

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 29 May 2014 at 6.30pm at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford, Shropshire

PRESENT:

Councillors R.K. Austin, S. Bentley, K.T. Blundell, F.M. Bould, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, E.A. Clare, D.G. Davies (Speaker), S. Davies, N.A. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, A.R.H. England, N.A.M. England, R.C. Evans, I.T.W. Fletcher, V.A. Fletcher, G.M. Green, E.J. Greenaway, K.R. Guy, T.J. Hope, M.B. Hosken, M.G. Ion A.S. Jhavar, R.T. Kiernan, A. Lawrence, J. Loveridge, C.N. Mason, A.D. McClements, W.A.M. McClements, A.A. Meredith, J.C. Minor, C.P.R. Mollett, L.A. Murray (Mayor), R.A. Overton, F.R. Picken, J. Pinter, G.C.W. Reynolds, S.A.W. Reynolds, H. Rhodes, K.S. Sahota (Leader), R.G. Scammell, J.M. Seymour, R.J. Sloan, C.F. Smith, M.J. Smith A.J. Stanton, B.J. Thompson, C.R. Turley, P.R. Watling and D.R.W. White.

1. WELCOME FROM MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed civic dignitaries, Members and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin. In particular he noted the presence of the High Sheriff of Shropshire, Robert Bland; Lord & Lady Grocott; David Wright MP and Freeman of the Borough Lieutenant Colonel Nick Jenkins representing The Rifles.

2. DECLARATION

Councillor N A M England 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. ELECTION OF SPEAKER

It was moved by Councillor K R Guy, seconded by Councillor C R Turley, that Councillor M G Ion be elected as Speaker of the Council. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor M G Ion be elected as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

It was moved by Councillor W A M McClements, seconded by Councillor S A W Reynolds, that Councillor R J Sloan be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor R J Sloan be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

5. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor R K Austin, seconded by Councillor E A Clare, that Councillor M J Smith be appointed as Mayor of the Council. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor M J Smith be appointed as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor H Rhodes, seconded by Councillor D R W White, that Councillor A S Jhawar be appointed as Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor A S Jhawar be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

7. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor L A Murray, was proposed by Councillor S Davies and seconded by Councillor P R Watling. Councillor Davies told the meeting that the retiring Mayor had carried out his Mayoral role with dedication and had been an exceptional ambassador for the Borough. Councillor Watling paid tribute to the personal qualities of the outgoing Mayor and commended him on a fine year in office. A number of other Members also paid tribute to the retiring Mayor for all his hard work in representing the Borough over the past year.

RESOLVED – that the Council recorded its thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor L A Murray for his service over the 2013/14 term of office.

8. REPLY TO VOTE OF THANKS

In response, the retiring Mayor thanked his partner Barbara, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoral staff for their support during the year.

During his year in office the Mayor had chosen to raise funds to support two local charities - Severn Hospice (Telford) and Wellington Cottage Care Trust - and he was delighted to have raised approximately £16k..

The Mayor had been overwhelmed by the support received during his year in office and had enjoyed meeting many people in the Borough's diverse community. Young people were the future of the Borough and the Mayor had particularly enjoyed working with and encouraging the young people of Telford & Wrekin.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors C B A Elliot, A A Mackenzie, K L Tomlinson and W L Tomlinson.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 May 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Speaker.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor M J Smith, told the meeting that it was a great privilege to once again be elected Mayor of the Borough. He thanked family, friends, colleagues and Mayoral staff for their support and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor's excellent year in office. After considerable thought, his chosen charity was the Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group which worked to promote health, well-being, independence and self-help for people in the borough with arthritis and related conditions.

Councillor K S Sahota noted some of the successes and challenges of the previous year. Telford & Wrekin was a success story with the local economy growing by 3.7%, work continuing to attract the MOD logistics centre to the Borough, district centres regeneration continuing and the BSF programme delivering a £200m investment in schools.

The Southwater development would be open to the public in the near future and would be a regional attraction creating hundreds of jobs. The Pride in the Community programme had been launched successfully and work was continuing on the Town centre Box road. AFC Telford had been promoted as champions of the Skril Conference North and the town had recently been named in a survey as one of the top 10 happiest places to live in the UK.

Councillor A J Eade believed the Southwater development had been created and funded by the previous administration. He was disappointed to note that the administration's plans did not include any plans to invest in the Borough's industrial estates which would help to attract and keep business in the Borough. He believed that the BSF project was vital but had concerns over a net reduction in school places as the Borough was seeing a great deal of building and development. In terms of the Pride project, he would have preferred this money to be used to protect Adult Social Care budgets. He was opposed to the council's plans for the Town Centre Box road.

13. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET

Councillor K S Sahota, leader of the Council, welcomed Members and guests to the Annual meeting and notified the meeting of Cabinet appointments.

RESOLVED – that the Membership of the Cabinet, as notified by Councillor K S Sahota, be appointed for the municipal year 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

14. 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. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that the internal bodies for the municipal year 2014/15, (including the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen) be appointed as set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

15. PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2014/15 would be as follows:

- Thursday, 17 July 2014 at The Place, Oakengates
- Thursday, 11 September 2014 at TCAT, Wellington
- Thursday, 27 November 2014 at TCAT, Wellington
- Thursday, 22 January 2015 at The Place, Oakengates
- Thursday, 5 March 2015 at The Place, Oakengates

The meeting ended at

Mayor:

Date:

APPENDIX 1

Cabinet Member	Area of Responsibility
Cllr K S Sahota	Leader
Cllr R A Overton	Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Public Health & Public Protection
Cllr P R Watling	Children, Young People & Families
Cllr S Davies	Neighbourhood Services, Employment & Skills
Cllr E A Clare	Leisure Services & Culture
Cllr C F Smith	Housing, Development & Borough Towns
Cllr A R H England	Adult Social Care
Cllr W A M McClements	Finance & Enterprise
Cllr H Rhodes	Customer Services, Libraries & Transport

GOVERNANCE

Standards Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr S Davies (Lab) – Vice Chair Cllr N A M England (Lab) – Chair Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr T J Hope (Con) Cllr M B Hosken (Con) Cllr R T Kiernan (Con) Cllr A D McClements (Lab)	

Audit Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr R K Austin (Lab) – Vice Chair Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr A Lawrence (Con) Cllr C N Mason (Lab) Cllr S A W Reynolds (Lab) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) - Chair Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/I)	

Council Constitution Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr A J Eade (Con) Cllr R C Evans (Lab) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr G M Green (Lib Dem/I) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) – Vice Chair Cllr C F Smith (Lab) – Chair	

Boundary Review Committee – 7 seats	
Cllr K T Blundell (Lib Dem/I) Cllr E J Carter (Con) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr A D McClements (Lab) Cllr R A Overton (Lab) – Vice Chair Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) – Chair Cllr P R Watling (Lab)	

REGULATORY

Planning Committee – 9 Seats	
Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr E J Greenaway (Con) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr A S Jhawar (Lab) Cllr J Loveridge (Lab) Cllr J C Minor (Lab) – Chair Cllr L A Murray (Lab) Cllr C R Turley (Lab) – Vice-Chair	<u>Labour Subs</u> Cllr F M Bould Cllr A A Mackenzie Cllr G C W Reynolds Cllr S A W Reynolds Cllr R J Sloan Cllr B J Thompson <u>Conservative Subs</u> Cllr R T Kiernan Cllr A A Meredith Cllr C P R Mollett

Licensing Committee – 10 Seats	
Cllr T J Hope (Con) Cllr A A Mackenzie (Lab) Cllr C N Mason (Lab) – Chair Cllr L A Murray (Lab) Cllr J Pinter Cllr R G Scammell (Con) Cllr J M Seymour (Con) Cllr B J Thompson (Lab) Cllr K L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/I) Cllr C R Turley (Lab) – Vice-Chair	<u>Labour Subs</u> Cllr R J Sloan Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy <u>Conservative Subs</u> Cllr S Bentley Cllr M B Hosken Cllr R T Kiernan <u>Lib Dem/Ind Sub</u> Vacancy

SCRUTINY

Scrutiny Management Board – 7 Seats	
Cllr S Bentley (Con) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr A D McClements (Lab) Cllr C P R Mollett (Con) Cllr S A W Reynolds (Lab) Cllr C R Turley (Lab) Cllr D R W White (Lab) – Chair	

Scrutiny Committee – Budget & Finance – 8 Seats	
Cllr R K Austin (Lab) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr R C Evans (Lab) Cllr M G Ion (Lab) Cllr A Lawrence (Con) Cllr C P R Mollett (Con) Cllr G C W Reynolds (Lab) Cllr S A W Reynolds (Lab) - Chair	

Scrutiny Committee – Children & Young People – 8 Seats	
Cllr S P Burrell (Con) Cllr G M Green (Lib Dem/I) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) - Chair Cllr R G Scammell (Con) Cllr J Loveridge (Lab) Cllr A A Mackenzie (Lab) Cllr J Pinter (Lab) Cllr C R Turley (Lab)	

Scrutiny Committee – Co-operative & Community – 8 Seats	
Cllr S Bentley (Con) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr N A M England (Lab) Cllr M G Ion (Lab) Cllr A D McClements (Lab) – Chair Cllr J Pinter (Lab) Cllr B J Thompson (Lab) Cllr K L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/I)	

Scrutiny Committee – Health & Adult Social Care – 8 Seats	
Cllr F M Bould (Lab) Cllr R C Evans (Lab) Cllr V A Fletcher (Con) Cllr E J Greenaway (Con) Cllr J Loveridge (Lab) Cllr A A Meredith (Con) Cllr J C Minor (Lab) Cllr D R W White (Lab) – Chair	

Scrutiny Committee – Housing, Economy & Infrastructure – 8 Seats	
Cllr F M Bould (Lab) Cllr E J Carter (Con) Cllr C P R Mollett (Con) Cllr L A Murray (Lab) Cllr J M Seymour (Con) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) Cllr K L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/I) Cllr C R Turley (Lab) – Chair	

Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny Committee – 3 Seats	
Cllr V A Fletcher (Con) Cllr J C Minor (Lab) Cllr D R W White (Lab) – Chair	

PERSONNEL

Appeals Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr K T Blundell (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr A R H England (Lab) Cllr R C Evans (Lab) –Chair Cllr K R Guy (Lab) – Vice Chair Cllr A Lawrence (Con) Cllr C N Mason (Lab) Cllr A A Meredith (Con)	<u>Labour Subs</u> Cllr E A Clare Cllr C B A Elliott Cllr M G Ion Cllr A D McClements <u>Conservative Subs</u> Cllr S P Burrell Cllr N A Dugmore

Personnel Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr S Davies (Lab) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr A J Eade (Con) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr R A Overton (Lab) – Vice Chair Cllr H Rhodes (Lab) Cllr K S Sahota (Lab) – Chair	

Employee JICF – 7 Seats	
Cllr R K Austin (Lab)	<u>Labour Subs</u>
Cllr K T Blundell (Lib Dem/I)	Cllr R C Evans
Cllr N A Dugmore (Con)	Vacancy
Cllr A J Eade (Con)	Vacancy
Cllr R A Overton (Lab) – Vice Chair	Vacancy
Cllr K S Sahota (Lab) – Chair	
Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)	

OTHER

Health & Wellbeing Board – 14 Seats	
Cllr E A Clare	Cabinet Member – Leisure Services & Culture
P Taylor	Interim Director: Health, Wellbeing & Care, TWC
Cllr A R H England	Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care
D Evans	Chief Operating Officer, Telford & Wrekin CCG
Cllr G M Green	Lib Dem/Independent Group
D Harrison	Non-Executive Director, Telford & Wrekin CCG
Dr M Innes – Vice Chair	Chair, Telford & Wrekin CCG
L Johnston	Director for Children’s Services, TWC
Cllr R A Overton – Chair	Cabinet Member - Public Health
Cllr J M Seymour	Conservative Group
D Wickham	NHS Commissioning Board
Cllr P R Watling	Cabinet Member – Children, Young People & Families
E Noakes	Director of Public Health, TWC
J Chaplin	Healthwatch

Combined Fire Authority	
Cllr R K Austin (Lab)	
Cllr F M Bould (Lab)	
Cllr E J Carter (Con)	
Cllr R T Kiernan (Con)	
Cllr G C W Reynolds (Lab)	
Cllr B J Thompson (Lab)	