



Council Meeting

Summons

You are hereby summoned to attend
a meeting of Bassetlaw District Council
to be held on
Thursday 21st September 2023
at 6:30pm
in The Ballroom, Retford Town Hall DN22 6DB
for the purpose of transacting the business on the agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Armiger'.

Queen's Buildings,
Worksop S80 2AH

D. Armiger
Chief Executive

Dated: Wednesday 13th September 2023

Agenda

Minute silence in memoriam

To observe a minute silence in memoriam of the late Alderman Hugh Burton and the late Police Sergeant Graham Saville.

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations** To receive Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers.

Members are reminded of the requirements of Section 106 of The Local Government Finance Act 1992 that they should declare and not vote on specified matters if they are two months or more in arrears with their Council Tax payments.

3. **Minutes** To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 22nd June, 13th July and 31st July 2023.
(Pages 9 - 28)
4. **Motions to Full Council - Action and Implementation** (Pages 29 - 54)
5. **Communications** To receive such communications as the Chairman and Chief Executive desire to lay before the Council.
6. **Questions by the Public** To answer questions of which notice has been given in accordance with Rules of Procedure Number 10.
None.
7. **Questions by Members** To answer questions of which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule Number 11.

From Councillor D. Bamford:

“In light of recent changes to economic forecasts can the council supply a projected profit and loss for S80 over the next five years which shows the financial impact on S80 and shareholders and its ability to repay the proposed £200,000 loan facility if utilised. Further will it clearly show the projected position of the balance sheet?”

8. **Motions** To consider motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule Number 12.

Proposed by Councillor A. Coultate and seconded by Councillor G. Dinsdale:

“This Council calls upon the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire to ensure that Bassetlaw receives its fair share of resources (including accessible Custody Services) and no longer has a “second rate Police Station” within the District.”

Proposed by Councillor J. White and seconded by Councillor J. Leigh:

“This Council:

- Is saddened and disappointed that Wilko Ltd’s negative trading situation led to it entering into administration on 10th August 2023 with administrators, PwC, appointed on 23rd August 2023.
- Recognises that this is a well-known and popular British retail company, a traditional family firm headquartered in Worksop which employs around 12,000 people across the country. Of these, more than 1,500 are based in Bassetlaw, working in its stores, distribution centre and head office.
- Is disappointed that, at the time of submission of this motion, an outright buyer has not been found and that the company will be divided with many employees now facing redundancy, including employees based at the distribution centre and head office on Roebuck Way, Worksop.
- Believes that there are a number of factors that have caused this business failure, including but not exclusively limited to the shift in consumer behaviours to online shopping, Wilko’s strategic response to market change and Government failure to overhaul high street business rates.
- Is disappointed that despite Wilko playing a significant role in the life of hundreds of high streets and communities across the UK, the Government has shown limited interest in alleviating the situation.
- Has a responsibility to support Bassetlaw-based Wilko workers at this time of crisis. It has, and will continue to, prioritise resources to do this alongside partners such as Citizens Advice Bassetlaw and DWP, including through the delivery of a full support service and by building links with local/regional/cross-regional employers to run jobs and support fairs.
- Is committed to supporting the Bassetlaw workforce at this difficult time and recognises that this is an ongoing responsibility of the Council as the local economy and workforce absorbs the impact of this sadly avoidable situation.

Proposed by Councillor D. Pulk and seconded by Councillor C. Adams:

“This Council notes that UK100 is a network of local leaders who have pledged to lead a rapid transition to Net Zero with Clean Air in their communities ahead of the government’s legal target.

To accelerate action, UK100 believes in bringing together influential leaders across the country to learn together and agree on priorities for legislative and regulatory change while empowering them to engage with national decision-makers. It provides a network with the knowledge, tools and

connections to make this happen.

This Council resolves to approach UK100 about becoming a member and, in doing so, agrees to the UK100 Net Zero Pledge (noted below). It also resolves as part of this Pledge to meet Net Zero council operations by 2030; to meet Net Zero areawide emissions by 2045; to report carbon emissions annually for council emissions and areawide emissions; and to limit the use of offsets, and if used, for these to be as local as possible.

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For noting:

What is the UK100 Net Zero Pledge?

As local leaders across the UK, we recognise our responsibility to tackle the climate emergency and take bold action towards Net Zero.

We will continue to lead the UK's response to climate change, acting sooner than the government's goal by making substantial progress within the next decade to deliver Net Zero.

We will use our experience and achievements to advocate to the UK government in order to accelerate the delivery of ambitious local climate action. With greater powers and funding, we would go further.

We commit to do everything within our power and influence to rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and work with our residents and businesses to bring our wider communities' emissions in line with Net Zero as soon as possible.

We pledge to understand our impact on climate change, prioritise where action needs to be taken and monitor progress towards our goals. We will reduce our emissions at source and limit the use of carbon offsets as part of the global effort to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

We are closer to the people who live and work in our communities, so we have a better understanding of their needs. This means we can collaborate with them to build consensus for the solutions we need to transition to a Net Zero society that delivers multiple benefits and is fair, just and works for everyone."

Proposed by Councillor H. Digby and seconded by Councillor S. Fielding:

"This Council notes that there are currently estimated to be over a million people within the UK who have Alzheimer's or dementia, with these conditions being the number one cause of death amongst women last year in 2022, as well as for the last 10 years.

With such a prevalent and serious condition, as Councillors, we have a responsibility to the residents of Bassetlaw to ensure that this Council can meet the needs of those suffering from these awful conditions.

As such, this Council resolves to:

1. Register with the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends Initiative.
2. Offer dementia and Alzheimer's training to employees and councillors.
3. Promote dementia-friendly signage across all Council buildings as well as to ensure compliance with the Alzheimer's Society Dementia-friendly environment checklist, in so much as is practically possible.
4. Work with local businesses and organisations to support broader adoption of this policy."

Proposed by Councillor J. Naish and seconded by Councillor J. Slater:

"This Council notes that the existing contract between the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) and the Post Offices is nearing its end in March 2024. DVLA services enable customers to pay vehicle tax, renew driving licenses and apply for international driving permits via the Post Office.

Not renewing this contract will have a significant impact on Post Offices across the country. It will remove a vital revenue stream for organisations which, especially in rural communities, act as important social and community spaces. It will also preclude hundreds of thousands of people who aren't online from accessing driving-related services which are essential for facilitating daily living and maintaining independence.

As a Council, we resolve to forward a letter to the RH Kevin Hollinrake, the Minister for Business and Trade, to highlight our concerns and call for rapid intervention to ensure that DVLA services continue to be offered in communities across the UK."

Proposed by Councillor L. Schuller and seconded by Councillor A. Rhodes:

"As a Council, we have signed a Tobacco Control Declaration containing four key priorities:

1. Supporting people to stop smoking;
2. Preventing uptake of smoking;
3. Reducing harm from tobacco;
4. Underpinned by effective regulation and communication.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) advises that "the option of either a combination of short- and long-acting nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) or nicotine-

containing e-cigarettes are more likely to result in people successfully stopping smoking”.

While it is true that e-cigarettes or vapes can be a tool to reduce nicotine intake, there is a growing body of evidence which suggests that they may still cause significant harm, especially when used by young people. While it is illegal for vapes containing tobacco to be sold to under 18s, a loophole exists which allows for the distribution of free samples to anybody.

This Council, therefore, resolves to raise its concerns about the accessibility of e-cigarettes and vapes to young people, and to actively work with partners to reduce this access. Specifically, it will:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to ask them to close any loopholes which allow the legal distribution of e-cigarettes and vapes to under 18s.
2. Write to the Health Minister to request a reduction in or cessation of targeted advertising by e-cigarette and vape producers.
3. Write a letter to our Member of Parliament to request that the concerns of Bassetlaw councillors and residents are raised in Parliament.
4. Work with local partners to raise awareness of the potential risks of e-cigarettes and vapes to young people’s health.
5. Work with Trading Standards to flag businesses which are believed to facilitate the use of e-cigarettes and vapes by under-aged people.”

9. Referrals

- (a) Cabinet - 11th July 2023 - Minute No. 27(a)
- S80 Partnership Ltd - Request for further funding (Key Decision No. 999)
(Pages 55 - 64)
- (b) Audit & Risk Scrutiny Committee - 20th July 2023 - Minute No. 16(a)
- Constitution Review
(Pages 65 - 158)
- (c) Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 25th July 2023 - Minute No. 29(b)
- Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23
(Pages 159 - 180)

10. Report(s) of the Chief Executive

- (a) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Key Decision No. 988)
(Pages 181 - 186)
- (b) Electoral Review (Key Decision No. 1005)
(Pages 187 - 194)
- (c) Vision 2040 and new Council Plan (Key Decision No. 1004)
(Pages 195 - 204)

11. Report(s) of the Monitoring Officer

- (a) Constitution Review
(Pages 205 - 214)

Exempt Information Items

The press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Section B - Items for Discussion in Private

None.

12. Any other business which the Chairman considers to be urgent