

# COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 1000 hours.

## **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

Councillors T. Alexander, A. Anderson, P. Barnes, D. Bullock, J.A. Clifton, T.J. Connerton, C.P. Cooper, P.A. Cooper, M. Dixey, M.J. Dooley, S.W. Fritchley, H.J. Gilmour, A. Joesbury, D. McGregor, C. Moesby, B.R. Murray-Carr, S. Peake, K. Reid, J.E. Smith, P. Smith, S. J. Statter, E. Stevenson, A.M. Syrett, R. Turner, K.F. Walker, B. Watson, D.S. Watson and J. Wilson.

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), L. Hickin (Strategic Director - People), K. Hanson (Strategic Director - Place), S. Sternberg (Joint Head of Service - Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer), D. Clarke (Joint Head of Service – Finance and Resources) and N. Calver (Governance Manager)

## **0360. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. E. Bennett, R.J. Bowler, P.M. Bowmer, T. Cannon, T. Connerton, M. G. Crane, R. Heffer and M. J. Ritchie.

## **0361. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

## **0362. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council invited all those present to the forthcoming Bolsover Talent Event on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 starting at 7:30pm at Sports Direct. It was confirmed that entry was priced at £3 with under 16's attending free. The Chairman encouraged all to support the event to raise money for the Chairman's charity 'iVenture 2019.'

Further, the Chairman invited Members to an event taking place that day called 'Cake and Chat' at The Arc to raise funds for 'Re-think Mental Illness.'

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### 0363. QUESTIONS

No questions were submitted to this Meeting of Council from either the public under Rule 8 nor Members under Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules.

### 0364. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business considered at the meeting.

### 0365. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as set out in pages 4-9 of the agenda pack.

Proposed by Councillor R. Turner and seconded by Councillor A. M. Syrett

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 0366. MOTIONS

Proposed by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor A. M. Syrett

**RESOLVED** that Council Procedure Rule 10.1 be suspended for the duration of the meeting.

A Motion to be put before Council was circulated at the meeting for all those present to consider. Councillor D. McGregor explained that Central Government was looking to change legislation and consideration of the motion and any resultant decisions needed to be put forward expediently in order for them to be considered. Support was requested for the motion from Members elected to represent the communities of the District who had a strong opposition to Fracking and where the Government's proposals were causing major concern.

An amendment to the motion was put forward to call on Central Government to ensure sufficient measures were in place to protect the environment and limit negative impacts on local areas.

The amendment was proposed by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor E. Stevenson and on being put to the vote it was agreed as a substantive motion.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. This Council

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- a) opposes Government's proposals to grant the status of permitted development to any conventional oil / gas exploration, appraisal or planning applications;
- b) will call on Government to ensure sufficient measures and safeguards are in place to protect and preserve the environment and that restrictions are in place to limit the detrimental impact fracking has on local areas and its residents; and
- c) will communicate such to the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government by the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 latest in relation to the consultation.

2. This Council opposes the Government's proposals to include an unconventional oil and gas exploration, appraisal or production planning applications in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project regime and will communicate such to the Secretary of State for Energy by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 latest in response to the current Government consultation on the issue.

3. This Council will communicate this Motion and its response to said Government consultations to Derbyshire County Council as the relevant Minerals Planning Authority; and

4. This Council will request that in order to preserve the role of democratically elected Local Authorities in assessing potentially high impact planning decisions that Derbyshire County Council also rejects the Government's proposals on these issue and communicates this in a timely manner to the Government in response to the relevant consultations.

### **0367. RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

No items had been recommended from Executive or Committees for consideration at this meeting.

### **0368. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

It was the wish of Members present that this item be deferred to the following Meeting of Council in order for due consideration to be given to the substitution appointments for the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committees.

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### **0369. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2017/18**

Council gave consideration to the Annual Audit Letter in respect of 2017/18 which had been prepared by KPMG for consideration by Elected Members and other stakeholders.

Members welcomed the report and the positive content therein.

Proposed by Councillor B. Watson and seconded by Councillor A. M. Syrett  
**RESOLVED** that the Annual Audit Letter for 2017/18 produced by the Councils external auditors, KPMG, be noted.

### **0370. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES (MID-YEAR REVISION)**

Members gave consideration to a report of the Monitoring Officer requesting a mid-year revision to the Appointment to Committees for both Planning and Licensing Committees.

A request had been made for B. R. Murray-Carr to replace Councillor K. Walker on Planning Committee and for Councillor K. Walker to replace Councillor B. R. Murray-Carr on Licensing Committee. This exchange was permissible with the consent of Council by way of resolution and would commence following agreement and would conclude at the meeting of Annual Council in May 2019. It was confirmed that the change requested did not affect proportional representation of Political Parties on any of Bolsover District Councils Committees.

Moved by Councillor S. W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor C. Moesby  
**RESOLVED** that the Mid-Year revision to the Appointment of Committees as detailed within the report be approved.

The meeting concluded at 10:24 hours

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