

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday, 25 May 2017 at 6.00pm at The Place, Oakengates, Telford

Present:

Councillors J C Ashford, S L Barnes, S Bentley, K T Blundell, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E J Carter, L D Carter, E A Clare, G K Cook, S Davies, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, R C Evans (Mayor), I T W Fletcher, J A Francis, C A Furnival, E J Greenaway, M B Hosken, J Jones, R T Kiernan, A Lawrence, J Loveridge, N C Lowery, C N Mason, A D McClements, R Mehta, A A Meredith, J C Minor, L A Murray, T J Nelson, R A Overton, J Pinter, G C W Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, K S Sahota, P J Scott, J M Seymour, R J Sloan, C F Smith (Speaker), M J Smith, B D Tillotson, W L Tomlinson, C R Turley, P R Watling and D G Wright

1. Welcome from Mayor

The Mayor, Councillor R C Evans, welcomed civic dignitaries, Members and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin. In particular she noted the presence of Lord & Lady Grocott, Lt Col Nick Jenkins representing The Rifles and Community Faith Leaders.

2. Manchester Arena Terrorist Attack and Tributes to former Councillor Frances Bould

The Mayor expressed her shock at the horrifying terrorist incident at the Manchester Arena which had occurred on the evening of 22 May 2017. She extended thoughts and sympathies to everyone affected, especially those who had lost loved ones or been injured and traumatised by the attack, and commended the efforts of emergency services. The Mayor also shared her sadness at the passing of former Councillor Frances Bould who had died on 15 May 2017.

Group Leaders were invited to pay their respects from the floor before Council observed two minutes' silence in tribute to those affected by the terrorist attack and in memory of former Councillor Bould.

A book of condolence was opened for Members and guests to sign in relation to the Manchester Arena attack.

3. Prayers

The Reverend Keith Osmund Smith, Ecumenical Coordinating Chaplain, Telford Christians Together, said prayers.

Community Faith Leaders, Mr D D Ahir and Mr H Unis, also addressed the meeting.

4. Declaration

Councillor R Mehta 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.

5. Election of Mayor

It was moved by Councillor H Rhodes, seconded by Councillor C N Mason, that Councillor S J Reynolds be elected as Mayor of the Council. Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor S J Reynolds be elected as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

The Mayor, Councillor S J Reynolds, expressed thanks to the retiring Mayor for her support during his year in office as Deputy Mayor and warmly anticipated the year ahead. He noted key experiences in his life that he would draw upon to serve the community and diverse population of the borough. He hoped colleagues and friends would join him to support fundraising events for his chosen charities and help him to demonstrate the community as being as caring as it was diverse.

6. Election of Speaker

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

RESOLVED – that Councillor C F Smith be elected as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

The Speaker made a short address to the Chamber and asked all present to respect the differing views that would be expressed over the course of the coming year and respect the rules of debate set out in the Constitution.

7. Election of Deputy Speaker

It was moved by Councillor A J Burford, seconded by Councillor C R Turley, 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 2017/18.

8. Election of Deputy Mayor

It was moved by Councillor G C W Reynolds, seconded by Councillor R A Overton, that Councillor R Mehta be appointed as Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor R Mehta be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

9. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor R C Evans, was proposed by Councillor A D McClements and seconded by Councillor J Jones. Councillor N C Lowery also paid tribute to the retiring Mayor for her passion and devotion to the role over the past year.

RESOLVED – that the Council recorded its thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor R C Evans for her service over the 2016/17 term of office.

10. Reply to Vote of Thanks

In response, the retiring Mayor stated that she had very much enjoyed her duties serving the Borough's communities and reflected on a number of highlights of the year. She noted that she had broken a number of stereotypes during her year in office by driving herself to engagements, introducing online giving, and creating an active twitter account. She had committed her year in office to raising awareness of Domestic Abuse and as well as attending a number of related events, she had raised over £5300 for her chosen charities: West Mercia Women's Aid and Refuge. The retiring Mayor particularly recognised the support of Nuala O'Kane; Carolyn Healy; the New College Events Team; her able Deputy, Cllr Stephen Reynolds; and her PA, Paige Mitchell. She concluded by expressing her best wishes to the new Mayor for his year in office.

11. Apologies for Absence

Councillors M Boylan, V A Fletcher, K R Guy, and K T Tomlinson.

12. Declarations of Interest

None.

13. Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

14. Councillor Veronica Fletcher – Request for Leave of Absence

Councillor I T W Fletcher stated that Councillor V A Fletcher had suffered a serious fall resulting in a broken hip and shoulder. He, therefore, moved that a six month leave of absence be granted whilst Councillor V A Fletcher received treatment and

recuperated from her injuries. Members voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED –that in accordance with section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor V A Fletcher be granted leave of absence from her Council duties for a period of six months effective from 25 May 2017.

15. Appointment of Cabinet

Councillor S Davies notified the meeting of Cabinet appointments.

RESOLVED – that the Membership of the Cabinet, as notified by Councillor S Davies, be appointed for the municipal year 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

16. Delegation Scheme

Councillor R C Evans, the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Tourism & Partnerships proposed that Council approve the Council's delegation scheme as detailed in the Constitution.

RESOLVED – that the discharge of Council functions by Committees as set out in the Council's Constitution dated 19 January 2017 be approved under the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972

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.

RESOLVED – that the internal bodies for the municipal year 2017/18 (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 2017/18 would be as set out in Appendix 3 to these minutes.

The meeting ended at 7.12pm

Mayor:

Date:

Appointment of Cabinet

Cabinet Member	Area of Responsibility
Cllr S Davies	Leader & Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services & Pride Programme
Cllr R A Overton	Deputy Leader and Housing & Enforcement
Cllr L D Carter	Council Finance, Commercial Services & Economic Development
Cllr A R H England	Communities, Health & Wellbeing
Cllr R C Evans	Customer Services, Tourism & Partnerships
Cllr A D McClements	Transport, Infrastructure & Broadband
Cllr J C Minor	Leisure, Green Spaces & Parks
Cllr S A W Reynolds	Education & Skills
Cllr P R Watling	Children's & Adult's Early Help & Support

Appointment of Committees, Commissions, Boards, etc

GOVERNANCE

Standards Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr E A Clare (Chair) (Lab) Cllr M J Smith (Vice Chair) (Lab) Cllr J C Ashford (Con) Cllr S Barnes (Con) Cllr R T Kiernan (Con) Cllr A R H England (Lab) Cllr G C W Reynolds (Lab)	

Audit Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr R J Sloan (Chair) (Lab) Cllr C F Smith (Vice Chair) (Lab) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr R Mehta (Lab) Cllr K S Sahota (Lab) Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr D G Wright (Con)	

Council Constitution Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr M J Smith (Chair) (Lab) Cllr C F Smith (Vice Chair) (Lab) Cllr R C Evans (Lab) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) Cllr B D Tillotson (Con) Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)	

Boundary Review Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr C F Smith (Chair) (Lab) Cllr R A Overton (Vice Chair) (Lab) Cllr K T Blundell (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr A D McClements (Lab) Cllr G C W Reynolds (Lab)	

REGULATORY

Planning Committee – 9 Seats	
Cllr H Rhodes (Chair) (Lab)	<u>Labour Subs</u>
Cllr C R Turley (Vice Chair) (Lab)	Cllr E A Clare
Cllr N A Dugmore (Con)	Cllr G H Cook
Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con)	Cllr K R Guy
Cllr J Loveridge (Lab)	Cllr C F Smith
Cllr N C Lowery (Con)	Cllr M J Smith
Cllr R Mehta (Lab)	<u>Conservative Subs</u>
Cllr L A Murray (Lab)	Cllr J A Francis
Cllr P J Scott (Lib Dem/Ind)	Cllr E J Greenaway
	Cllr R T Kiernan
	<u>Lib Dem/Ind Sub</u>
	Cllr W L Tomlinson

Licensing Committee –11 Seats	
Cllr C R Turley (Chair) (Lab)	<u>Labour Subs</u>
Cllr J Pinter (Vice Chair) (Lab)	Cllr G H Cook
Cllr M Boylan (Con)	Cllr K R Guy
Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con)	Cllr J Jones
Cllr J A Francis (Con)	Cllr R Mehta
Cllr M B Hosken (Con)	Cllr G C W Reynolds
Cllr C N Mason (Lab)	Cllr H Rhodes
Cllr L A Murray (Lab)	
Cllr J M Seymour (Con)	<u>Conservative Subs</u>
Cllr C F Smith (Lab)	Cllr J C Ashford
Cllr M J Smith (Lab)	Cllr S P Burrell
	Cllr R T Kiernan
	Cllr N C Lowery
	Cllr A A Meredith

SCRUTINY

Scrutiny Management Board – 7 Seats	
Cllr N A M England (Chair) (Lab)	
Cllr S Bentley (Con)	
Cllr A J Burford (Lab)	
Cllr K R Guy (Lab)	
Cllr G C W Reynolds (Lab)	
Cllr J M Seymour (Con)	
Cllr P J Scott (Lib Dem/Ind)	

Scrutiny Committee – Finance & Enterprise – 7 Seats	
Cllr N A M England (Chair) (Lab) Cllr S Bentley (Con) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr R Mehta (Lab) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) Cllr C F Smith (Lab) Cllr D G Wright (Con)	

Scrutiny Committee – Children & Young People – 9 Seats	
Cllr K R Guy (Chair) (Lab) Cllr S Barnes (Con) Cllr E A Clare (Lab) Cllr J A Francis (Con) Cllr E J Greenaway (Con) Cllr J Jones (Lab) Cllr J Pinter (Lab) Cllr H Rhodes (Lab) Cllr K L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)	

Scrutiny Committee – Customer, Community & Partnership – 7 Seats	
Cllr G C W Reynolds (Chair) (Lab) Cllr J C Ashford (Con) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr C N Mason (Lab) Cllr L A Murray (Lab) Cllr J M Seymour (Con) Cllr B D Tillotson (Con)	

Scrutiny Committee – Health & Adult Care – 9 Seats	
Cllr A J Burford (Chair) (Lab) Cllr M Boylan (Con) Cllr S P Burrell (Con) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr R Mehta (Lab) Cllr L A Murray (Lab) Cllr T J Nelson (Con) Cllr H Rhodes (Lab) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)	

Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny Committee – 3 Seats	
Cllr A J Burford (Chair) (Lab)	
Cllr S P Burrell (Con)	
Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)	

PERSONNEL

Appeals Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr M J Smith (Chair) (Lab)	<u>Labour Subs</u>
Cllr R J Sloan (Vice Chair) (Lab)	Cllr A J Burford
Cllr J C Ashford (Con)	Cllr G C W Reynolds
Cllr E A Clare (Lab)	Cllr H Rhodes
Cllr J A Francis (Con)	Cllr K S Sahota
Cllr C N Mason (Lab)	<u>Conservative Subs</u>
Cllr D G Wright (Con)	Cllr S P Burrell
	Cllr N A Dugmore
	Cllr A A Meredith

Personnel Committee – 7 Seats	
Cllr S Davies (Chair) (Lab)	
Cllr R A Overton (Vice Chair) (Lab)	
Cllr A J Burford (Lab)	
Cllr L D Carter (Lab)	
Cllr N A Dugmore (Con)	
Cllr A J Eade (Con)	
Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)	

OTHER

Health & Wellbeing Board – 14 Seats	
Cllr A R H England (Chairman)	Cabinet Member – Communities, Health & Wellbeing
Cllr J C Minor	Cabinet Member – Leisure, Green Spaces & Parks, TWC
Cllr S A W Reynolds	Cabinet Member – Education & Skills
Cllr P R Watling	Cabinet Member – Children’s & Adult’s Early Help & Support, TWC
Cllr K L Tomlinson	Lib Dem / Independent Group
Cllr J M Seymour	Conservative Group, TWC
Dr J Leahy	Chair, Telford & Wrekin CCG
J Chaplin	Healthwatch
D Evans	Chief Operating Officer, Telford & Wrekin CCG
C Jones	Director: Children’s & Adult Services, TWC
L Noakes	Director of Public Health, TWC
T Harding	Community Safety Partnership
R Woods	NHS England (North Midlands – Shropshire & Staffordshire)

Combined Fire Authority – 6 Seats	
Cllr E J Carter Cllr M B Hosken Cllr J Jones Cllr L A Murray Cllr J Pinter Cllr K S Sahota	

West Mercia Energy Joint Committee – 2 Seats	
Cllr L D Carter Cllr R A Overton	<u>Substitutes</u> Cllr S Davies Cllr P R Watling

WMCA Board – 1 Seat	
Cllr S Davies	<u>Substitute</u> Cllr L D Carter

WMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 1 Seat per county area	
Nominee from Shropshire Council	<u>Substitute</u> Cllr N A M England

WMCA Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee - 1 Seat per county area	
Nominee from Shropshire Council	<u>Substitute</u> Cllr R J Sloan

Programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council

Appendix 3

	2017								2018				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Council	25 AGM		20		21		23		11		1		24 AGM
Cabinet*		29	13		14	19	16	7	4	15	15	19	17
Audit Committee		27			19				30				
Boundary Review Committee						26				21			
Health & Well Being Board#		14			6			6			7		
Licensing Committee			26		26				16		20		
Personnel Committee										8			
Planning Committee		28	19	9,30	20	11	1,22	13	17	7,28	21	11	2,23
Standards Committee			4							13			
Scrutiny Management Board		20			25				9				9
Scrutiny Committees:-													
Children & Young People			11				7			6		10	
Customer, Community & Partnership			17			16			22			23	
Finance & Enterprise		29			5				15,23				
Health & Adult Care#			18			3			29			24	

All meetings generally commence at 6.00pm unless indicated as follows:-

* Meeting commences at 5.00pm

Meeting commences at 2.00pm