

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Councillor Julie Najuk (Mayor)

Present:

Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Alison Hunt
Councillor Roy Allan	Councillor Ron McCrossen
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Viv McCrossen
Councillor Stuart Bestwick	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor David Brocklebank	Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Lorraine Brown	Councillor Lynda Pearson
Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Sue Pickering
Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Catherine Pope
Councillor Andrew Dunkin	Councillor Grahame Pope
Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne
Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Rachael Ellis	Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Ruth Strong
Councillor Paul Feeney	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor Kathryn Fox	Councillor Jane Walker
Councillor Des Gibbons	Councillor Michelle Welsh
Councillor Helen Greensmith	Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth	Councillor Russell Whiting
Councillor Paul Hughes	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent:

1 **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Mayor's chaplain was unable to attend, so the Mayor invited Councillor Sandra Barnes to deliver the thought for the day, which referenced the importance and power of a smile and being kind.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

3 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor confirmed that this meeting would be his last as he had retired from the office of Councillor. He passed on his best wishes to everyone for the future and gave thanks to his colleagues and the officers he had worked with across his years at the council. Peter Barnes received a round of applause of thanks from all in the room for his long service and services rendered to the council.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

5 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Clarke proposed that Councillor Julie Najuk be elected as the Mayor of Gedling for the forthcoming year, this was seconded by Councillor Payne.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Julie Najuk be elected Mayor for the Borough of Gedling for the ensuing year.

Councillor Julie Najuk signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked the Council. She confirmed that Father Philip Ziomek of Good Shepherd church in Woodthorpe, would be her Chaplin for the next municipal year.

The Mayor nominated the Anthony Nolan charity as her charity for the municipal year.

Councillor Julie Najuk, as Mayor, adjourned the meeting to allow the transfer of the chain of office and robes.

The meeting was resumed with Councillor Julie Najuk in the Chair.

6 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Payne

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Peter Barnes and his consort, Councillor Sandra Barnes, be thanked for their work undertaken during the 2022/23 term of office.

7 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor invited nominations. Councillor Clarke proposed that Councillor Ron McCrossen be Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 mayoral year, which was seconded by Councillor Payne.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ron McCrossen be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gedling for the ensuing year.

Councillor Ron McCrossen signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked the Council.

8 TO APPOINT A YOUTH MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor welcomed Freddie Vokes as the newly elected Gedling Youth Mayor to the lectern to give a speech. Fatimah Malik, the outgoing Youth Mayor gave a medallion to Freddie.

9 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING YOUTH MAYOR

The Mayor thanked Fatimah Malik for her work during the last year as Gedling Youth Mayor and invited her to the lectern to give a speech. Freddie Vokes have a medallion to Fatimah to say thank you for her hard work.

10 TO CONFIRM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth, moved that Councillor Clarke be appointed as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Clarke is appointed as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

11 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET

Councillor Clarke informed the Council of the appointments of Deputy Leader and his Cabinet as detailed at appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

12 TO RECOGNISE LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

Conservative Group

Proposed by Councillor Sam Smith, seconded by Councillor Elliott.

Liberal Democrat Group

Proposed by Councillor Towsey-Hinton, seconded by Councillor Dunkin.

RESOLVED that:

1) Councillor Adams be recognised as Leader of the Conservative Group; and

2) Councillor Ellwood be recognised as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

13 TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Payne that the schedule of meetings for the ensuring year be approved.

RESOLVED:

To approve the schedule of meetings for the 2023/24 municipal year.

14 TO APPOINT THE CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIPS OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, STANDARD ORDINARY COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Rachael Ellis and seconded by Councillor Grahame Pope that the membership of the scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees of the Council, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.

RESOLVED:

To appoint to the Council's scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees in accordance with appendix 3.

15 TO APPOINTMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed by Councillor Rachael Ellis and seconded by Councillor Grahame Pope that the appointment for representatives to outside bodies, as detailed in the agenda pack, be amended to read that Councillor Marje Paling is the Arnold Parochial Charity representative instead of Jennifer Cole.

RESOLVED:

To appoint representatives of the Council to outside bodies, in accordance with the amendment.

The meeting finished at 7.14 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: