

COUNCIL MEETING**27 October 2016****7.00 pm – 9.30 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****3****Minutes****Membership:**

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

** = Chair of Council * = Vice Chair of Council P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present:

Chief Executive

Legal Services Manager & Monitoring Officer

Principal Policy Officer

Democratic Services Officer

CL.018 APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Chris Brine, Jim Dewey, Karen McKeown, Jenny Miles, Nigel Prenter, Skeena Rathor and Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.

CL.019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CL.020 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2016 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.021 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive announced the headline results of the independent survey. 80% of residents and 70% of businesses are satisfied with the Council – the best ever. Members' appreciation would be passed on to staff.

CL.022 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CL.023 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Audit and Standards Committee – 22 September 2016

(a) Changes to the Arrangements for Appointment of External Auditors

Councillor Rachel Curley, Vice-Chair of Committee outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

RESOLVED The Council opt in to the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd as the Sector Led Body for the appointment of the Council's External Auditors from 2018/19.

Strategy and Resources Committee – 13 October 2016

(b) Fifth Report of the Constitution Working Group

Councillor Steve Lydon, Leader of Council outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

RESOLVED Relevant amendments be made to the Council's Constitution to ensure that as from 1 December 2016 the Housing Committee's terms of reference comprise public and private housing issues affecting the Council's housing authority role and housing policy.

(c) Local Council Tax Support Scheme

The Leader of Council outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

RESOLVED That it adopts the current local scheme as the scheme for Stroud District Council for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

(d) Budget Strategy 2017/18 – 2020/21

The Leader of Council outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

RESOLVED That Stroud District Council remains in the Business Rates Pool from April 2017 if to do so maximises the retention of business rate income in Gloucestershire.

CL.024 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED TENANT MEMBERS TO HOUSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Mattie Ross, Chair of Housing Committee outlined the process that had been undertaken by the independent tenant advisor who had concluded that there was only one experienced and strong candidate to appoint, Ian Allan, for a term of 2 years. The recruitment process would be undertaken again and a decision reported at a future meeting of Council.

The Chair could not confirm the cost of the recruitment process and would make enquiries and inform members.

The Motion was CARRIED by 22 votes in favour, 8 votes against and 14 abstentions.

- RESOLVED 1. That Ian Allan is appointed as tenant representative to sit on the Council's Housing Committee (without voting rights) for a period of 2 years; and**
- 2. A further appointment would be made at a future meeting.**

CL.025 STROUD TOWN CENTRE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councillor Simon Pickering, Chair of Environment Committee outlined the above report which was the first of three reports on neighbourhood development plans following referendums. Once each plan had been adopted it would carry the same weight as the Local Plan. When the Local Plan was being revised the development plans would be of value. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

- RESOLVED 1. That the Stroud Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan is made part of the Development Plan for Stroud District; and**
- 2. To delegate to the Strategic Head (Development Services), in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any further minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.**

CL.026 EASTINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Chair of Environment Committee outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

- RESOLVED 1. That the Eastington Neighbourhood Plan is made part of the Development Plan for Stroud District; and**
- 2. To delegate to the Strategic Head (Development Services), in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any further minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.**

CL.027 WHITESHILL AND RUSCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair of Environment Committee outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

- RESOLVED 1.** **That the Whiteshill and Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan is made part of the Development Plan for Stroud District; and**
- 2.** **To delegate to the Strategic Head (Development Services), in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any further minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.**

CL.028 NAILSWORTH COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD ORDER

The Chair of Environment Committee outlined the above report which would allow the Nailsworth Community Land Trust to develop and manage affordable homes, as well as, other assets important to their community. Upon the vote the motion was unanimously CARRIED.

- RESOLVED 1.** **That the Nailsworth Community Right to Build Order is made, in effect granting planning permission for the proposal described in the Order; and**
- 2.** **To delegate to the Strategic Head (Development Services), in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any further minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.**

CL.029 MEMBER QUESTIONS

Member questions were received from Councillor Debbie Young and were answered by Councillor Simon Pickering. These can be viewed on the meeting page – [Item 12 – Member Questions](#).

CL.030 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- (a) The divestment of fossil fuels by the Gloucestershire Local Government Pension Fund

The motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Baxendale and seconded by Councillor Paul Denney. Members debated the motion. Upon the vote it was CARRIED by 23 votes in favour, 22 votes against and 0 abstention.

- (b) NHS trusts hospital and maternity services within the Stroud District

The motion was proposed by Councillor Doina Cornell and seconded by Councillor John Marjoram. The motion was debated. Councillor Dorcas Binns moved an amendment to the motion, that the words “move that it is very concerned” are deleted and replaced with the words “seek reassurance from the NHS” in the second paragraph. Both the proposer and seconder to the motion accepted the amendment. Members debated the amended motion and upon the vote it was unanimously CARRIED.

c) Proposals for review of parliamentary constituencies across the Stroud District

The motion was proposed by Councillor Steve Lydon and seconded by Councillor Doina Cornell. Members debated the motion.

Councillor Catherine Braun moved an amendment, the insertion of an additional paragraph after the fourth paragraph of the original motion.

“Recognising that the current first past the post electoral system is undemocratic, the Council urges the Boundary Commission to make a representation to the Government, that, in order to provide a fair and truly democratic system, where all votes count, the first priority must be to adopt a Proportional Representation Electoral System.”

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Simon Pickering.

Both the proposer and seconder of the original motion accepted the amendment. Councillor Debbie Young requested that a recorded vote was taken and this would be attached to the letter sent to The Boundary Commission, which was accepted by members.

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (amended 29 January 2014), a recorded vote was taken, the results of which are as follows:

FOR: (22) Councillors

Martin Baxendale	Paul Denney	John Marjoram	Chas Townley
Catherine Braun	Jonathan Edmunds	Simon Pickering	Ken Tucker
George Butcher	Colin Fryer	Gary Powell	Martin Whiteside
Miranda Clifton	Alison Hayward	Sue Reed	Tom Williams
Doina Cornell	Norman Kay	Steve Robinson	
Rachel Curley	Stephen Lydon	Mattie Ross	

AGAINST: (20) Councillors

Dorcas Binns	Nick Hurst	Dave Mossman	Haydn Sutton
Nigel Cooper	Julie Job	Gill Oxley	Brian Tipper
Gordan Craig	Haydn Jones	Keith Pearson	Jessica Tomblin
Stephen Davies	John Jones	Mark Reeves	Tim Williams
Chas Fellows	Phil McAsey	Tom Skinner	Debbie Young

ABSTENTION: (0)

On being put to the vote the Motion was CARRIED.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.

Chair