

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Councillor Barbara Miller (Mayor)

Present:	Councillor Pauline Allan	Councillor Paul Feeney
	Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Kathryn Fox
	Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Gary Gregory
	Councillor Emily Bailey Jay	Councillor Helen Greensmith
	Councillor Peter Barnes	Councillor Sarah Hewson
	Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
	Councillor Chris Barnfather	Councillor Viv McCrossen
	Councillor Alan Bexon	Councillor Marje Paling
	Councillor Tammy Bisset	Councillor John Parr
	Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Michael Payne
	Councillor Bob Collis	Councillor Carol Pepper
	Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Stephen Poole
	Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Paul Stirland
	Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Jane Walker
	Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Henry Wheeler
	Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Denis Beeston MBE, Councillor Kevin Doyle, Councillor Meredith Lawrence, Councillor Colin Powell, Councillor John Truscott and Councillor Muriel Weisz

15 OPENING PRAYERS.

The Mayor's Chaplain Reverend Ogle delivered opening prayers.

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beeston, Doyle, Lawrence, Powell, Truscott and Weisz.

17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor informed Members that she had undertaken a number of engagements visiting schools, colleges and village galas. She had been met with respect at all these events, has received some beautiful flowers and enjoying being the Mayor of Gedling.

18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest on behalf of all members relating to Item 9 as a number of sites specified in the Local Planning Document are owned by Gedling Borough Council.

Councillors Allan, Paling and Pepper declared non-pecuniary interests in item 9 as Trustees of the Constable's Field Foundation.

Mike Hill declared an interest in Item 10 and would leave the Chamber when this was discussed.

19 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25 APRIL AND 23 MAY 2018.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

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

None received.

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

None received.

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

None received.

23 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT

Councillor Hollingsworth introduced the Local Planning Document which had been referred from Cabinet to Council. This document outlines the development management policies for site allocation to guide development in the Borough up to 2028. She thanked officers for their patience and support during the preparation of the document, and also everyone who had helped shape the plan through the examination process.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Adopt the Gedling Borough Local Planning Document including the Policies Map as attached at Appendix C and Appendix D to the Cabinet report;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Service Manager for Planning Policy, in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee, to make any minor changes (e.g. typing errors, formatting and images) necessary prior to publication of the Local Planning document and Policies Map (such changes will not alter the material content of Appendix C and D); and
- 3) Authorise the Service Manager for Planning Policy to publish the adopted documents and an adoption statement in accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

24 TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mike Hill left the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development seeking approval for transitional arrangements following the departure of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED that:

For the transitional period:

- 1) Mike Hill, will take on the role of acting Chief Executive, be designated as Head of Paid Service; appointed as Returning Officer for local elections (Borough and Parish) and Parish Polls and Electoral Registration Officer; and appointed as Proper Officer for all those functions where the Chief Executive is designated as the Proper Officer;
- 2) Mike Hill be paid an honorarium to take his salary to the bottom of the current Chief Executive salary scale for the transitional period to reflect the additional responsibilities in carrying out those functions usually discharged by the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service;
- 3) Council notes that steps are being taken to appoint a permanent replacement to the post of Chief Executive through the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee.

Mike Hill re-joined the meeting.

25 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: PET CREMATION SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager – Parks and Street Care, seeking approval for an increase in the Capital budget to establish a pet cremation service which had been referred to Council by Cabinet

RESOLVED:

- 1) An increase to the capital budget of £23,600

26 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET OUTTURN AND BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS 2018/19

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Leadership Team, which had been referred to Council by Cabinet.

RESOLVED to AGREE:

- 1) The capital carry forwards of £263,300 included in Appendix 6 to the Cabinet report for non-committed schemes in excess of £50,000;
- 2) The overall method of financing of the 2017/18 capital expenditure as set out in paragraph 2.6.5 of the report; and
- 3) The capital determinations regarding financing and debt provisions as set out in paragraph 2.6.7 of the report.

27 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: ANNUAL TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT 2017/18

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance which was referred by Cabinet to Council

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the Annual Treasury Activity Report as required by the Regulations.

28 REFERRAL FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE: KPMG 2017-2018 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance which was referred by Audit Committee to Council for noting.

RESOLVED to:

Note the report.

29 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.

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

None received.

31 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 12.

Motion 1

Upon a notice of motion received in the name of Councillor Wheeler, a proposition was moved by Councillor Wheeler and seconded by Councillor Gregory in the following terms:

Background/context

There are currently 1.5 million 16 and 17 year olds who are denied the right to vote.

We believe that lowering the voting age to 16, combined with strong citizenship education, would empower young people to better engage in society and influence decisions that will define their future.

16 and 17 year olds who can consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay taxes, get married or enter a civil partnership, and join the armed forces should have the right to vote.

We recognise that the Gedling Youth Council supports the Votes at 16 Campaign by the British Youth Council and the UK Youth Parliament to lower the voting age to 16.

We note that:

1. Responsibility for the administration of elections in Northern Ireland lies with the United Kingdom Government; and that
2. Responsibility for the administration of elections in Scotland and Wales is now devolved - in Scotland the voting age for Scottish Parliament and local elections has been lowered to 16. In Wales it is expected that the voting age will be lowered to 16 for the next Welsh Assembly and local elections.

We now believe that it is time for the extension of the voting franchise to 16 and 17 year olds for all parliamentary elections and referenda in the

United Kingdom and local elections in England and Northern Ireland as a natural and just equalisation of voting rights to match personal responsibilities.

Motion

Gedling Borough Council therefore resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to
 - a. The Prime Minister and the Minister for the Cabinet Office, stating the Council's support for the Votes at 16 Campaign, and asking them to support legislation for lowering the voting age to 16 and 17 year olds for all parliamentary elections and referenda in the United Kingdom and local elections in England and Northern Ireland.
 - b. The Members of Parliament for Gedling and Sherwood stating the Council's support for the Votes at 16 Campaign, and
 - c. the Gedling Youth Council, the British Youth Council, and the UK Youth Parliament, stating the Council's support for the Votes at 16 Campaign.

In accordance with Standing Order 17.03, the proposition was put to a named vote as follows:

For the Motion:

Councillors Allan, Bailey Jay, P Barnes, S Barnes, Brooks, Clarke, Collis, Creamer, D Ellis, R Ellis, Ellwood, Feeney, Fox, Gregory, Hollingsworth, McCrossen, Miller, Paling, Payne, Scroggie, Wheeler and Wilkinson.

Against the motion:

Councillors Adams, Andrews, Barnfather, Bexon, Bisset, Elliott, Greensmith, Hewson, Parr, Pepper, Poole, Stirland and Walker.

The Mayor declared the motion carried and it was

RESOLVED to

- Ask the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to:

- a. The Prime Minister and the Minister for the Cabinet Office, stating the Council's support for the Votes at 16 Campaign, and asking them to support legislation for lowering the voting age to 16 and 17 year olds for all parliamentary elections and referenda in the United Kingdom and local elections in England and Northern Ireland.
- b. The Members of Parliament for Gedling and Sherwood stating the Council's support for the Votes at 16 Campaign, and
- c. the Gedling Youth Council, the British Youth Council, and the UK Youth Parliament, stating the Council's support for the Votes at 16 Campaign.

Motion 2

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

Gedling Borough Council resolves to:

- Oppose the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council's plan to abolish Gedling Borough Council in order to replace it with a single unitary council for Nottinghamshire.
- Condemn the Conservative Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council for failing to consult the residents and businesses of Gedling and Nottinghamshire on their views about the future shape of local government in our area. This shows contempt for the residents and businesses we serve.
- Call on the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to re-engage with leaders of all councils in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, working constructively, transparently and in a manner of mutual respect through the Economic Prosperity Committee - so that we can work collectively on the issues facing the residents and businesses we serve.
- Call on the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to spend her time strongly lobbying the Conservative Government for sustainable and fair funding for Gedling and Nottinghamshire rather than wasting time on attempting to unilaterally redraw the boundaries of local government in Nottinghamshire.
- Agree to write to the Secretary of State for Local Government stating our opposition to the Leader of Nottinghamshire County

Council's plan to abolish all districts and boroughs in Nottinghamshire and replace them with a single unitary council and to highlight the complete lack of any credible business case for such a move.

In accordance with Standing Order 17.03, the proposition was put to a named vote as follows:

For the Motion:

Councillors Allan, Bailey Jay, P Barnes, S Barnes, Brooks, Clarke, Collis, Creamer, D Ellis, R Ellis, Ellwood, Feeney, Fox, Gregory, Hollingsworth, McCrossen, Miller, Paling, Payne, Scroggie, Wheeler and Wilkinson

Against the motion:

Councillors Adams, Andrews, Barnfather, Bexon, Bisset, Elliott, Greensmith, Parr, Pepper, Poole, Stirland and Walker

Abstentions:

Councillor Hewson

The Mayor declared the motion carried and it was

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Oppose the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council's plan to abolish Gedling Borough Council in order to replace it with a single unitary council for Nottinghamshire.
- 2) Condemn the Conservative Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council for failing to consult the residents and businesses of Gedling and Nottinghamshire on their views about the future shape of local government in our area. This shows contempt for the residents and businesses we serve.
- 3) Call on the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to re-engage with leaders of all councils in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, working constructively, transparently and in a manner of mutual respect through the Economic Prosperity Committee - so that we can work collectively on the issues facing the residents and businesses we serve.
- 4) Call on the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to spend her time strongly lobbying the Conservative Government for sustainable and fair funding for Gedling and Nottinghamshire rather than wasting time on attempting to unilaterally redraw the boundaries of local government in Nottinghamshire.

- 5) Agree to write to the Secretary of State for Local Government stating our opposition to the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council's plan to abolish all districts and boroughs in Nottinghamshire and replace them with a single unitary council and to highlight the complete lack of any credible business case for such a move.

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: