

**COUNCIL MEETING**

16 May 2019

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

3**Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****Minutes**

Martin Baxendale	P	Trevor Hall	P	Nigel Prenter	A
Dorcas Binns	P	Nick Hurst	P	Skeena Rathor	P
Catherine Braun	P	Julie Job	P	Sue Reed	P
Chris Brine	P	Haydn Jones	P	Mark Reeves	P
George Butcher	P	John Jones	P	Steve Robinson*	P
Miranda Clifton	P	Norman Kay	P	Mattie Ross	P
Nigel Cooper	P	Darren Loftus	A	Tom Skinner	P
Doina Cornell	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Gordon Craig	P	John Marjoram	P	Haydn Sutton	P
Rachel Curley	P	Phil McAsey	A	Brian Tipper	P
Stephen Davies	P	Karen McKeown	P	Chas Townley	P
Paul Denney	A	Jenny Miles	P	Jessica Tomblin	P
Jim Dewey	P	Dave Mossman	P	Ken Tucker	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Gill Oxley	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Chas Fellows	P	Keith Pearson	P	Tim Williams	P
Colin Fryer	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Lindsey Green	P	Gary Powell**	P	Debbie Young	P

Membership:

**Chair *Vice-Chair P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present:

Chief Executive
 Interim Head of Legal Services & Monitoring
 Officer

Democratic Services & Elections Manager
 Democratic Services Officers

CL.001 CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Councillor Gary Powell was nominated for the position of Chair of Council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Gary Powell be elected Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2019-20.

CL.002 VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Councillor Steve Robinson was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of Council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Steve Robinson be elected Vice-Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2019-20.

CL.003 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Denney, Loftus, McAsey and Prenter.

CL.004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CL.005 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.006 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair thanked Councillor Jenny Miles, the outgoing Vice-Chair of Council, for her support and hard work over the past year.

European Elections and the Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Planning Referendum will be held on 23 May 2019. The count for the referendum will take place that evening. The verification for the European Elections will take place at 10.00 pm on Thursday, 23 May 2019 at Stratford Park Leisure Centre and the count at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 26 May 2019. Please let Democratic Services know if you are attending.

The Leader confirmed that Highways England had awarded £4m to the Cotswold Canals Trust to route the canal under the M5 and the A38. Railtrack were surveying the railway track at The Ocean.

The Council had been shortlisted for 2 awards for waste and recycling and would find out the results next month. Councillors and officers were thanked for their work over the last civic year and looking forward to more cross-party working this year.

The Chief Executive thanked the Group Leaders for supporting the recommendations that had been made from the Peer Review and the need to appointment a senior management team. Andrew Cummings has been appointed Interim Director of Resources for up to 12 months.

CL.007 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2019-20

The appointment to committees list was agreed, with the inclusion of Councillor Hall to sit on the Audit and Standards Committee.

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to the Council's committees as set out in these minutes.

Audit and Standards Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Dorcas Binns	Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Rachel Curley	Councillor Mark Reeves
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
Councillor Trevor Hall	Councillor Tom Williams
Councillor Karen McKeown	

Community Services and Licensing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Gordon Craig	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds	Councillor Sue Reed
Councillor John Jones	Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Norman Kay	Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Gill Oxley	Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Darren Loftus	Councillor Ken Tucker

Development Control Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Martin Baxendale	Councillor John Marjoram
Councillor Dorcas Binns	Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Miranda Clifton	Councillor Sue Reed
Councillor Nigel Cooper	Councillor Mark Reeves
Councillor Haydn Jones	Councillor Jessica Tomblin
Councillor Steve Lydon	Councillor Tom Williams

Environment Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Chris Brine	Councillor Dave Mossman
Councillor George Butcher	Councillor Simon Pickering
Councillor Paul Denney	Councillor Skeena Rathor
Councillor Jim Dewey	Councillor Haydn Sutton
Councillor Trevor Hall	Councillor Jessica Tomblin
Councillor Haydn Jones	Councillor Tim Williams

Housing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Catherine Braun	Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Jim Dewey	Councillor Phil McAsey
Councillor Chas Fellows	Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Colin Fryer	Councillor Gary Powell
Councillor Lindsey Green	Councillor Chas Townley
Councillor Julie Job	Councillor Debbie Young

Strategy and Resources Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Nigel Cooper	Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Doina Cornell	Councillor Tom Skinner
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Chas Townley
Councillor Nick Hurst	Councillor Ken Tucker
Councillor Keith Pearson	Councillor Martin Whiteside
Councillor Simon Pickering	Councillor Debbie Young
Councillor Steve Robinson	

CL.008 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

The following Councillors were nominated and voted into the positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs on the Council's committees in 2019-20.

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair to the Council's committees as set out in these minutes.

Audit and Standards Committee

Chair: Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy Vice-Chair: Councillor Tom Williams

Community Services and Licensing Committee

Chair: Councillor Mattie Ross Vice-Chair: Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

Development Control Committee

Chair: Councillor Martin Baxendale Vice-Chair: Councillor Miranda Clifton

Environment Committee

Chair: Councillor Simon Pickering Vice-Chair: Councillor George Butcher

Housing Committee

Chair: Councillor Chas Townley Vice-Chair: Councillor Jenny Miles

Strategy and Resources Committee

Chair: Councillor Doina Cornell Vice-Chair: Councillor Martin Whiteside

CL.009 APPOINTMENT TO OTHER BODIES

Councillors were nominated as lead and substitute on other bodies in 2019/20.

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Steve Lydon (Lead) Councillor Steve Robinson (Substitute)

Police and Crime Panel (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Mattie Ross (Lead) Councillor Chas Townley (Substitute)

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Jim Dewey (Lead) Councillor Martin Whiteside (Substitute)

Appointment of three Mental Health Champions

Councillors Jim Dewey, Tom Skinner and Tom Williams

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to other bodies as set out above.

CL.010 RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON 7 MAY 2019

Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2018/19

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, the Chair of the Committee presented the Committee's annual report, highlighting various paragraphs to pages 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19.

RESOLVED That the Annual Report is approved.

CL.011 CIVIC TIMETABLE 2019/20

RESOLVED To note the revised timetable for the civic year 2019/20.

CL.012 CORPORATE DELIVERY PLAN (CDP) AND KEY ACTIONS FOR 2019/20

Councillor Cornell outlined the above CDP which defined the work of the Council for the coming year. It also highlighted achievements and the good cross-party working on projects such as Brimscombe Port.

Councillor Davies confirmed that he was the new Conservative Group Leader and thanked Councillor Cooper for all of his hard work over the last 3 years in this role. He stated that we need to look at what we want to achieve and then find a vehicle to achieve this. For the Council to be carbon neutral we need to understand where we can make the most impact.

A debate ensued. Councillor Pickering confirmed that parish councils were involved in helping to become carbon neutral. Seven groups had been set up so far and he had given several talks on how to make the most impact. The GFirst LEP were playing a crucial role in this. Councillor Edmunds requested other Members encourage people in their parishes to also form a carbon neutral group.

Councillor Townley endorsed all of the above comments and suggested that the Council be ambitious and try to build 300 new dwellings per year.

Councillor Rathor spoke passionately about being in a climate emergency and urged the Council to work faster.

In summing up Councillor Cornell acknowledged that Members had made useful comments. At a recent meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee, the Vice-Chair of GFirst LEP had given a presentation and had subsequently spoken to the Director of Development Services regarding projects in the pipeline. Communication would be the key.

RESOLVED To adopt the updated Corporate Delivery Plan setting out the Key Actions for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix 1.

CL.013 LGA CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE REPORT

Councillor Cornell confirmed that the above report recognised the good work that the Council had carried out and also gave a clear steer to what improvements could be completed quickly and in the long term. She thanked all of the participants for their input.

Councillor Davies confirmed that there is a lot we could do better, the devil was in the detail, and gave his support.

RESOLVED To note the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge feedback report. An action plan based on the recommendations will be considered by a future Strategy and Resources Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chair