

COUNCIL MEETING**Wednesday, 11th February, 2015**

Present:-

The Mayor

Councillors	Allen	Hollingworth
	Bagley	Huckle
	Barr	Innes
	Bellamy	King
	Bingham	Ludlow
	Blank	Miles
	Borrell	Morgan
	Brittain	Avis Murphy
	Brown	Tom Murphy
	Burrows	Niblock
	Callan	Parsons
	Clarke	Mark Rayner
	Elliott	Serjeant
	Flood	Simmons
	Gibson	Slack
	Gilby	Martin Stone
	Higginbottom	Paul Stone
	Hill	

80 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17 DECEMBER, 2014**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 December, 2014 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

81 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Mayor referred to the following Mayoral engagements:

- Meeting the new Mayor of Troyes, France and of renewing Chesterfield's relationship with the town;
- Visiting Westfield and Mary Swanwick Primary Schools;
- Signing Chesterfield Borough Council's Book of Remembrance on the occasion of World Holocaust Memorial Day.

He also welcomed new Executive Director; James Drury to his first Council meeting.

82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bradford, Davenport, Dyke, Lang, McManus, N Rayner, Russell and D Stone.

83 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations of interest were received.

84 PETITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order No.13 Council debated the following petition received from the "Friends of the Wellington Campaign" on 22 January, 2015: -

"The Friends of the Wellington group submit this petition as part of the evidence supporting the requests that:

(a) The Council adds the Wellington as an Asset of Community Value.

(b) An Immediate Article 4 Direction is issued. The Community of New Whittington would also like the full support of the Council to help protect this community asset in compliance with existing Council policies".

The petition contained in excess of 1,000 signatures; therefore it was referred to Council to be debated in accordance with the Council's petition scheme and Standing Order No. 13.

Mr. Andy Bell, representing the “Friends of the Wellington Campaign” attended Council to present the petition and answer Member’s questions.

The Council’s Monitoring Officer advised Members of Council on the Members’ Code of Conduct and on the common law doctrine of pre-determination or bias.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Council receives and notes the petition from the Friends of the Wellington Campaign group as part of the evidence supporting the requests made for:
 - (a) The Wellington to be added to the list of Assets of Community Value
 - (b) An Immediate Article 4 Direction to be issued.
2. That the Executive Member for Planning takes into account the petition and also the representations made at both the Council and the Planning Committee (scheduled for 23 February 2015) before arriving at a final decision on both matters.

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DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.179 the Chief Executive, Executive Director and the Development and Growth Manager submitted a report on the proposed creation of a Combined Authority for Derby and Derbyshire in accordance with the provisions of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

It was recommended that Chesterfield Borough Council become a full constituent member of the proposed Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority, subject to the outcomes of the statutory consultation and contingent on Chesterfield Borough Council being able to participate fully in both the Derby and Derbyshire (D2) and Sheffield City Region (SCR) Combined Authorities.

It was anticipated that the proposed Combined Authority would enable the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) LEP to attract further devolved funding from central government with more local determination of priorities and alignment of resources.

Due to Chesterfield's functioning economic geography, looking both to Sheffield and the Midlands, it was considered that the needs and the aspirations of Chesterfield's residents and businesses were best served by the Council's full participation in both Combined Authorities.

The Leader reaffirmed to Members that joining the new D2 Combined Authority would not compromise Chesterfield Borough Council's independence and existence as an independent authority, and was not about the creation of a unitary authority for Derbyshire.

RESOLVED –

1. That Council endorses the outcome of the Review exercise undertaken pursuant to section 108 of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, that a Combined Authority be created for Derby and Derbyshire.
2. That Chesterfield Borough Council becomes a full constituent member of the proposed Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority; this approval being subject to the outcomes of the statutory consultation process and contingent on Chesterfield Borough Council continuing to be able to participate fully in both the Derby and Derbyshire and Sheffield City Region Combined Authorities.
3. That Council supports the submission of the Scheme Document seeking the creation of a Combined Authority for Derby and Derbyshire to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.