



Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 11 May 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Alice Collinson and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Robinson

Councillors Ian Amos, Rita Amos, Emma Anderton, Marge Anderton, Howard Ballard, Tom I Balmain, Michael Barrowclough, Lorraine Beavers, Roger Berry, Barry Birch, Colette Birch, Lynne Bowen, Simon Bridge, Sue Catterall, Ian Duffy, Ruth Duffy, Emma Ellison, Rob Fail, Peter Gibson, Ron Greenhough, David Henderson, John Hodgkinson, Graham Holden, John Ibison, Tom Ingham, Kerry Jones, Andrea Kay, Terry Lees, Lesley McKay, Paul Moon, Pete Murphy, Phil Orme, Patsy Ormrod, Sue Pimbley, Ron Shewan, Christine Smith, Brian Stephenson, Evelyn Stephenson, Vivien Taylor, Ann Turner, Shaun Turner, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Lynn Walmsley and Val Wilson

Apologies: Councillors Atkins and A Vincent

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places
Joanne Billington, Head of Governance
Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
Andrea Mullin, Electoral and Civic Services Officer
Hayley McGuffie, Engagement Team

Also present:

Aldermen David Bannister, Roger Brooks, Tom Ibison, Norman Irish, Gordon McCann, and Jean Mutch; County Councillors Clarke, Clempson and Shedwick; the Mayor's Chaplain for 2016/17 (Reverend Dunn); the Mayor's Chaplain for 2017/18 (Reverend Lewis); Inspector Jon Smith Lancashire Constabulary; the Youth Mayor (Jessica Basquill); Mr and Mrs Hendry and guests of the Mayor and the retiring Mayor.

COU1 Mayor's Charity 2016/17

The Mayor for 2016/17 (Councillor Lees) referred briefly to the highlights of his year of office and thanked family members, Councillors and officers who had supported him.

He presented payments of £4,824 each to representatives of the Mayor's Charities for 2016/17, SSAFA Lancashire and NSPCC Blackpool Wyre and Fylde.

Ms Janette Drew from NSPCC Blackpool Wyre and Fylde and Mr Frank McKnight from SSAFA Lancashire each thanked the Mayor for 2016/17 for choosing their organisations as his charities and also thanked all those who had contributed donations throughout the year. They explained how the money presented to them would be spent by their respective organisations to benefit children and former servicemen and women in Wyre.

COU2 Declarations of Interest

None.

COU3 Presentation of the HMS Sheraton Trophy

The Mayor for 2016/17 (Councillor Lees) presented the HMS Sheraton Trophy to Izzy Hendry, an eleven year old pupil at St Wulstan's and St Edmunds Catholic Primary School. He said that Izzy was very talented at many sports including football, tag rugby, cross country running, swimming, dancing, kwik-cricket and athletics. However, what made her achievements remarkable was that she had cystic fibrosis. Despite having to take lots of medication every day and to undergo frequent medical procedures, her determination, desire to take part, lust for life and infectious personality were truly inspirational. She was a very deserving winner of the Trophy.

COU4 Election of Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

Councillor Lees invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor S Turner and

RESOLVED, that Councillor Alice Collinson be elected to the office of Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

The outgoing Mayor for 2016/17 (Councillor Lees) retired from the Chair which was then taken by Councillor Collinson, who signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

As Mayor of the Borough, Cllr Collinson thanked the Council for electing her as mayor. She said it would be an honour and a privilege to serve the

Borough in that role. She also thanked her husband, daughter and other family members for their support.

The Mayor announced that her charities for 2017/18 would be the North West Air Ambulance Service and Marie Curie Nurses.

COU5 Retiring Mayor

Councillor R Duffy proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor. She also referred to the unstinting support provided to the retiring Mayor by the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Emma Anderton, and her Consort, Dan Henshaw.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor Lees for the valuable services which he had rendered to the Borough during his term of office as Mayor.

COU6 Election of Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor V Taylor and seconded by Councillor Catterall and

RESOLVED, that Councillor Julie Robinson be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Councillor Robinson thanked the Council and then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

COU7 Mayor's Communications

The Chief Executive said that a number of cards had been received from well-wishers congratulating Councillor Collinson on her appointment as Mayor and he read out a few of the messages.

The Mayor (Councillor Collinson) welcomed Councillor Emma Ellison to her first Council meeting, following her election as a Member for Bourne Ward at the by election held on 4 May.

The Mayor also announced that the Chief Executive has been informed that Councillor Ruth Duffy had stood down as Leader of the Opposition and that Councillor Lorraine Beavers has been elected to that role by the Labour Group Members. She wished Councillor Beavers well in that new role.

COU8 Appointments to Committees, Panel and Groups 2017/18

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on appointments to Committees, Panels and Groups for the 2017/18 Council Year.

The Mayor (Councillor Collinson) said that an amended version of Appendix 1 of the report, including the nominations of the Labour Group, had been published and copies had been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Gibson when presenting the report referred to the position set out in paragraph 4.3 and said that, following the by-election to fill the vacant Bourne Ward seat on 4 May, he proposed that the Conservative Group's entitlement under the political balance rules to a single additional seat overall be filled by the appointment of Cllr Ellison to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, leaving the Labour Group with three places on that Committee instead of four (as reflected in the updated version of Appendix 1).

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Murphy.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Members be appointed to Committees, Panels and Groups for 2017/18 as listed in the Appendix to these minutes.
- (2) That Councillor Berry be appointed as the Wyre Council representative on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for 2017/18.
- (3) That, if confirmation was received that an additional Conservative representative from a District Council was required on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2017/18, Councillor Gibson be nominated to fill that position.

COU9 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report on vacancies on four of the outside bodies to which the Council appointed representatives.

Cllr Gibson, when introducing the report, proposed that Cllr Orme be appointed as the Council's representative on the Volunteer Centre, Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Henderson.

Councillor Beavers proposed that representatives be appointed to the organisations referred to in paragraphs 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of the report, as follows:

- Fielden Fleetwood Charity - Cllr M Anderton;
- Fleetwood Neighbourhood Watch Association - Cllr Shewan
- Wyre Council/Regenda Partnership Group - Cllr Beavers.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Fail.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor Orme be appointed as a representative of the Council, on the Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde for the period until the next Council elections in May 2019.
- (2) That Councillor M Anderton be appointed as the Council's representative on the Fielden Fleetwood Charity for the period until the elections in May 2019.
- (3) That Councillor Shewan be appointed as the Council's representative on the Fleetwood Neighbourhood Watch Association for the period until the elections in May 2019.
- (4) That Councillor Beavers be appointed as the Council's representative on the Wyre Council/Regenda Partnership Group for the period until the elections in May 2019.

The meeting started at 7.05 pm and finished at 8.10 pm.

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APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2017

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2017/18

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (11)** Michael Vincent (Chairman)*, I Amos, Jones (Vice Chairman)*, R Amos, C Birch, Ellison, Hodgkinson, Ibison, Ormrod, Robinson and Matthew Vincent.

Labour Councillors (3)** E Anderton, Fail, Smith.

AUDIT COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (11)** McKay (Chairman)*, A Turner (Vice Chairman)*, R Amos, Ballard, Balmain, Greenhough, Holden, Ingham, Moon, Walmsley and Wilson.

Labour Councillors (3)** E Anderton, Barrowclough and Fail.

EMPLOYMENT AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Councillors (7) A Turner (Chairman)*, Robinson (Vice-Chairman)*, R Amos, B Birch, Bridge, Holden, and Wilson

Labour Councillors (3) I Duffy, R Duffy, Shewan.

PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10) Greenhough (Chairman)*, S Turner (Vice Chairman)*, I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Holden, Ingham, Jones, Moon and Orme.

Labour Councillors (4) Lees, Shewan, B Stephenson and E Stephenson.

LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10) Bridge (Chairman)*, C Birch, Catterall, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, A Turner, Matthew Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson.

Labour Councillors (4) M Anderton, Barrowclough, Lees, Smith.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6)

Conservative Councillors (4) B Birch (Chairman)*, I Amos, Moon, Michael Vincent.

Labour Councillors (2) M Anderton, Lees.

SENIOR OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (4)

Conservative Councillors (3) Gibson, A Vincent and Murphy.

Labour Councillors (1) Beavers.

APPOINTMENTS TO PANELS AND GROUPS 2017/18

COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP (12) (including 1 Cabinet Member)

A Cabinet Member Cllr Murphy (Chairman) *

Conservative Councillors (8) C Birch, Holden, Jones, Kay, A. Turner, S. Turner, Matthew Vincent, Walmsley.

Labour Councillors (3) Smith, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson.

PLANNING POLICY GROUP (12) + Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder & Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder Cllr Murphy

The Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr Greenhough (Chairman)* (if reappointed as Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr S Turner (if reappointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Plus 12 Councillors (ideally including 2 Councillors from each of the areas identified in the Local Plan, i.e. Fleetwood, Thornton, Cleveleys, Poulton, Rural East and Rural West) and including at least 2 opposition Councillors.

Conservative Councillors (9) I Amos, Lady Atkins, Ballard (Vice-Chairman)*, B Birch, Ingham, Jones, Moon, Pimbley, Robinson

Labour Councillors (3) I Duffy, R Duffy, Fail.

Note: * The appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen is subject to confirmation at the first meeting of each of the Committees, Panels and Groups.

** Adjusted to ensure that the allocation of the total number of places on all committees complies with the political balance rules (as set out in paragraph 4.2 of this report).