

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 20th May 2010 at 6.30 p.m. at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford, Shropshire

PRESENT:

Councillors I.T.W. Fletcher (Speaker), D.G. Allen, D.W.D. Ashley, R.K. Austin, R. Aveley, S. Bentley, K.T. Blundell, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, D.R. Chaplin, R.G. Chaplin, E.A. Clare, J.A. Dixon, N.A. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, V.A. Fletcher, J.A. Francis, G.M. Green, E.J. Greenaway, R.E. Groom, Y.C. Hicks, T.J. Hope, M.B. Hosken, G.P. Hossell, S.M. Kelly, R.T. Kiernan, A. Lawrence, L. Lomax, A.A. Mackenzie, C.N. Mason, A.D. McClements, A.A. Meredith, J.C. Minor, C.P.R. 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, H.J. Unwin, 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. PRAYERS

Prayers were said by the Reverend Keith Osmund-Smith, Vicar of Madeley Baptist Church.

(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 E.J. Carter, seconded by Councillor A. Lawrence 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 K.S. Sahota 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 2010-11.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

It was moved by Councillor S.M. Kelly, seconded by Councillor E.J. Greenaway, that Councillor J.A. Francis be elected as Deputy Speaker. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor J.A. Francis be appointed as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2010-11.

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. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor A.J. Eade be appointed as Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2010-11.

7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER

It was moved by Councillor A.J. Eade, seconded by Councillor J.A. Francis that Councillor J.M. Seymour 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 2010-11.

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

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor A.G.P. Williams, seconded by Councillor V. Tonks that Councillor D.G. Allen be appointed as Mayor. It was moved by Councillor M.B. Hosken, seconded by Councillor S. Bentley that Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher be appointed as Mayor. It was moved by Councillor R.K. Austin, seconded by Councillor A.D. McClements that Councillor K.S. Sahota be appointed as Mayor.

The first round of voting was as follows:

Councillor D.G. Allen 4 votes
Councillor K.S. Sahota 21 votes
Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher 27 votes

Following the first round of voting, Councillor D.G. Allen, with the fewest votes, was eliminated and a second vote was taken. A recorded vote was called for and the votes were as follows:

Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher

For: (27)

Councillors D.W.D. Ashley, R. Aveley, S. Bentley, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, D.R. Chaplin, R.G. Chaplin, N.A. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, J.A. Dixon, I.T.W. Fletcher, V.A. Fletcher, J.A. Francis, E.J. Greenaway, T.J. Hope, M.B. Hosken, G.P. Hossell, S.M. Kelly, R.T. Kiernan, A. Lawrence, A.A. Meredith, C.R.P. Mollett, J.M. Seymour, A. Stanton, R.M. Tyler, H.J. Unwin, D.G. Wright.

Against: (17)

Councillors R.K. Austin, E.A. Clare, R.E. Groom, Y.C. Hicks, L. Lomax, A.A. Mackenzie, C.N. Mason, A.D. McClements, J.C. Minor, R.A. Overton, F.R. Picken, H. Rhodes, K.S. Sahota, C.F. Smith, M.J. Smith, E.M. Swift and D.R.W. White.

Abstentions: (8)

Councillors D.G. Allen, K.T. Blundell, G.M. Green, K.L. Tomlinson, W.L. Tomlinson, V. Tonks, A.G.P. Williams and H.J. Williams.

Councillor K.S. Sahota

For: (23)

Councillors D.G. Allen, R.K. Austin, K.T. Blundell, E.A. Clare, G.M. Green, R.E. Groom, Y.C. Hicks, L. Lomax, A.A. Mackenzie, C.N. Mason, A.D. McClements, J.C. Minor, R.A. Overton, F.R. Picken, H. Rhodes, K.S. Sahota, C.F. Smith, M.J. Smith, E.M. Swift, K.L. Tomlinson, W.L. Tomlinson, D.R.W. White and A.G.P. Williams.

Against: (27)

Councillors D.W.D. Ashley, R. Aveley, S. Bentley, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, D.R. Chaplin, R.G. Chaplin, N.A. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, J.A. Dixon, I.T.W. Fletcher, V.A. Fletcher, J.A. Francis, E.J. Greenaway, T.J. Hope, M.B. Hosken, G.P. Hossell, S.M. Kelly, R.T. Kiernan, A. Lawrence, A.A. Meredith, C.R.P. Mollett, J.M. Seymour, A. Stanton, R.M. Tyler, H.J. Unwin, D.G. Wright.

Abstentions (2)

Councillors V. Tonks and H.J. Williams.

RESOLVED – that Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher be appointed as Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2010-11

Prior to discussion of the next item all Members of the Labour group left the meeting.

9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor S. M. Kelly, seconded by Councillor V.A. Fletcher that Councillor J.A. Francis be appointed as Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor J.A. Francis be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2010-11.

10. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR & MAYORESS

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor K.T. Blundell, was proposed by Councillor W.L. Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor G.M. Green. A number of other Members also paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and her consort, Mr. Alan Blundell, for all their hard work in representing the Borough so well over the past twelve months.

RESOLVED – that the Council recorded its thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor K.T. Blundell and to Mr. Alan Blundell for their service over the 2009-10 term of office.

11. REPLY TO VOTE OF THANKS

In response, the retiring Mayor thanked her family, fellow Members and others for their support during the year. She told Members that it had been an honour and a privilege to represent the Borough during her term of office. She was proud of the people of the Borough and heartened by the vibrancy and diversity of the local community. In particular, she highlighted how much she had enjoyed the opportunity to meet many residents and also her admiration for the enthusiasm of those people she had met who were working in the voluntary sector. The Mayor's chosen charitable appeal had been aimed at combating heart disease and associated illnesses. She was pleased to tell Members that her appeal had raised around £11,500 in total.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors G. Ashcroft and P.A.E. Homer.

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 him the privilege of representing the Borough. He promised Members that he would serve the Borough with vigour. His charitable appeal had yet to be decided but Members would be provided with details in the near future.

16. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET

Nominations were moved by Councillor A.J. Eade and seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour. A vote was taken 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 2010-11 as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

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

Proposals for the appointment of Committees, Commissions and Boards, etc. in accordance with the political balance of the Council had been submitted. Referring to Appendix 2, Councillor A.J. Eade, seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour, moved that Councillor V.A. Fletcher be appointed Chairman of the Interim Scrutiny

Committee and that the Development Plan Steering Group be deleted. The amended proposals and nominations were moved by Councillor A.J. Eade and seconded by Councillor J.M. Seymour. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that the internal bodies for the municipal year 2010-11, 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 with Councillor V.A. Fletcher being appointed as Chairman of Interim Scrutiny Committee and the Development Plan Steering Group being deleted.

18. PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2010/11 would be as follows:

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| Thursday | 24 June 2010 |
| Thursday | 7 October 2010 |
| Thursday | 25 November 2010 |
| Thursday | 27 January 2011 |
| Thursday | 3 March 2011 |

19. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

None.

Speaker:

Date:

The meeting ended at 7.32 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

| Cabinet Member | Area of Responsibility |
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| Cllr A.J. Eade | Leader |
| Cllr J.M. Seymour | Deputy Leader plus Adult Care & Support |
| Cllr S. Bentley | Active Lifestyles – Leisure & Culture |
| Cllr S.P. Burrell Cllr E.J. Greenaway | Children & Young People |
| Cllr E.J. Carter | Housing, Regeneration & Prosperity |
| Cllr M.B. Hosken | Community Protection & Cohesion |
| Cllr S.M. Kelly | Efficient, Community Focussed Council |
| Cllr A. Lawrence | Environment & Rural Area |

APPENDIX 2

| Standards Committee | |
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| <p>Cllr D.G. Allen (TAWPA) Cllr R. Aveley (Con) Cllr D.G. Chaplin (Con) Cllr N.A. Dugmore (Con) – Vice Chairman Cllr R.E. Groom (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab) Cllr K.S. Sahota (Lab) Cllr R.M. Tyler (Con)</p> <p><u>Independent (Lay) Members</u> Mr F. Beasland Mr B. Bayley Mr A. Selvaratnam Vacancy</p> <p><u>Parish Council Members</u> Cllr D Edwards Cllr R. Wickson Cllr R. Williams Vacancy</p> | |

| Audit Committee | |
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| <p>Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab) Cllr D.G. Chaplin (Con) – Vice Chairman Cllr J.A. Dixon (Con) Cllr L. Lomax (Lab) Cllr D. Wright (Con) - Chairman TAWPA vacancy</p> | |

| Council Constitution Committee | |
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| <p>Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab) Cllr E.J. Carter (Con) Cllr A.J. Eade (Con) Cllr G.M. Green (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr S.M. Kelly (Con) - Chairman Cllr J.M. Seymour (Con) Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab) Cllr V. Tonks (TAWPA)</p> | |

Interim Scrutiny Committee

Cllr R.G. Chaplin (Con)
Cllr V.A. Fletcher (Con)
Cllr G.M. Green (Lib Dem/Ind)
Cllr T.J. Hope (Con)
Cllr L. Lomax (Lab)
Cllr A.D. McClements (Lab)
Cllr A.A. Meredith (Con)
Cllr C.P.R. Mollett (Con)
Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab)
Cllr A.J. Stanton (Con)
Cllr K.L. Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)
Cllr H.J. Unwin (Con)
Cllr D.R.W. White (Lab)
Cllr H.J. Williams (TAWPA)

Plans Board

Cllr D.G. Chaplin (Con)
Cllr N.A. Dugmore (Con) – Chairman
Cllr J.A. Francis (Con)
Cllr G.M. Green (Lib Dem/Ind)
Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con) – Vice Chairman
Cllr F.R. Picken (Lab)
Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab)
Cllr M.J. Smith (Lab)

Cons Subs

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

Lab Subs

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

Lib Dem/Ind Sub

Cllr K.L. Tomlinson

Licensing Committee

Cllr R. Aveley (Con) - Chairman
Cllr R.G. Chaplin (Con)
Cllr J.A. Francis (Con)
Cllr R.E. Groom (Lib Dem/Ind)
Cllr Y.C. Hicks (Lab)
Cllr T.J. Hope (Con)
Cllr G.P. Hossell (Con)
Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con) – Vice-Chairman
Cllr A.A. Mackenzie (Lab)
Cllr C.N. Mason (Lab)
Cllr C.P.R. Mollett (Con)
Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab)

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| Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab) Cllr A.G.P. Williams (TAWPA) | |
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Appeals Committee

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| Cllr E.A. Clare (Lab) Cllr J.A. Francis (Con) Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con) Cllr C.P.R. Mollett (Con) – Vice-Chairman Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab) Cllr E.M. Swift (Lab) Cllr K.L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr D. Wright (Con) – Chairman | |
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Cons Subs

Cllr R.G. Chaplin
Cllr J.A. Dixon
Vacancy
Vacancy

Lab Subs

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

Lib Dem/Ind Sub

Cllr R.E. Groom

Personnel Board

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| Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab) Cllr E.A. Clare (Lab) Cllr A.J. Eade (Con) – Chairman Cllr G.M. Green (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr S.M. Kelly (Con) Cllr J.M. Seymour (Con) – Vice Chairman | |
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Cons Sub

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

Lab Subs

Cllr C.F. Smith
Vacancy

Lib Dem/Ind Sub

Cllr R.E. Groom

Employee JICF

Cllr D.G. Allen (TAWPA)

Cllr R.K. Austin (Lab)

Cllr S.P. Burrell (Con)

Cllr E.J. Carter (Con)

Cllr E.A. Clare (Lab)

Cllr A.J. Eade (Con) – Chairman

Cllr J.M. Seymour (Con)

Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab)

Cons Sub

Cllr S. Bentley

Cllr E.J. Greenaway

Cllr A. Lawrence

Vacancy

Lab Subs

Cllr J.C. Minor

Cllr R.A. Overton

Vacancy

Telford & Wrekin Parishes Forum

Cllr Y.C. Hicks (Lab)

Cllr M.B. Hosken (Con)

Cllr S.M. Kelly (Con) - Chairman

Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con)

Cllr C.N. Mason (Lab)

Cllr A.D. McClements (Lab)

Cllr V. Tonks (TAWPA)

Cllr H.J. Unwin (Con)

Cons Sub

Cllr R.G. Chaplin

Cllr A.A. Meredith

Cllr A.J. Stanton

Lab Subs

Cllr R.K. Austin

Cllr R.A. Overton

Combined Fire Authority

Cllr J.A. Dixon (Con)

Cllr R.E. Groom (Lib Dem/Ind) (until 30/6/10 and then Cllr K.T. Blundell)

Cllr R.T. Kiernan (Con)

Cllr C.N. Mason (Lab)

Cllr F.R. Picken (Lab)

Conservative vacancy

Development Plan Steering Group

Cllr A.A. Mackenzie (Lab)

Cllr H. Rhodes (Lab)

Cllr C.F. Smith (Lab)