

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 21st May 2009 at 6.30 p.m. at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford, Shropshire

PRESENT:

Councillors I.T.W. Fletcher (Speaker), D.G. Allen, G. Ashcroft, D.W.D Ashley (Deputy Speaker), R. Aveley, R.K. Austin, S. Bentley, K.T. Blundell, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, R.G. Chaplin, E.A. Clare, G.J.L. Davies, N.A. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, J.A. Dixon, I.T.W. Fletcher, V.A. Fletcher, J.A. Francis, G.M. Green, E.J. Greenaway, R.E. Groom, Y.C. Hicks, P.A.E. Homer, T.J. Hope, M.B. Hosken, G.P. Hossell, S.M. Kelly, T. Kiernan, A. Lawrence, L. Lomax, A.A. Mackenzie, C.N. Mason, A.D. McClements, A.A. Meredith, C. Mollett, R.A. Overton, F.R. Picken, H. Rhodes, K.S. Sahota, J.M. Seymour, C.F. Smith, M.J. Smith, A.J. Stanton, E.M. Swift, K.L. Tomlinson, W.L. Tomlinson, V. Tonks, R.M. Tyler, D.R.W. White, A.G.P. Williams, H.J. Williams and D.G. Wright.

1. WELCOME FROM SPEAKER

Following the procession of the Civic party the Speaker welcomed civic dignitaries, Members and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin.

2. DECLARATION

Councillor S.M. Kelly read the following declaration:

"Colleagues, aware of our responsibilities to promote democracy and the well-being of all local people, on behalf of the Council, I make this re-commitment to our office as elected representatives.

Elected to serve the public good, we recognise that public office is a privilege granted by the people and not a right.

We, elected representatives of the people of Telford & Wrekin, declare that we will, to the best of our ability, uphold the Council's constitution and serve the community above any private or personal interest."

Members signified their affirmation of the Declaration.

3. PRAYERS

Prayers were said by the Reverend David Lavender, Ecumenical Dean of Telford.

(The Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker for the following agenda item).

4. ELECTION OF SPEAKER

It was moved by Councillor M.B. Hosken, seconded by Councillor J. A. Dixon that Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher be elected as Speaker of the Council. It was moved by Councillor R.K. Austin, seconded by Councillor C.F. Smith that Councillor H. Rhodes be elected as Speaker of the Council. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher be elected as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2009-10.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

It was moved by Councillor A. A. Meredith, seconded by Councillor A.J. Stanton, that Councillor D.W.D. Ashley be elected as Deputy Speaker. It was moved by Councillor R.K. Austin and seconded by Councillor R.A. Overton that Councillor M.J. Smith be elected Deputy Speaker of the Council. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor D.W.D. Ashley be appointed as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2009-10.

6. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER

It was moved by Councillor J.M. Seymour, seconded by Councillor S.P. Burrell, that Councillor A.J. Eade be appointed as Leader of the Council. It was moved by Councillor C.F. Smith and seconded by Councillor R.A. Overton that Councillor R.K. Austin be appointed as Leader of the Council. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor A.J. Eade be appointed as Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2009-10.

7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER

It was moved by Councillor A.J. Eade, seconded by Councillor S.P. Burrell that Councillor J.M. Seymour be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council. It was moved by Councillor R.K. Austin and seconded by Councillor C.F. Smith that Councillor D.G. Allen be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor J.M. Seymour be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2009/10.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor W.L. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor V. Tonks, and

RESOLVED – that Councillor K.T. Blundell be appointed as Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2009/10

9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor R.K. Austin, seconded by Councillor P.A.E. Homer, that Councillor K.S. Sahota be appointed as Deputy Mayor. It was moved by Councillor A.G.P. Williams and seconded by Councillor G. Ashcroft that Councillor D.G. Allen be appointed as Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor D.G. Allen be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2009/10.

(The Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker for the following agenda item).

10. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR & MAYORESS

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor R.E. Groom and Mrs. Christine Groom was proposed by Councillor G.M. Green and seconded by Councillor R.K. Austin. A number of other Members also paid tribute to the retiring Mayor & Mayoress for all their hard work in representing the Borough so ably over the past twelve months.

RESOLVED – that the Council recorded its thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor R.E. Groom, and to Mrs. Christine Groom for their service over the 2008-09 term of office.

11. REPLY TO VOTE OF THANKS

In response, the retiring Mayor thanked his wife, fellow Members and others for their support during the year. He told Members that his experiences had been many and varied during his term of office. He was proud of Telford & Wrekin and paid particular tribute to the creativity of the young people of the Borough. Meeting with servicemen and women had also been a source of great pride for him. In addition, he was pleased to inform Members that his Charity Appeal, 'Our Children our Future', had raised £8,000.

12. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Councillor, U.E. Sambrook.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd April, 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Speaker.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked Members for their support in bestowing upon her the privilege of representing the Borough. She was proud to represent Telford's diverse and vibrant

community. In choosing her charity theme, the Mayor hoped to help provide action in the community to help eradicate the problems caused by long term illnesses and diseases associated with heart failure. The aim being to encourage participation in healthy activities by people across all ages, abilities and areas in the community and to seek to build a community that is physically and mentally 'Fit for the Future'.

16. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET

Two proposals for the appointment of Members to Cabinet were tabled. The first nominations were moved by Councillor A.J. Eade and seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour. The second set of Cabinet nominations were withdrawn and it was:

RESOLVED – that the Membership of the Cabinet, as proposed by Councillor A.J. Eade and seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour, be appointed for the municipal year 2009-10 as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

17. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, ETC.

Two proposals for the appointment of Committees, Commissions and Boards, etc. in accordance with the political balance of the Council had been submitted. Proposals and nominations were moved by Councillor A.J. Eade and seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour. Proposals and nominations were also moved by Councillor R.K. Austin and seconded by Councillor C.F. Smith. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that the internal bodies for the municipal year 2009/10, as proposed by Councillor A.J.Eade and seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour, (including the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen) be appointed as set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

18. PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2009/10 would be as follows:

Thursday	25 June 2009
Wednesday	30 September 2009
Thursday	26 November 2009
Thursday	28 January 2010
Thursday	4 March 2010
Thursday	29 April 2010

Speaker:

Date:

The meeting ended at 8.03 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Cabinet Member	Area of Responsibility
Cllr A.J. Eade	Leader plus Chief Executive's Unit
Cllr J.M. Seymour	Deputy Leader plus Adult & Consumer Care
Cllr A. Lawrence	Resources
Cllr S. Bentley	Environment
Cllr E.J. Carter	Regeneration
Cllr M.B. Hosken	Leisure, Arts & Culture, Libraries and Sport
Cllr S.P. Burrell	Children & Young People

Standards Committee	
<p>Cllr G. Ashcroft (TAWPA) Cllr R. Aveley (Con) Cllr V.A. Fletcher (Con) Cllr C. Mollett (Con) Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab) Cllr K.S. Sahota (Lab) Cllr U.E. Sambrook (Lab) Cllr A.J. Stanton (Con)</p> <p><u>Independent (Lay) Members</u> Mr A. Simpson Mr F. Beasland Mr B. Bayley Mr A. Selvaratnam</p> <p><u>Parish Council Members</u> Cllr D Edwards Cllr P Picken Cllr R. Wickson Cllr R. Williams</p>	

Audit Committee	
<p>Cllr G. Ashcroft (TAWPA) Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab) Cllr I.T.W. Fletcher (Con) – Vice Chairman Cllr L. Lomax (Lab) Cllr W.L. Tomlinson (Lib Dem) Cllr D. Wright (Con) - Chairman</p>	

Council Constitution Committee	
<p>Speaker – Chairman Council Leader Councillor Deputy Leader Labour Group Leader Independent Group Leader Liberal Democrat Group Leader TAWPA Group Leader Chairman of Scrutiny Leadership Board</p>	

Scrutiny Leadership Board

Members are appointed until May 2011

Cllr R. Aveley (Con)
Cllr J.A. Francis (Con)
Cllr A.A. Mackenzie (Lab)
Cllr A A Meredith (Con)
Cllr D.R.W. White (Lab) – Chairman
Cllr H.J. Williams (TAWPA)

Plans Board

Cllr R.G. Chaplin (Con)
Cllr N.A. Dugmore (Con) – Vice-Chairman
Cllr I.T.W. Fletcher (Con) – Chairman
Cllr J.A. Francis (Con)
Cllr G.M. Green (Ind)
Cllr F.R. Picken (Lab)
Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab)
Cllr M.J. Smith (Lab)

Cons Sub

Cllr R.Aveley
Cllr V.A. Fletcher
Cllr C. Mollett
Cllr R.M. Tyler

Lab Subs

Cllr E.A. Clare
Cllr Y.C. Hicks
Cllr C.F. Smith

Licensing Committee

Cllr R.G. Chaplin (Con)
Cllr G J L Davies (Ind)
Cllr V.A. Fletcher (Con) – Chairman
Cllr J.A. Francis (Con)
Cllr E.J. Greenaway (Con) – Vice-Chairman
Cllr Y.C. Hicks (Lab)
Cllr T.J. Hope (Con)
Cllr G.P. Hossell (Con)
Cllr T. Kiernan (Con)
Cllr A.A. Mackenzie (Lab)
Cllr C.N. Mason (Lab)
Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab)
Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab)
Cllr K.L. Tomlinson (Lib Dem)
Cllr A.G.P. Williams (TAWPA)

Appeals Committee

Cllr G.J.L. Davies (Ind)
Cllr V.A. Fletcher (Con) – Vice Chairman
Cllr S.M. Kelly (Con)
Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con)
Cllr L. Lomax (Lab)
Cllr U.E. Sambrook (Lab)
Cllr E.M. Swift (Lab)
Cllr D. Wright (Con) – Chairman

Cons Sub

Cllr R.G. Chaplin
Cllr J.A. Dixon
Cllr J.A. Francis
Cllr C. Mollett

Lab Subs

Cllr C.N. Mason
Cllr C.F. Smith
Cllr M.J. Smith

Personnel Board

Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab)
Cllr A.J. Eade (Con) – Chairman
Cllr A. Lawrence (Con)
Cllr U.E. Sambrook (Lab)
Cllr J.M. Seymour (Con) – Vice Chairman
Cllr V. Tonks (TAWPA)

Cons Sub

Cllr S P Burrell
Cllr S. Bentley
Cllr E.J. Carter

Lab Subs

Cllr E.A. Clare
Cllr C.F. Smith

Employee JICF

Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab)
Cllr S.P. Burrell (Con)
Cllr A.J. Eade (Con) – Chairman
Cllr I.T.W. Fletcher (Con)
Cllr U.E. Sambrook (Lab)
Cllr J.M. Seymour (Con)
Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab)
Cllr K.L. Tomlinson (Lib Dem)

Cons Sub

Cllr S. Bentley
Cllr E.J. Carter
Cllr A. Lawrence

Lab Subs

Cllr E.A. Clare
Cllr J.C. Minor
Cllr R.A. Overton

Telford & Wrekin Parishes Forum	
<p>Cllr R. Aveley (Con) - Chairman Cllr V.A. Fletcher (Con) Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con) Cllr C.N. Mason (Lab) Cllr A.D. McClements (Lab) Cllr A.A. Meredith (Con) Cllr J.C. Minor (Lab) Cllr K.L. Tomlinson (Lib Dem)</p>	<p><u>Cons Sub</u> Cllr R.G. Chaplin Cllr M.B. Hosken Cllr A.J. Stanton Cllr R.M. Tyler</p> <p><u>Lab Subs</u> Cllr R.K. Austin Cllr Y.C. Hicks Cllr U.E. Sambrook</p>

Combined Fire Authority	
<p>Cllr E.J. Greenaway (Con) Cllr S.M. Kelly (Con) Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con) Cllr C.N. Mason (Lab) Cllr F.R. Picken (Lab) Cllr A.G.P. Williams (TAWPA)</p>	

Emergency Committee (for regulatory matters)	
<p>Speaker Chair of Relevant Board/Committee Deputy Speaker Cllr R.K. Austin *Cllr G.M. Green *Cllr W.L. Tomlinson *Cllr V. Tonks</p> <p>*N.B. The Committee consists of 5 seats. The Independent Group, Lib. Dem. Group and TAWPA Group will share one seat, and will therefore alternate their representation.</p>	<p><u>Cons Sub</u> Relevant Portfolio Cabinet Member</p> <p><u>Lab Sub</u> Cllr C.F. Smith</p>

Development Plan Steering Group	
<p>Cllr S. Bentley (Con) - Chairman Cllr E.J. Carter (Con) Cllr I.T.W. Fletcher (Con) Cllr G.M. Green (Ind) Cllr S.M. Kelly (Con) Cllr A.A. Mackenzie (Lab) Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab) Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab)</p>	