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COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at the Wirksworth Leisure Centre, Wirksworth at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Sue Bull - In the Chair

Councillors Jacqueline Allison, Robert Archer, Jason Atkin, Matthew Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Paul Cruise, Tom Donnelly, Graham Elliott, Richard Fitzherbert, Steve Flitter, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Clare Gamble, Dawn Greatorex, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Michele Morley, Dermot Murphy, Peter O'Brien, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Mark Salt, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Alasdair Sutton, Colin Swindell, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman.

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services) Jason Spencer (Electoral and Democratic Services Manager), Jim Fearn (Communications and Marketing Manager) and Angela Gratton (Democratic Services Officer).

1/21 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

It was moved by Councillor Stuart Lees seconded by Councillor Mark Salt and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Sue Bull be appointed Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

Voting:

For	33
Against	2
Abstentions	-

2/21 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Morley and seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson:

RESOLVED That Councillor Andrew Shirley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

Voting:

For	33
Against	1
Abstentions	1

3/21 – ELECTION OF CIVIC CHAIRMAN 2021/22

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor Peter O'Brien and

RESOLVED That Councillor Steve Wain be appointed Civic Chairman until the next annual meeting of the Council.
(Unanimously)

The duly elected Civic Chairman was invested with the Chain of Office and expressed his thanks to the retiring Civic Chair and Members for their vote of confidence.

4/20 – APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY CIVIC CHAIRMAN 2021/22

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin seconded by Councillor Andrew Statham and

RESOLVED That Councillor Graham Elliott be appointed Deputy Civic Chairman until the next annual meeting of the Council.
(unanimously)

The duly elected Deputy Civic Chairman was invested with the Chain of Office **and thanked Members for their vote of confidence.**

5/21 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Bright, David Hughes, Claire Raw and Lewis Rose

6/21 – INTERESTS

As they were proposed to be paid special responsibility allowances in their capacities as Leader, Deputy Leader and leaders of political groups, Councillors, Neil Buttle, Steve Flitter, Susan Hobson and Garry Purdy declared a personal interest in item 10.

7/21 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Derbyshire Dales District Council held on 22 April 2021 be approved as a correct record.

Voting:

For	33
Against	-
Abstentions	2

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

8/21 – REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – RESULTS OF THE MASSON AND WIRKSWORTH BY-ELECTIONS

The Council received a report on the results of the by-elections to the District Council for the Masson and Wirksworth wards held on 6 May 2021

The Chief Executive and Returning Officer gave a brief summary of the report informing members following members had been duly elected:

Masson ward – Dermot Murphy
Wirksworth ward - Dawn Greatorex

The new Councillors were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and were welcomed to the Council.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED The results of the by-elections to the District Council for the (Unanimously) Masson and Wirksworth Wards held on 6 May 2021 be noted.

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

9/21 – ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Council received a report to consider the election of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2021/22 municipal year.

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services gave a brief introduction to the report the Council has historically appointed a Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council by the convention that the posts would be filled by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the largest political group on the Council.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor David Chapman and

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Garry Purdy be elected Leader of the Council for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Voting:

For 23
Against -
Abstentions 12

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor Stuart Lees, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED

2. That Councillor Susan Hobson be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Voting:

For 24
Against -
Abstentions 11

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

10/21 – MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS ON COMMITTEES

The Council considered a report on the updated membership of political groups on the Council, the change to the political balance of the authority following the by-elections held on 6 May 2021 and the revised entitlement of political groups to seats on committees for the 2021/22 municipal year.

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services gave a brief introduction to the report. As the Conservatives and Councillors Bright & Elliott Group held the majority of seats on the Council it was in overall control of the Authority. Following the recent By-Elections the political balance of the Council was:

Name of Group	Designated Leader	Number of Members
Conservative and Councillors Bright & Elliott	Councillor Purdy	22
Green and Independent	Councillor Buttle	5
Labour	Councillor Ratcliffe	4
Liberal Democrat	Councillor Flitter	7

As Councillor Swindell did not belong to a political group he was designated as a non-aligned Member.

Members requested an update on the establishment a Scrutiny Committee. In response, the Director of Corporate and Customer Services informed Members this would be considered by the Constitution Working Group and, on their recommendation, would be planned to be considered by the Council in July.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED

1. That the operation of four political groups on the Council and the detail of their designated Leaders be noted as follows:
 - (a) Conservative Group – Councillor Garry Purdy
 - (b) Green and Independent Group – Councillor Neil Buttle
 - (c) Labour Group – Councillor Mike Ratcliffe
 - (d) Liberal Democrat Group – Councillor Steve Flitter

2. That, subject to the election of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council earlier on the agenda, the following special responsibility allowances be paid:
 - (a) Councillor Purdy - £12,024
 - (b) Councillor Flitter - £1,617
 - (c) Councillor Buttle - £1,115
 - (d) Councillor Hobson - £6,012

3. That the entitlement of the membership of the political groups be noted and agreed that such entitlements are reflected in the allocation to Committees.

Voting:

For	33
Against	-
Abstentions	2

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

11/21 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The Council Council considered a report on the revised entitlement of political groups to seats on committees for the 2021/22 municipal year.

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services gave a brief introduction to the report. In order to allocate seats to Committees and achieve balance on individual committees, as well as overall, it has been necessary to change the size of committees as follows:

Governance and Resources	17 (was 16)
Community and Environment	17 (no change)
Planning	13 (no change)
Licensing and Appeals	13 (was 12)
Joint Consultative	6 (no change)
Joint ICT	3 (no change)
Constitution Working Group	7 (no change)
Local Plan Advisory Group	10 (no change)

It was moved by Councillor David Chapman, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to serve on the Committees of the Council in accordance with the wishes of the political groups as set out in tabled report and set out in appendix 1 of these minutes.

Voting:

For 34
Against -
Abstentions 1

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED

12/21 – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN TO COMMITTEES

The Council considered a report setting out the appointments to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the various decision making bodies for the 2021-22 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made to the positions of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

	Proposed	Seconded	Voting
Community & Environment			
Chair Cllr Chris Furness	Cllr Tony Morley	Cllr Alasdair Sutton	34 For 0 Against 1 Abstain
Vice Chair Cllr Helen Froggatt	Cllr Mark Salt	Cllr Andrew Shirley	32 For 0 Against 3 Abstain

Governance & Resources			
Chair Cllr Tom Donnelly	Cllr Garry Purdy	Cllr Mark Wakeman	31 For 1 Against 3 Abstain
Vice-Chair Cllr David Chapman	Cllr Jason Atkin	Cllr Chris Furness	33 For 0 Against 2 Abstain
Planning			
Chair – Cllr Jason Atkin	Cllr Chris Furness	Cllr Helen Froggatt	28 For 1 Against 6 Abstain
Vice Chair Cllr Richard Fitzherbert	Cllr Stuart Lees	Cllr Mark Wakeman	30 For 1 Against 4 Abstain
Licensing & Appeals			
Chair Cllr Tony Morley	Cllr Tom Donnelly	Cllr Andrew Shirley	27 For 1 Against 7 Abstain
Vice Chair Cllr Andrew Statham	Cllr Mark Wakeman	Cllr Jason Atkin	27 For 3 Against 5 Abstain
Ernest Bailey Charity			
Chair Cllr Jason Atkin	Cllr Chris Furness	Cllr Susan Hobson	26 For 1 Against 8 Abstain
Vice Chair Cllr Andrew Statham	Cllr Jason Atkin	Cllr Chris Furness	27 For 1 Against 7 Abstain
Joint Consultative Group			
To be appointed at first meeting			
Constitution Working Group			
To be appointed at first meeting			
Local Plan Working Group			
To be appointed at first meeting			
Chief Officer Selection Panel			
To be appointed at first meeting			

13/21 - APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report that reviewed its affiliations with outside bodies and invited nominations to act as the Council's representatives.

The Schedule attached at Appendix 1, gave the full list of outside bodies that required the Council's consideration. The Council was asked to consider its nominations and any changes it wishes to make to those currently in place.

The list of approved conferences and recommended representation was tabled in paragraph 2.1 of the report, which was submitted to confer approved duty status to cover Member attendance.

At a previous meeting of Council it was agreed that Members should report back annually on their involvement with an outside body and that updates be sent to all Members of the Council. Members commented no reports had been received and, in response to this point, the Director of Corporate and Customer Services informed Members this would be put on future agendas for Council meetings.

A Member questioned why Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport was not on the list and, in response, the Director of Corporate and Customer Services advised that they could be considered for addition if the body concerned made contact outlining the benefits having councillor representation

It was moved by Councillor Chris Furness, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED

1. That Council reviews the appointments to outside bodies identified in Appendix 1, 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 accordingly.
3. That the Members identified in Appendix 1 be appointed to the relevant outside body to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.
4. That the list of Conferences for 2021/22 be approved
5. That authority is delegated to the Director of Corporate and Customer Services in consultation with the Chief Executive and Directors, where relevant, to determine requests for attendance at other conferences based on the relevance of the subject matter and to the availability of finance.

Voting:

For	34
Against	-
Abstentions	1

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

14/21 – CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Council received a report to approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2021/22 municipal year attached as Appendix 1.

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Andrew Shirley and

RESOLVED The Calendar of Meetings for the 2021/22 municipal year be (Unanimously) approved.

15/21 – UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report from the Director of Corporate and Customer Services proposing minor amendments to the Constitution. It was noted that the Council had previously agreed to establish a Constitution Working Group which would undertake a broader review of various parts of the Constitution with the Monitoring Officer and make proposals for amendments to the Council at future meetings.

It was recommended that the provisions for the Emergency Committee be deleted on the basis that decision making processes were established to deal with emergency situations in future that would not require the cessation of committee business. It was further recommended that the reference to the Local Plan Working Group having been established as an advisory committee be deleted in order to operate on a consistent basis with other Member working groups that had been established.

The report also set out, for information, proposed topics for review by the Constitution Working Group, which included:

- Introduction of general delegations to officers
- Review of the petition scheme provisions
- Establishment of a Scrutiny Committee
- Establishment of a Standards and Ethics Committee
- Review of Procedure Rules, specifically the application of the rules of debate
- Review of the role of the Civic Chairman

Following on from an earlier discussion concerning the receipt of reports from Members representing the Council on outside bodies, it was also suggested that

the Group could include this provision within its review of the procedure rules for Council meetings.

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor Clare Gamble and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the provisions for the Emergency Committee set out in Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions be deleted.
2. That the reference to the Local Plan Working Group as an advisory committee be deleted.
3. That the topics for review by the Constitution Working Group be noted.

16/21 – SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Richard Fitzherbert, seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy and

Councillor Richard Fitzherbert as outgoing Chair gave a short speech on his 6 years as Chairman.

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That the common seal of the Council be affixed to those documents, 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 7:26PM

CHAIRMAN

Attachments:

Appointments to Committees
Appointments to Outside Bodies
Programme of meetings 2021-22

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (17 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 10	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 3	2021/22 Green/ Independent 2	2021/22 Labour 2
Sue Bull	Martin Burfoot	Matthew Buckler	Peter O'Brien
Helen Froggatt	David Hughes	Neil Buttle	Mike Ratcliffe
Chris Furness	Steve Wain		
Tony Morley			
Dermot Murphy			
Garry Purdy			
Lewis Rose			
Andrew Statham			
Alasdair Sutton			
Mark Wakeman			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
<i>Jason Atkin</i>	<i>Robert Archer</i>	<i>Clare Gamble</i>	<i>Peter Slack</i>
<i>Tom Donnelly</i>	<i>Sue Burfoot</i>		
<i>Richard Fitzherbert</i>			
<i>Susan Hobson</i>			

GOVERNANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (17 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 10	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 3	2021/22 Green/ Independent 2	2021/22 Labour 2
Sue Bull	Robert Archer	Jacqui Allison	Dawn Greatorex
David Chapman	Paul Cruise	Claire Raw	Mike Ratcliffe
Tom Donnelly	Steve Flitter		
Helen Froggatt			
Alyson Hill			
Susan Hobson			
Michelle Morley			
Dermot Murphy			
Garry Purdy			
Alasdair Sutton			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
<i>Jason Atkin</i>	<i>David Hughes</i>	<i>Matthew Buckler</i>	<i>Peter Slack</i>
<i>Richard Fitzherbert</i>	<i>Steve Wain</i>		
<i>Chris Furness</i>			
<i>Stuart Lees</i>			

PLANNING COMMITTEE (13 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 7	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 2	2021/22 Green/ Independent 2	2021/22 Labour 1	2021/22 Non-aligned 1
Jason Atkin	Robert Archer	Neil Buttle	Peter Slack	Colin Swindell
Sue Bull	Sue Burfoot	Clare Gamble		
Tom Donnelly				
Graham Elliott				
Richard Fitzherbert				
Stuart Lees				
Garry Purdy				
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
<i>Helen Froggatt</i>	<i>Paul Cruise</i>	<i>Jacqui Allison</i>	<i>Peter O'Brien</i>	
<i>Chris Furness</i>				
<i>Andrew Statham</i>				

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE (13 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 7	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 2	2021/22 Green/ Independent 2	2021/22 Labour 1	2021/22 Non-aligned 1
Graham Elliott	Paul Cruise	Jacqui Allison	Peter O'Brien	Colin Swindell
Alyson Hill	Steve Wain	Clare Gamble		
Stuart Lees				
Michele Morley				
Tony Morley				
Andrew Statham				
Mark Wakeman				

JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP (6 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 3	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 1	2021/22 Green/ Independent 1	2021/22 Labour 1
Tom Donnelly	Steve Flitter	Neil Buttle	Peter Slack
Helen Froggatt			
Susan Hobson			

JOINT ICT SERVICE COMMITTEE (3 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservative 2	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 1
Chris Furness	David Hughes
Garry Purdy	

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP (10 SEATS)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 6	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 2	2021/22 Green/ Independent 1	2021/22 Labour 1
Jason Atkin	Martin Burfoot	Matthew Buckler	Mike Ratcliffe
Richard FitzHerbert	David Hughes		
Susan Hobson			
Tony Morley			
Garry Purdy			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
<i>Helen Froggatt</i>	<i>Paul Cruise</i>	<i>Jacqui Allison</i>	<i>Peter O'Brien</i>
<i>Chris Furness</i>			
<i>Stuart Lees</i>			

CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP (7 Members)

2021/22 Conservatives and Cllrs Bright & Elliott 4	2021/22 Liberal Democrats 1	2021/22 Green/ Independent 1	2021/22 Labour 1
Sue Bull	David Hughes	Clare Gamble	Mike Ratcliffe
Richard Fitzherbert			
Susan Hobson			
Tony Morley			

ERNEST BAILEY CHARITY COMMITTEE (Area based) (13 SEATS)

2020/21
Jason Atkin
Matthew Buckler
Martin Burfoot
Sue Burfoot
Paul Cruise
Steve Flitter
David Hughes
Dermot Murphy
Garry Purdy
Mark Salt (C)
Andrew Statham
Colin Swindell
Steve Wain

Based on relevant Wards

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

OUTSIDE BODY	Representative(s) 2021/2022	Substitute(s) 2021/2022
Revenues and Benefits Strategic Board	Cllr Clare Gamble	N/A
Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
Derbyshire Economic Partnership	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service	Cllr Tony Morley	N/A
Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel	Cllr Garry Purdy	Cllr Jason Atkin
Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership	Cllr Garry Purdy	N/A
Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Board	Cllr David Hughes	N/A
District Councils' Network	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
East Midlands Council	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
Visit Peak District and Derbyshire	Cllr Peter O'Brien	N/A
Peak District Partnership	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership	Cllr Chris Furness	N/A
HS2 Chesterfield & Staveley Delivery Board	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
LGA Cultural Champion	Cllr Sir Richard Fitzherbert	N/A
LGA General Assembly	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
Peak District National Park Authority	Cllrs David Chapman & Chris Furness	N/A
Sheffield City Region	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader
Ashbourne Community Transport	Cllr Stuart Lees	N/A

OUTSIDE BODY	Indemnity Insurance 2021/2022	Expenses Paid
Revenues and Benefits Strategic Board		
Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum		
Derbyshire Economic Partnership	No	
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service	Yes	
Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel	As last year	Yes
Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership	Yes	No
Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Board	No	No
District Councils' Network		
East Midlands Council	Yes	No
Visit Peak District and Derbyshire	Yes	
Peak District Partnership	No	
High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership		
LGA Cultural Champion	No	Yes
LGA General Assembly	No	Yes
Peak District National Park Authority	Yes	Yes Travel & subsistence
Sheffield City Region	Yes	
Ashbourne Community Transport		

