

## **MINUTES COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 25 April 2018**

Councillor Viv McCrossen (Mayor)

Present:

Councillor Barbara Miller	Councillor Paul Feeney
Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Kathryn Fox
Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Helen Greensmith
Councillor Pauline Allan	Councillor Sarah Hewson
Councillor Emily Bailey Jay	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Peter Barnes	Councillor Meredith Lawrence
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Chris Barnfather	Councillor John Parr
Councillor Alan Bexon	Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Tammy Bisset	Councillor Carol Pepper
Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Bob Collis	Councillor Colin Powell
Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Paul Stirland
Councillor Kevin Doyle	Councillor John Truscott
Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Jane Walker
Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Muriel Weisz
Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Paul Wilkinson
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	

Absent: Councillor Denis Beeston MBE, Councillor Gary Gregory and Councillor Henry Wheeler

### **68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beeston, Gregory and Wheeler.

### **69 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor introduced five members of the Gedling Youth Council who presented the results of the Gedling Youth Council Anti Bullying Survey. The aim of the survey was to find out if young people understood what was meant by the term bullying, and if they knew what to do, and who to contact, in school if they were being bullied. The Mayor thanked them for a very interesting and informative presentation.

A minute of silence was held for Councillor Walker, a former Mayor and Councillor.

The Mayor remarked that as this was her last full Council meeting as Mayor that she would like to thank Members for their vote of confidence in granting her the privilege of being Mayor.

The Mayor commented that she thought the level of volunteering in the Borough was impressive and should be encouraged.

The Mayor explained how she had been working to engage with young people and she had had some lively debates in the Chamber on a range of issues including use of plastics, litter and bullying.

The Mayor informed Members that she had worked to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease and had raised in excess of £15,000 for the charity.

The Mayor noted the success of the recent twinning visit and the strong relationship the borough still has with Vandeouvre. She commented that the business meeting held on the Saturday afternoon had been a success and that stronger links would be developed.

**70 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 31 JANUARY AND 5 MARCH 2018.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record with one amendment to correct "Pastor Barry Drake" to "Reverend Barry Drake".

**71 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**72 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 8.**

None received.

**73 TO DEAL WITH ANY PETITIONS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8A.**

None received.

**74 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 9.**

None received.

**75 POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES**

Councillor Stirland entered the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Democratic Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of the revision of the allocation of seats to Council Committees in response to a change in membership of the Conservative Group.

**RESOLVED:**

To make the following changes to Committee Memberships until the Annual Meeting on 23 May 2018 in order to achieve political balance:

- 1) To appoint Councillor Creamer to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee'
- 2) To appoint Councillor Eilis to the Appeals and Retirements Committee with Councillor Paling as replacement Substitute Member.
- 3) To remove Councillor Bisset from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 4) To remove Councillor Stirland from the Appeals and Retirements Committee
- 5) To appoint Councillor Bisset to the Environment and Licensing and Licensing Acts Committee; and
- 6) To appoint Councillor Bisset as substitute Member for the Planning Committee.

**76 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS CONCERNING ANY MATTER DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE OR BY A COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE (STANDING ORDER 11.1).**

In accordance with Standing Order 11.1, a number of comments were made and responded to by the appropriate Cabinet Member or Committee Chair.

**77 TO CONSIDER COMMENTS, OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN, UNDER STANDING ORDER 11.03(A).**

None received.

**78 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 12.**

None received.

The meeting finished at 7.45 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: