley;
- Affordable housing was still in the forefront, with the Leader congratulating the community of Youlgrave for its initiative and expressing his wish that more local village initiatives are brought forward

The Council had made 'Growing our Economy' one of its main aims for the year ahead;

- Work was continuing with Local Economic Partnerships, and Heather Bradford (of the District council funded Derbyshire Dales Business Advice) had continued to help businesses both new and old. The Leader congratulated Heather on having been singled out in the recent Derbyshire Economic Partnership Board meeting as being the best in Derbyshire for procuring funding;
- The issue of Broadband remained a challenge, with concern being expressed that unless this was resolved satisfactorily, attracting and retaining businesses in the Dales would be difficult;
- The tourist economy remained a priority, including promoting the Peak District Brand;
- The CAB had moved into the Town Hall, a move which was mutually beneficial, and discussions were underway with other parties to fill the rest of the space.

The Leader expressed his thanks to Peter Foley and Phil Colledge who were both leaving the Council within the next year and commended their excellent work on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Rose concluded by reiterating his opening wish that, despite political differences, all Members could work together to make Derbyshire Dales one of the best, safest and prettiest places to work, live and play.

6/14 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Dales District
(Unanimously) Council held on 8 May 2014 be approved as a correct record.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

7/14 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Council considered a report that set out amendments to the Council's Constitution in terms of its decision making structure and delegation to officers, Contract Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Rule of Procedure to accommodate a mandatory Standing Order.

Since its last Annual Meeting, Council had approved a new management structure and many of the revisions proposed in the report sought to reflect new job titles and improvements in decision making. A table illustrating the proposed decision making structure was set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.

A draft programme of meetings for the civil year 2014/15 was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Tony Millward and

RESOLVED 1. That the decision making structure as set out in paragraph 2.1 be
(Unanimously) approved with the deletion of the car parking review sub-committee.

2. That Council discharges functions to Committees within that revised structure and delegates decision making to Officers as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

3. That Rule of Procedure 19 be amended to incorporate the mandatory standing order which requires a recorded vote to be taken on all decisions relating to the calculation of the levels of Council Tax.

4. That the update to Contract Standing Orders as described in paragraph 2.4 of the report be approved.

5. That the update to Financial Regulations be approved.

6. That the programme of meetings for the 2014/15 Civic year be approved, as attached.

8/14 – APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

A table demonstrating the allocation of seats was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The Head of Corporate Services noted that the parties had agreed how the necessary variations would be achieved and these were reflected in the details of nominations for Committee memberships, received from the political groups, which were attached to the report as Appendix 2.

The following amendments were brought to Members' attention:

Corporate Committee – substitute Councillor A Lewer with Councillor S Bull.

Southern Planning Committee – substitute Councillor A Lewer with Councillor G Purdy

Local Plan Advisory Committee – substitute Councillor A Lewer with Councillor J Wild

Community Committee – add Councillor J Bevan as member and Councillor Carol Walker as substitute Member

A copy of the final Committee Places table is attached to these minutes

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Jo Wild and

RESOLVED That Members be appointed to serve on the Committees of the
(Unanimously) Council in accordance with the wishes of the political groups as set out in the attached table.

9/14 – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TO COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED That the appointments to the position of Chairman/Vice Chairman of
(Unanimously) the relevant bodies be made as set out in the attached table.

10/14 – APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report which reviewed the Council's affiliations with outside bodies and significant partnerships and sought nominations to act as the Council's representatives.

A list of significant external partnerships was tabled under item 3.1.

An amended schedule of appointments to outside bodies was distributed at the meeting, as Appendix 1 to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Andrew Lewer and

RESOLVED 1. That Council reviews the appointments to outside bodies
(Unanimously) identified in Appendix 1 to the report, as amended, and considers any changes it may wish to make to the current arrangements.

2. That the position of organisations where no indemnity insurance currently exists be noted and representatives notified accordingly.

3. That the Members identified in Appendix 1 (attached) be appointed to the relevant outside body to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

4. That Members nominated to represent the Council on outside bodies be requested to report back annually on their involvement.

11/14 – ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AREA COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Council considered the Annual Reports of the Area Community Forum.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Judith Twigg and

RESOLVED That the Annual Report of the Area Community Forums be endorsed
(Unanimously) and published.

12/14 – SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Carol Walker, seconded by Councillor Judith Twigg and

RESOLVED That the common seal of the Council be affixed to those documents,
(Unanimously) if any, required to complete transactions undertaken by Committees
or by way of delegated authority to officers since the last meeting of
the Council.

MEETING CLOSED 6.45 PM

CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – 2014-2015**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****16 SEATS**

Conservative 12	Liberal Democrat 2	Labour 2
J. Bevan	S Burfoot	J. M. Ratcliffe
J.J. Bower	D. R. Burton	C. Swindell
J. R. H. Bright		
T. G. Donnelly		
A. G. Millward		
L. M. Rose		
A. P. Statham		
G. E. M. Stevens		
J. A. Stevens		
P. Tilbrook		
J.A. Twigg		
J. Wild		
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
S. Bull	R.D. Fearn	R. Cartwright
A. J. P. Catt	S. Flitter	P. Slack
A. Elliott		
R. N. FitzHerbert		
C. Furness		
N. Horton		
C. A. Hunt		
M. V. Longden		
J. Monks		
G. Purdy		
B. Tipping		
C. A. Walker		

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**16 SEATS**

Conservative 12	Liberal Democrat 2	Labour 2
S. Bull	S. Burfoot	J. M. Ratcliffe
A. Elliott	S. Flitter	P. Slack
C. Furness		
N. Horton		
C. A. Hunt		
A. D. Jenkins		
G. Purdy		
L. M. Rose		
A. Shirley		
G. E. M. Stevens		
C. A. Walker		
J. Wild		
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
J. Bevan	R. D. Fearn	R. Cartwright
J. J. Bower	D. R. Burton	C. Swindell
J. R. H. Bright		
A.J.P.Catt		
T. G. Donnelly		
R. N. FitzHerbert		
M. Longden		
J. Monks		
A. Statham		
J. Stevens		
B. Tipping		
J. A. Twigg		

CORPORATE COMMITTEE**16 SEATS**

Conservative 12	Liberal Democrat 1	Labour 2	Independent 1
S. Bull	R. D. Fearn	R. Cartwright	D. Frederickson
A. J. P. Catt		I. Ratcliffe	
D. G. Chapman			
R. N. FitzHerbert			
M. V. Longden			
J. Monks			
G. Purdy			
L. M. Rose			
G. E. M. Stevens			
J. A. Stevens			
B. Tipping			
J. A. Twigg			
Substitutes	Substitute	Substitutes	
J Bevan	D R Burton	J. M. Ratcliffe	
J. Bower		C. Swindell	
J. H. R. Bright			
T. G. Donnelly			
A. Elliott			
C. Furness			
C. Hunt			
A. Millward			
A. P. Statham			
P. Tilbrook			
C. A. Walker			
J. Wild			

CENTRAL & NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE 17 SEATS

Conservative 13	Liberal Democrat 2	Labour 2
A. Elliott	D. R. Burton	R. Cartwright
N. Horton	R. D. Fearn	J. M. Ratcliffe
M. V. Longden		
J. Monks		
G. Purdy		
L. M. Rose		
A. P. Statham		
G. E. M. Stevens		
J. A. Stevens		
P. Tilbrook		
B. Tipping		
C. A. Walker		
J. Wild		
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
J. Bevan	S. Flitter	P. Slack
J. H. R. Bright	S. Burfoot	C. Swindell
S. Bull		
A. J. P. Catt		
D. Chapman		
T. Donnelly		
R. N. FitzHerbert		
C. Furness		
C. A. Hunt		
A. Jenkins		
A. Lewer		
A. Millward		
J. A. Twigg		

SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE**17 SEATS**

Conservative 13	Liberal Democrat 2	Labour 1	Independent 1
J. H. R. Bright	R. D. Fearn	P. Slack	D. Frederickson
K. C. Bull	S. Flitter		
S. Bull			
A. J. P. Catt			
T. G. Donnelly			
R. N. FitzHerbert			
C. A. Hunt			
A. D. Jenkins			
A. G. Millward			
G. Purdy			
L. M. Rose			
A. Shirley			
G. E. M. Stevens			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
J. Bevan	D. R. Burton	R. Cartwright	
A. Elliott	S. Burfoot		
C. Furness			
N. Horton			
A I Lewer			
J. Monks			
A. P. Statham			
J. A. Stevens			
B. Tipping			
P. Tilbrook			
J. Twigg			
C. A. Walker			
J. Wild			

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**12 SEATS**

Conservative 9	Liberal Democrat 1	Labour 1	Independent 1
J. N. Bevan	S. Flitter	J. M. Ratcliffe	D. Frederickson
T. G. Donnelly			
R. N. FitzHerbert			
C. A. Hunt			
A. D. Jenkins			
A. G. Millward			
J. Monks			
J. A. Twigg			
C. A. Walker			

JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP**6 SEATS**

Conservative 4	Liberal Democrat 1	Labour 1
C. A. Hunt	S. Flitter	I. Ratcliffe
L. M. Rose		
G. E. M. Stevens		
C. A. Walker		
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
S. Bull	R. D. Fearn	R. Cartwright
A. J. P. Catt		
G. Purdy		
J. A. Twigg		

LOCAL PLAN ADVISORY**12 SEATS**

Conservative 8	Liberal Democrat 1	Labour 2	Independent 1
A. J. P. Catt	R. D. Fearn	R. Cartwright	D. Frederickson
C. Furness		J. M. Ratcliffe	
G. Purdy			
L. M. Rose			
G. E. M. Stevens			
J. A. Stevens			
C. A. Walker			
J. Wild			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
J. H. R. Bright	S. Burfoot	I. Ratcliffe	
K. C. Bull		C. Swindell	
S. Bull			
R. FitzHerbert			
C. A. Hunt			
A. I. Lewer			
A. G. Millward			
J. Monks			
B. Tipping			

JOINT ICT SERVICE COMMITTEE 3 SEATS

Conservative 2	Labour 1
L. M. Rose	R. Cartwright
G. E. M. Stevens	
Substitutes	Substitutes
A.J.P. Catt	J. M. Ratcliffe
J. A. Stevens	

ERNEST BAILEY CHARITY COMMITTEE (area based)**13 SEATS**

S. Burfoot
D. R. Burton
R. Cartwright
A. Elliott
R. D. Fearn

S. Flitter
G. Purdy
A. Statham
G. E. M. Stevens
J. Stevens
C. Swindell
B. Tipping
J. Wild

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN**2014/2015**

	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Corporate	A.J.P. Catt	J.A. Stevens
Community	J.J. Bower	J. Wild
Environment	S. Bull	C. Furness
Central & Northern Area Planning	G. Purdy	B. Tipping
Southern Area Planning	A. G. Millward	T. G. Donnelly
Local Plan Advisory	L. M. Rose	G. E. M. Stevens
Licensing/Appeals	J. N. Bevan	J. Monks
Car Parking Review Sub	J. J. Bower	J. A. Twigg
JCG	To be appointed at first meeting	Employee representative
Ernest Bailey Charity	G.E.M. Stevens	C. Swindell
Central Area Community Forum	A. Elliott	A. P. Statham
Southern Area Community Forum	R. R. FitzHerbert	J. R. H. Bright
Northern Area Community Forum	J. A. Twigg	J. Monks

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2013/2014
(Amended 29/05/14)**

Organisation	Representatives	Substitutes
Arkwright Society - Council of Management	G.Purdy	Not Allowed
Ashbourne Community Transport	S.Bull	Not Applicable
Ashbourne Partnership	To be determined at future meeting	Not Applicable
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service	J.N.Bevan	Not Applicable
Derbyshire Economic Partnership	L.M.Rose	G.E.M. Stevens
Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum	L.M.Rose	G.E.M. Stevens
Derbyshire Sport	J.J. Bower	J. Wild
Derbyshire Supporting People Commissioning Body	J.J. Bower	J.Wild
Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership	G. Purdy	Not Allowed
Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Board	G.E.M.Stevens	Not Allowed
Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership	G.E.M.Stevens	Not Allowed
East Midlands Museum Service	R. FitzHerbert	J. Monks
East Midlands Councils	L. M. Rose	G.E.M Stevens
Derwent Valley Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas – Cromford Grants Committee	G.Purdy R. Cartwright	Not Applicable
District Councils' Network	L.M.Rose	G.E.M.Stevens
High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership	C.Furness	J.Monks
LGA General Assembly	L.M.Rose	G.E.M.Stevens
Mid Derbyshire CAB Board	G.E.M.Stevens	Not Applicable

Organisation	Representatives	Substitutes
National Association of British Market Authorities	S.Bull	Not Allowed
National Stone Centre	P. Slack	Not Allowed
Peak District National Park Authority	D.Chapman C.Furness	Not Allowed
Police and Crime Panel	L.M.Rose	G. E. M. Stevens
Rural Action Derbyshire	M.V.Longden	Not Allowed
Rural Network East Midlands	G.E.M. Stevens	L.M. Rose
Wirksworth Learner Pool Trust	A. P. Statham	Not Allowed
Wirksworth Leisure Community Group	J. M. Ratcliffe J. Wild	Not Allowed