

## **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**A MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 8 January 2020 at 6.00 pm

**ALL MEMBERS** of the **COUNCIL** are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below:

**[The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Tiverton on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 at 6.00 pm]**

**STEPHEN WALFORD**

Chief Executive

30 December 2019

**Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place**

Reverend Glyn Lewry (Sampford Peverell Team Mission) will lead the Council in prayer.

### **AGENDA**

**1 Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2 Public Question Time**

To receive any questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

**3 Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**

Councillors are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and the reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.

**4 Minutes (Pages 9 - 40)**

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 6 November 2019.

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the extraordinary meeting held on 4 December 2019.

The Council is reminded that only those Members present at the

previous meeting should vote and, in doing so, should be influenced only by seeking to ensure that the minutes are an accurate record.

## 5 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements which the Chairman of the Council may wish to make.

## 6 **Petitions**

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

A petition with 2118 signatures referring to Car Parking Charges has been received, this will be presented to Council. (Procedure Rule 12 applies)

## 7 **Notices of Motions**

### **(1) Motion 559 (Councillor R B Evans – 22 October 2019)**

The following motion had been referred to the Environment Policy Development Group for consideration and report:

It is well known that the planting of trees has an extremely positive effect in the fight against reducing carbon within the atmosphere, each trees sequestration process is known to benefit carbon reduction as each individual tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and can sequester 1 ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old. Given the above and the climate crisis declared by this council and its stated ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030 I ask that the following motion be supported by all members.

This council agrees to use any and all land within the ownership of the authority that is not suitable for development, for the planting of native British trees.

This council agrees to undertake an area wide audit with the assistance of members and land owners to identify suitable sites both within MDDC ownership and private ownership to maximise opportunities for such activity, to be completed within no more than twelve months from the date of this motion , if approved.

This council agrees to work alongside community groups and schools whenever possible to encourage community ownership and sense of place and wellbeing within our communities.

This council agrees that any and all opportunities should be sought to obtain trees from organisations such as government agencies and relevant charitable organisations. (Woodland Trust, Plant Life, DEFRA / Forestry Commission seeking any funding that may be available).

***The Policy Development Group at its meeting on 26 November***

**2019 considered the Motion and following discussion, Councillor R B Evans in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.4 agreed that the Motion be amended to read:**

'It is well known that the planting of trees has an extremely positive effect in the fight against reducing carbon within the atmosphere, each trees sequestration process is known to benefit carbon reduction as each individual tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and can sequester 1 ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old. Given the above and the climate crisis declared by this council and its stated ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030 I ask that the following motion be supported by all members.

This council agrees to use ~~any~~ and all **appropriate** land within the ownership of the authority that is not suitable for development, for the planting of ~~native British~~ **suitable** trees.

This council agrees to undertake an area wide audit with the assistance of members and land owners to identify suitable sites both within MDDC ownership and private ownership to maximise opportunities for such activity, to be completed within no more than twelve months from the date of this motion , if approved.

This council agrees to work alongside community groups and schools whenever possible to encourage community ownership and sense of place and wellbeing within our communities.

This council agrees that any and all opportunities should be sought to obtain trees from organisations such as government agencies and relevant charitable organisations. (Woodland Trust, Plant Life, DEFRA / Forestry Commission seeking any funding that may be available).'

The Environment Policy Development Group therefore recommended that the Motion (as amended) be supported.

## **(2) Motion 560 (Councillor R J Chesterton – 23 October 2019)**

The following motion had been referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:

### **Review of Development Management Policies on Parking**

This Council requests that officers start work on undertaking a review of Mid Devon's development management policies regarding parking on our new estates. These should include the number of parking spaces per property as well as how development management can help ease the transition to electric or hybrid vehicles in the future.

In addition to this, this Council requests that at the earliest available opportunity, and no later than three months after this motion is agreed, a paper is brought to the Planning Policy Advisory Group and Cabinet

highlighting some of the possible changes members might have to consider and the best mechanism to bring these about.

***The Cabinet at its meeting on 21 November 2019 considered the Motion and following discussion, RECOMMENDED to Council that Motion 560 be supported subject to further discussion prior to Council with regard to the timeframe for any report to the Planning Policy Advisory Group.***

Councillor R J Chesterton in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.4 has agreed that the Motion be amended to read:

This Council requests that officers start work on undertaking a review of Mid Devon's development management policies regarding parking on our new estates. These should include the number of parking spaces per property as well as how development management can help ease the transition to electric or hybrid vehicles in the future.

In addition to this, this Council requests that at the earliest available opportunity, and no later than **six** months after this motion is agreed, a paper is brought to the Planning Policy Advisory Group and Cabinet highlighting some of the possible changes members might have to consider and the best mechanism to bring these about.

### **(3) Motion 561 (Councillor R B Evans – 17 December 2019)**

The Council has before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

#### **Development Management Policy**

That this council commits to proactively seeking out and exploring that every opportunity is taken to install a carbon neutral power supply option within all new build development from 01/01/2021 but specifically when residential development is being planned.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Cabinet.

### **(4) Motion 562 (Councillor R B Evans – 17 December 2019)**

The Council has before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

That MDDC commits to proactively seeking out and exploring development of a long term partnership with a company / companies that can supply innovative power generation that offers carbon neutral power and where possible seeks to give an income stream back to the authority when operational.

That officers are instructed to seek out and explore such opportunities with available companies with immediate effect in order that MDDC can ensure we are actively addressing our own policy to seeking to be

carbon neutral by 2030.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Cabinet.

**8 Reports (Pages 41 - 124)**

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the recent meetings as follows:

- (1) Cabinet
  - 19 December 2019
- 2) Scrutiny Committee
  - 2 December 2019
  - 6 January 2020 - (to follow)
- (3) Audit Committee
  - 10 December 2019
- (4) Environment Policy Development Group
  - 26 November 2019
- (5) Homes Policy Development Group
  - 3 December 2019
- (6) Economy Policy Development Group
  - 28 November 2019
- (7) Community Policy Development Group
  - 10 December 2019
- (8) Planning Committee
  - 20 November 2019
  - 17 December 2019

**9 Questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 13**

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 13 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee reports.

10 **Leader's 6 Monthly Update**

The Leader will address the Council.

11 **Appointment of Independent Persons** (*Pages 125 - 126*)

To consider a report from the Group Manager for Legal Services and Monitoring Officer requesting the Council to appoint an additional Independent Person.

12 **Outside Body Appointment**

To consider the appointment of an Armed Forces Champion for Mid Devon to represent the Council on the Devon Armed Forces Community Well-Being Partnership and other forums.

13 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.

14 **Members Business**

To receive any statements made and notice of future questions by Members.

Note: the time allowed for this item is limited to 15 minutes.

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