

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 22 May 2024

Councillor Julie Najuk (Mayor)

Present: Councillor Michael Adams Councillor Ron McCrossen
Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Viv McCrossen
Councillor Stuart Bestwick Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor David Brocklebank Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor John Clarke Councillor Lynda Pearson
Councillor Jim Creamer Councillor Sue Pickering
Councillor Andrew Dunkin Councillor Catherine Pope
Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor Grahame Pope
Councillor David Ellis Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne
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 Paul Hughes Councillor Russell Whiting
Councillor Alison Hunt Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Roy Allan, Councillor Lorraine Brown, Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth and Councillor Alex Scroggie

1 **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Philipp Ziomek, addressed council and gave a reading.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allan, Brown, Hollingsworth and Scroggie

3 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor addressed the council and gave a sport speech. She expressed her immense pride and privilege in being the mayor over the last year and gave thanks to the people who supported her. She noted her thanks to her Chaplain, Democratic Services and to Caroline McCleary in particular. She noted her theme for the year was community and how happy she had been to support the charities who help the residents of the borough. The Mayor noted she had raised £3,120 for

her chosen charity, Anthony Nolan, and invited a representative from the charity to the lectern to say a few words.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 as the incoming Youth Mayor was a family member.

5 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

The meeting was resumed with Councillor Ron McCrossen in the Chair.

He confirmed that Father Philip Ziomek of Good Shepherd church in Woodthorpe, would be his Chaplin for the next municipal year.

The Mayor nominated Parkinsons UK and Nottingham as his charity for the municipal year. A representative for the charity gave a speech to confirm their charities mission and aims and congratulated the Mayor on his new role.

6 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Payne to the outgoing Mayor.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Julie Najuk and her consort, Michael Gavigan, be thanked for their work undertaken during the 2023/24 term of office.

7 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor invited nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Clarke proposed that Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne be Deputy Mayor for the 2024/25 mayoral year, which was seconded by Councillor Barnes.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Robinson-Payne be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gedling for the ensuing year.

Councillor Robinson-Payne signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked the Council.

8 TO APPOINT A YOUTH MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

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

9 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING YOUTH MAYOR

The Mayor thanked Freddie Vokes for their work during the last year as Gedling Youth Mayor and invited them to the lectern to give a speech.

10 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.

11 TO RECOGNISE LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

Labour Group
Proposed by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth.

Conservative Group
Proposed by Councillor Sam Smith, seconded by Councillor Elliott.

Liberal Democrat Group
Proposed by Councillor Ellwood, seconded by Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) Councillor Clarke be recognised as the Leader of the Labour Group and Leader of the Council; and

- 2) Councillor Adams be recognised as Leader of the Conservative Group;
and
- 3) Councillor Hughes be recognised as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

12 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 ensuing year be approved.

RESOLVED:

To approve the schedule of meetings for the 2024/25 municipal year

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

An addition from the printed agenda pack was confirmed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Payne in that Councillor Roxanne Ellis take the vacant seat on Environment & Licensing committee.

Councillor Hughes then proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Ellwood, that Councillor Dunkin be nominated as the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny.

On being put to vote, this amendment was lost.

The original recommendations, as amended by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Payne that the membership of the scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees of the Council, be approved.

RESOLVED:

To appoint to the Council's scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees as at appendix 1, as amended.

14 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Payne that the appointment for representatives to outside bodies be as detailed in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED:

To appoint representatives of the Council to outside bodies, as per appendix 1.

The meeting finished at 7.14 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: