

Time commenced - 6:00pm

Time finished - 7.37pm

COUNCIL

22 November 2023

The Mayor, Councillor Alan Graves and Councillors Amin, Ashby, Atwal, Bolton, Bonser, Care, Chambers, Dhindsa, Eyre, Evans, Fowke, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, C Ingall, P Ingall, Kaur, J Khan, S Khan, Kozlowski, Kus, Lakin, Lonsdale, Lindsey, Martin, Morgan-McGeehan, Mulhall, Nawaz, Onuoha, Pandey, Pattison, Pearce, Peatfield, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Smale, Swan, Trehella, Whitby, Wilson, C Wright and J Wright.

52/23 Apologies

There were none.

53/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

54/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 September 2023 were moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Pearce.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 September 2023 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

55/23 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor provided a summary of recent engagements they had undertaken. The Mayor paid tribute to members of the public and the armed forces community for participating in the recent Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday commemorations, and thanked the partners and officers involved in the organisation of the events.

The Mayor reported that a recent charity quiz night in aid of The Jericho Society and Parental Alienation UK had been a success, and encouraged councillors to attend future fundraising events. A short video was then shared in relation to the impact of parental alienation on children and families.

The Mayor congratulated two local organisations that had received a King's Award for Voluntary Service. It was noted that the awards were presented annually to some of the UK's most inspiring volunteer-led groups for their charitable endeavours. The recipients were:

- Our Mickleover – a Community Interest Company who organise a range of community events and projects in Mickleover, working with and alongside other local groups and stakeholders.
- Friends of Derby Arboretum – a group of volunteers invested in the history, upkeep and future of Britain's first public park.

The Mayor also reported that Saturday 25th November was the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls. The date sought to raise awareness of the impact of gender-based violence on millions of women across the world. A short video was shared about the impact of misogyny in schools and colleges, that had been produced by the Youth Mayor and the Derby Youth Alliance. The Mayor thanked the Youth Mayor for his efforts to tackle this important issue.

Before concluding, the Mayor encouraged councillors to reflect on recent events in the Middle East and the ongoing impact of conflict across the world. The Mayor shared the comments of faith leaders in Derby and recognised the pain felt by members of the local community, many of whom have loved ones in the region. A minute's silence was then observed out of respect.

56/23 Statements from members of the Council Cabinet

There were none.

57/23 Questions from the public

Questions and responses were heard as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Kelechi Chioba	Cllr Martin	Care charges for disabled people
Derek Gould	Cllr Dhindsa	Waste disposal
Simon Bacon	Cllr Dhindsa	Maintenance of highways and pavements
Ruth Jackson	Cllr Hezelgrave	Child poverty and hunger
Eve Sacker	Cllr Hezelgrave	Respect between communities
Vanessa Boon	Cllr Martin	Funeral Poverty
Marios Doucas	Cllr Hezelgrave	Access to food banks
Emma Jones (i)	Cllr Shanker	Ethical debt policy
Vanessa Boon (ii)		
Mair Bain	Cllr S Khan	Great British insulation scheme
Pip Nayer	Cllr Martin	Access to NHS dentistry
Kelechi Chioba	Cllr Hezelgrave	Race and disability discrimination
Derek Gould	Cllr S Khan	Air quality monitoring
Simon Bacon	Cllr Dhindsa	Contamination from bins on streets
Emma Jones	Cllr Hezelgrave	Hate crime
Mair Bain	Cllr Swan	Flooding and the climate emergency

Councillors C Ingall, P Ingall and Lakin left the meeting at this point.

58/23 Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

There were none.

59/23 Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

Questions and responses were heard as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Cllr J Wright	Cllr Shanker	Ethical leadership
Cllr Hassall	Cllr Shanker	Sister City relationship
Cllr Pandey	Cllr Dhindsa	Free bulky waste collection
Cllr Eyre	Cllr Dhindsa	Neighbourhood Board funding
Cllr Mulhall	Cllr Hezelgrave	Blue Badge backlog
Cllr Potter	Cllr Hezelgrave	Removal of disabled parking spaces
Cllr Smale	Cllr Swan	Spondon Flyer
Cllr Pearce	Cllr Dhindsa	Cabinet Member Meeting
Cllr Lonsdale	Cllr Hezelgrave	Community cohesion
Cllr M Holmes	Cllr Swan	Sustainable transport and housing growth
Cllr Care	Cllr Dhindsa	Footpaths in parks
Cllr Eyre	Cllr Dhindsa	City centre pigeons
Cllr Mulhall	Cllr Dhindsa	City centre anti-social behaviour
Cllr Smale	Cllr S Khan	Spondon Woodside development
Cllr Lonsdale	Cllr Dhindsa	Food waste
Cllr Care	Cllr Hezelgrave	Highways hazard reporting
Cllr Eyre	Cllr Dhindsa	Brown bin collections
Cllr Smale	Cllr Whitby	Children's services focused visits
Cllr Lonsdale	Cllr Hezelgrave	Support for asylum seekers
Cllr Smale	Cllr Shanker	Vacancy control

60/23 Minute extract 22-23 of the Children, Young People and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Review Board

Council received a minute extract of the Children, Young People and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Review Board in relation to the appointment of co-opted members. It was noted that the Council was required by the Local Government Act 2000 to appoint one or more parent governors and faith representatives to the Overview and Scrutiny Board responsible for scrutinising education matters.

Following the resignation of the Church of England representative, the Board had endorsed a recommendation from the Bishop of Derby that the Venerable Matthew Trick be appointed. The minute was moved by Councillor Lonsdale and seconded by Councillor Whitby, put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve minute 22-23 of the Children, Young People and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Board.

61/23 Motion: Respect for public service workers

The following motion was moved by Councillor Bolton, and seconded by Councillor Ashby:

Council deplores all unprovoked attacks, both verbal and physical, towards our public service workers whilst carrying out their duties. One of the consequences is it leaves staff frightened to go to work each day.

As an example, most recently assaults against front-line retail workers across our Central Co-op Stores, have increased by 25% when compared to the same period last year. Also, threats, intimidation and verbal abuse have increased by 40%, when compared to last year. Disappointingly the Police are not attending to investigate these assaults or other crimes committed.

Therefore, Council calls upon our Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to explore what action can be implemented to support our front-line workers. Furthermore, we politely request the Police be pro-active in dealing with these crimes.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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62/23 Motion: Improving road safety and cutting carbon on our roads

The following motion was moved by Councillor Lonsdale and seconded by Councillor Care:

Council notes that:

- The latest Derby and Derbyshire Road Casualty Report (2022) recorded 625 people injured on Derby's roads, including 84 who were seriously injured and 2 killed. This is much the same as for several years, excluding 2020 (Covid)*

when traffic was lighter and far fewer people were injured. [[2022 Casualty Report MASTER document.xlsx \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](#)]

- Over half of all casualties were car users, including more than a quarter of those killed or seriously injured. Nearly a third of casualties were pedestrians or cyclists; the active modes of transport which the Council is seeking to encourage.
- The likelihood of severe injury or death in a collision increases exponentially as speed increases; a crash at 30mph has twice as much energy and destructive potential as a crash at 20mph.
- As well as the serious impacts injuries have on individuals and families, there is also a real cost to society with insurance pay-outs, travel disruptions and pressure on the NHS.

Council also notes that:

- Current expectations are that 2023 is likely to be the hottest year on record, caused by increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in our atmosphere.
- Derby has set a target of achieving 'net zero' emissions by 2035, but the sooner we cut our emissions the less Derby will contribute to global climate change. Across the UK 30% of emissions are from transport,
- In Germany when 30km/h (18mph) zones were introduced, fuel consumption fell by nearly 1/8th, thus cutting carbon emissions. A step in the right direction.

Council further notes that:

- Over 20 million citizens live in local authorities in the UK which have adopted or are adopting a default speed limit of 20mph on residential roads, including those in Wales, large parts of London and major UK cities like Edinburgh, Nottingham and Bristol.
- Lower speed limits reduce noise, pollution and congestion, while encouraging people to walk and cycle more, improving population health.
- Surveys show that 20mph streets are popular, with the majority of residents who live on streets with a 20mph limit supporting this limit for their street.

Council therefore resolves not to be left behind, by:

- Establishing a cross-party working group to make 20mph speed limit the norm for residential roads in Derby as soon as possible, and to consider also reducing the speed limit on roads with current limits of 40mph and higher. This process would include identifying any roads where a lower speed limit may not be appropriate.
- Integrating this thinking alongside other existing initiatives such as School Safe Havens, and active travel initiatives.
- Working with the Police and volunteers to explore enforcement measures such as average speed cameras and Community Speedwatch initiatives.
- Asking the Leader of the Council to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to request for the police to review the enforcement of existing and future 20mph speed limits.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

MAYOR