

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COUNCIL held on 11 May 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present Councillors

G Barnell, J Bartlett, E J Berry,
J Buczkowski, W Burke, J Cairney,
R J Chesterton, S J Clist, Mrs C Collis,
Mrs F J Colthorpe, L J Cruwys, N V Davey,
Mrs C P Daw, R M Deed, R J Dolley (Vice
Chairman), J M Downes, C J Eginton,
R Evans, Mrs S Griggs, P J Heal,
B Holdman, D J Knowles, F W Letch,
Mrs E J Lloyd, B A Moore, Miss J Norton,
S J Penny, D F Pugsley, Mrs E J Slade,
C R Slade, Mrs M E Squires, R L Stanley,
L D Taylor, B G J Warren, A White, A Wilce,
Mrs N Woollatt, J Wright and A Wyer

Apologies Councillors

R F Radford

In attendance Councillors

D R Coren and S Pugh

1 Chairman of the Council (00-07-19) - Vice Chairman in the Chair

Councillor C J Eginton nominated Councillor R F Radford (in his absence) for election as Chairman of the District Council for the year 2022/2023. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Mrs C A Collis

RESOLVED that Councillor R F Radford be elected Chairman of the Mid Devon District Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

2 Apologies (00-08-34)

Apologies were received from Councillor R F Radford.

Councillors: D Coren and S Pugh attended the meeting via Zoom.

3 Minutes (00-08-52)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

4 Vice Chairman of the Council (The Leader in the Chair) (00-15-37)

Councillor J M Downes **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor G Barnell:-

“That Councillor R J Dolley be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023”.

RESOLVED that Councillor R J Dolley be elected Vice Chairman of Mid Devon District Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Councillor Dolley then made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for having elected him again as its Vice Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the chair.

5 **Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee (00-21-24)**

Councillor L D Taylor nominated Councillor S J Clist for election as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee. The nomination was seconded by Councillor L J Cruwys.

Councillor Mrs N Woollatt nominated Councillor B G J Warren for election as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Mrs E Lloyd

Upon a vote being taken: It was then:-

RESOLVED that Councillor S J Clist be elected Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

6 **Allocation of seats and appointment of Members to Committees, Policy Development Groups and politically proportioned Working Groups (00-28-15)**

The Council had before it a *report considering the seat allocations and to appoint members to various bodies for the current civic year 2022/23.

Councillor L D Taylor proposed the motion 1(a) printed in the report subject to an amendment seconded by Councillor L J Cruwys that one seat allocated to the Liberal Democrats on the Environment Policy Development Group be given to the Green Party and that in return the Green Party seat on the Planning Committee be given to the Liberal Democrats.

Discussion took place with regard to:

- The allocation agreed by the Group Leaders
- Whether the Ungrouped Members should have been able to choose from the seats available to them

Upon a vote being taken, it was **RESOLVED**:

1. In respect to the committees (including Policy Development Groups) and Other Groups listed in Appendix A for Civic Year 2022/23:
 - (a) Seats be allocated and appointments of ungrouped members be made, as shown in the report appendix as amended so that the number of seats allocated to the Liberal Democrats and Greens on Planning is changed to

four and zero respectively; and Liberal Democrats and Greens on Environment PDG being changed to two and one respectively.

Upon it being moved by Councillor R J Chesterton and seconded by the Leader it was **RESOLVED**:

- (b) Non Group members be appointed to them in accordance with the approved allocations and names notified to the Proper Officer as provided for in the report.

Upon it being moved by Councillor N V Davey and seconded by the Leader, it was **RESOLVED**:

- 2. The Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make changes to each group's membership in accordance with the approved allocation applicable at the time, as may be notified to him from time to time by the relevant political group leader.

Notes:

- (i) Councillors: D F Pugsley, A Wilce and Mrs N Woollatt requested that their vote against the decision (1a) be recorded;
- (ii) *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

7 Appointments to Outside Bodies (00-47-33)

The Council had before it the *annual list of Outside Bodies with vacancies for approval.

The Chairman **MOVED**: that the following annual positions be filled as follows:

Outside Body	For 2022/23
Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership	Cllr S J Clist
Broadpath Landfill Liaison Committee	Cllr R Evans
Building Control Joint Committee	The Leader Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Business Forum Mid Devon	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Community Safety Partnership	Cabinet Member for Community Well-Being

Outside Body	For 2022/23
Culm Garden Village Delivery Board	The Leader Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Cullompton Town Team (2 Cullompton Town Members)	Cllr J Buczkowski Cllr E J Berry
Devon Districts Forum / Devon Local Government Steering Group	Leader
Devon Historic Buildings Trust	Cllr G Barnell
Devon Rail Forum	Cllr J M Downes
Gypsy and Traveller Forum	1 Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration 2 Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services Cllr Mrs C P Daw Cllr F W Letch Cllr G Barnell
Heart of the South West Joint Committee	Leader
Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee	Cllr S J Clist
INVOLVE – Voluntary Action in Mid Devon	Cllr B A Moore
OkeRail Forum	Cllr J M Downes
South West Councils	Leader
South West Councils Employers Panel	Cabinet Member for the Working Environment and Support Services

Outside Body	For 2022/23
Tiverton Town Centre Partnership (3 Tiverton Town Members)	Cllr W Burke Cllr Mrs C P Daw Cllr B Holdman

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

8 Scheme of Delegations (00-56-11)

Councillor C R Slade **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor L J Cruwys **THAT:-**

“THAT the Council agree the existing scheme of delegations as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

9 Programme of Meetings (00-57-32)

The Chairman **MOVED:-**

THAT the following programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year 2021/22 be approved:-

6 July 2022, 31 August 2002, 26 October 2022, 14 December 2022,
22 February 2023 and 26 April 2023.

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**

(The meeting ended at 6.59 pm)

CHAIRMAN