

COUNCIL

Wednesday 25 April 2012

Councillor S J Barnes (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors:	S Ainley	PA Allan
	R D Allan	B Andrews
	P Andrews (a)	E Bailey
	P G Barnes	D N Beeston MBE (a)
	C P Barnfather	K Blair (a)
	A S Bexon	N Brooks
	F J D Boot	W J Clarke
	G V Clarke	J Creamer
	R F Collis	P Feeney
	R Ellis	A J Gillam
	A. Ellwood	G Gregory
	K Fox	S Hewson
	M Glover	M Hope
	C J Hewlett	P A Hughes
	J Hollingsworth	M Lawrence
	P R Key	B S R Miller
	P McCauley	M Paling
	R J Nicholson	M R Payne
	J M Parr	S Poole
	V C Pepper	S J Prew-Smith
	C J Powell (a)	N Quilty
	D E Pulk	S J Tomlinson
	R F Spencer (a)	G Tunnicliffe
	J Truscott (a)	H T N Wheeler
	M Weisz	

81 OPENING PRAYERS

82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor (Councillor P Andrews) and Councillors Beeston, Blair, Powell, Spencer and Truscott.

83 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor paid tribute to former Councillor and past Mayor Ted Godfrey who had recently passed away. Several Members also spoke in tribute to Ted and a minutes silence was held in his honour. The Deputy Mayor wished Councillor Beeston, who had recently been taken ill, a speedy recovery and members also expressed their best wishes to Councillor Spencer who was also unwell.

Councillors Hollingsworth and Hope presented the Mayor with commemorative plates in recognition of the Borough's connection to the mining industry.

84 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY AND 5 MARCH 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meetings be approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Barnfather, G Clarke, J Clarke, Creamer, Pepper and Pulk declared personal interests in agenda item 8.1 (minute 88(i) refers) as members of Nottinghamshire County Council, landowners of a piece of land mentioned in the aligned core strategy.

86 QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8

No questions were received.

87 QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN UNDER STANDING ORDER 9. (1) (A) ON ANY MATTER IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES

No questions were received.

88 REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

i) Gedling Borough Aligned Core Strategy – Draft Publication

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager Planning and Economic Development, copies of which had been circulated, seeking Council's approval to release the draft strategy for consultation as well as authorising the Corporate Director to make minor editorial changes to the document.

Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Payne moved the motion. Councillor Allan stated that the work done on the strategy to date had involved collaboration with neighbouring district councils and that continued cooperation and joint working would be key to delivery of the strategy.

After discussion and on the requisition of two Members the motion was put to a named vote and the motion was carried.

For the motion: Councillors Ainley, P Allan, R Allan, P Barnes, S Barnes, Brooks, J Clarke, Collis, Creamer, Ellis, Ellwood, Feeney, Fox, Gillam, Glover, Gregory, Hewlett, Hollingsworth, Hughes, Key, Lawrence, McCauley, Miller, Paling, Payne, Pulk, Tunnicliffe, Weisz and Wheeler.

Against the motion: Councillors Andrews, Barnfather, Bexon, Boot, G Clarke, Hewson, Nicholson, Parr, Pepper, Poole, Prew-Smith, Quilty and Tomlinson.

Abstentions: Councillors Bailey and Hope.

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the Aligned Core Strategy in so far as it relates to Gedling Borough Council to allow a period of public representations;
2. Authorise the Corporate Director in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee to approve any drafting or other minor editorial changes; and;
3. Authorise the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee, to approve any changes to the Aligned Core Strategy to remove references to a partner council in the event that a partner council fails to proceed with the Aligned Core Strategy.

ii) Proposed changes to Stranding Order No. 11

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated, seeking a change to Standing Order 11 which would result in changes to how minutes of previous meetings were debated at Council.

On the motion of Councillor J Clarke seconded by Councillor Payne it was

RESOLVED that Standing Order 11.02 be amended as set out in paragraph 2.8 of the report and that the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the appropriate change to the Constitution.

iii) Proposed amendment of the Constitution: removal of the requirement to refer the Council Budget to Policy Scrutiny for consideration.

Consideration was given to a report of Stephen Bray, Corporate Director, copies of which had been circulated containing a proposal to remove the need for the Policy Scrutiny Committee to consider the draft budget as part of its consultation process.

On the motion of Councillor J Clarke seconded by Councillor Payne it was

RESOLVED to support the recommendation in principle but request the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to submit a report to a future meeting containing revised wording for inclusion in the Constitution governing circulation of a draft budget prior to budget Council.

89 COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.11(1) UPON ANY MATTER DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE OR BY A COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE.

In accordance with Standing Order 11 (1), a number of comments were made and responded to by the appropriate Cabinet Member or Committee Chair.

90 NOTICE OF MOTION

Upon a notice of motion received in the name of Councillor J Clarke a proposition was moved by Councillor J Clarke and seconded by Councillor Barnfather in the following terms:-

Re: Community Covenant

This Council pledges its support to the Armed Forces Community Covenant and will work with the Royal British Legion, Nottinghamshire Branch, to promote awareness of the Covenant throughout the Borough.

Furthermore, this partnership will work to ensure that projects are put forward, to secure funding from Community Covenant Grant Scheme, established by the Ministry of Defence. This scheme will distribute £30 million, over the next four years, to initiatives that support Armed Forces personnel and veterans.

The Deputy Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried unanimously and it was

RESOLVED that:

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Furthermore, this partnership will work to ensure that projects are put forward, to secure funding from Community Covenant Grant Scheme, established by the Ministry of Defence. This scheme will distribute £30 million, over the next four years, to initiatives that support Armed Forces personnel and veterans.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm