

# MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 15 July 2020

Councillor Sandra Barnes (Mayor)

Present:

Councillor Meredith Lawrence	Councillor Gary Gregory
Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Peter Barnes	Councillor Mike Hope
Councillor Chris Barnfather	Councillor Ron McCrossen
Councillor Pat Bosworth	Councillor Viv McCrossen
Councillor Michael Boyle	Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Simon Murray
Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Julie Najuk
Councillor Liz Clunie	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Bob Collis	Councillor John Parr
Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Rachael Ellis	Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor Paul Feeney	Councillor John Truscott
Councillor Kathryn Fox	Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Des Gibbons	Councillor Paul Wilkinson
Councillor Helen Greensmith	

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis, Councillor Rosa Keneally  
and Councillor Jennifer Thomas

## 1 OPENING PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplin, Reverend Sally Baylis delivered opening prayers, including a statement in remembrance of the victims of the Srebrenica genocide following the recent 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Day.

## 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roxanne Ellis, Keneally and Thomas.

Council was informed that Councillor Murray would be late to the meeting.

## 3 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor paid tribute to former Councillor and Honorary Alderman Gordon Tunnicliffe. Under this item, a number of members paid tribute to Alderman Tunnicliffe's public service and his kind and caring nature and that his loss would be felt by all at the Council. The Mayor added that it was hoped to hold a service of remembrance once public health restrictions were eased.

The Mayor spoke about the new viewing platforms at Gedling Country Park and encouraged members to visit. The Mayor thanked the contractors for their expertise in delivering the project.

The Mayor thanked all Councillors for supporting her in raising money for her Nottingham Hospitals Charity and it was hoped that the funds would be put towards purchasing diagnostic equipment for children with asthma.

The Mayor also paid tribute to a former employee, David Lawson, who worked for the Council for 50 years and had recently passed away.

**4 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 29 JANUARY AND 5 MARCH 2020**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**5 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Acting Chief Executive, Mike Hill declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 and stated that he would leave the meeting when the item was discussed.

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

None received.

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

A question had been received from Lee Weston. As per standing order 8.07, the questioner had been given an opportunity to attend the meeting but was not present and therefore the question could not be put. A written answer would be supplied to the questioner.

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

None received.

## **9 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Acting Chief Executive left the meeting at 2.32pm.  
Councillor Simon Murray joined the meeting at 2.37pm.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services seeking approval for the appointment of a new Chief Executive following an internal recruitment and selection process.

Several members spoke in support of the recommendations and upon his return to the meeting, Mike Hill thanked Council for his appointment.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Appoint Mike Hill as Chief Executive with effect from 16 July 2020;
- 2) Continue his formal designation as Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer; and
- 3) Continue Alison Ball's designation as the Council's Section 151 Officer.

The Chief Executive re-joined the meeting at 2.46pm.

## **10 CHANGES TO THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP**

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager Democratic Services approving a change to the membership of the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee and recognising a change of Leader within the Conservative Group.

The Mayor and a number of members paid tribute to Councillor Barnfather as outgoing Leader of the Conservative Group, thanking him for his decorum, efficiency and friendship. The Mayor also welcomed the new Leader and Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Replace Councillor Barnfather with Councillor Sam Smith on the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee; and
- 2) Recognise Councillor Adams as Leader of the Conservative Group following his appointment at the Group's AGM on 15 June 2020.

## **11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURAL STANDING ORDERS - SUBSTITUTES AT COMMITTEES**

As set out in the report and in accordance with the constitution, this matter was adjourned to the next meeting of Council.

**12 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: ANNUAL TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT 2019/20**

Councillor Hope left the meeting at 3.10pm.

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Director of Finance, which had been referred to Council by Cabinet.

**RESOLVED to:**

Approve the Annual Treasury Activity Report as required by the regulations.

**13 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: BUDGET OVERTURN AND BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS 2019-20**

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

**RESOLVED to approve:**

- 1) The capital carry forwards of £1,120,000 included in Appendix 6 to the report for non-committed schemes in excess of £50,000; and
- 2) The overall method of financing of the 2019-20 capital expenditure as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report; and
- 3) The capital determinations regarding financing and debt provisions as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report.

**14 REFERRAL FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE: MAZARS EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDIT STRATEGY MEMORANDUM**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Director of Finance, which had been referred to Council by Audit Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the Mazars External Audit Strategy Memorandum.

**15 REFERRAL FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT PERSON REMUNERATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services, which had been referred to Council by the Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Remove the vacant post of co-opted parish representative from the Standards Committee; and
- 2) Increase the remuneration paid to the Independent Person and the reserve Independent Person to £860 per annum and £400 per annum, to be back dated from 1 April 2020.

**16 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)**

None received.

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

None received.

**18 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 12**

None received.

The meeting finished at 3.40 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: