

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Full Council** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 19 July 2022 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Saddington (Chairman)

Councillor R Blaney, Councillor L Brailsford, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor M Brock, Councillor Mrs B Brooks, Councillor M Cope, Councillor Mrs R Crowe, Councillor R Crowe, Councillor Mrs L Dales, Councillor Mrs E Davis, Councillor K Girling, Councillor L Goff, Councillor P Harris, Councillor S Haynes, Councillor Mrs R Holloway, Councillor R Jackson, Councillor J Kellas, Councillor B Loughton, Councillor J Lee, Councillor D Lloyd, Councillor Mrs S Michael, Councillor N Mison, Councillor P Peacock, Councillor M Pringle, Councillor Mrs P Rainbow, Councillor M Skinner, Councillor T Smith, Councillor I Walker, Councillor K Walker, Councillor T Wendels, Councillor R White and Councillor T Wildgust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs L Hurst, Councillor S Carlton, Councillor D Cumberlidge, Councillor T Thompson and Councillor Mrs Y Woodhead

Prior to the transaction of business, the Council stood in silence in memory of District Councillor Michael Brown and Robert Hayden who worked in Grounds Maintenance.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers and the Council noted the interests previously declared by Members in Agenda Item No. 11 – Minutes for Noting.

18 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chairman advised the Council that the meeting was being recorded and streamed online in accordance with the usual practice.

19 MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2022

AGREED that that minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20 COMMUNICATIONS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, LEADER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mike Pringle to the Council following his success in the Ollerton Ward by-election held on 30 June 2022.

The Chairman informed the Council that her chosen charity for her Civic Year was to be Child Bereavement who were based in Newark, but operated across the County and Lincolnshire. She encouraged Members to purchase raffle tickets following the meeting, the proceeds of which would go to them.

The Chairman also advised the Council that she had represented the Council at many events over recent weeks, including the Nottinghamshire County Council Civic Service at Southwell Minster, the Queens Platinum Jubilee Service and the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party.

The Deputy Leader, Councillor K Girling announced that Newark & Sherwood District Council had been awarded the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for the outstanding support for the Armed Forces Community.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor D Lloyd, confirmed that the Council were now in receipt of the auditor's report on the London Road Municipal Building entitled 'Lessons Learnt'. He confirmed that the report would be considered by the Audit & Governance Committee at their meeting to be held on 27 July 2022, along with a covering report from officers and an action plan arising from the auditor's recommendations.

Councillor D Lloyd stated that the report rightly focused on ensuring sound governance and decision making were in place going forward and he welcomed the learning which was already being acted upon. He reflected that this issue had had a reputational and financial impact on the Council. The Leader stated that many people had been affected by this issue and that he was genuinely sorry for this.

21 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE NO.3.1 TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION OR THE DEBATING OF ANY PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Rule No.3.1 Councillor R Jackson, as the Portfolio Holder for Cleaner, Safer Greener presented a petition to the Council on behalf of the petition organiser Mrs Clare Maydew. The petition called for the need to improve kerbside recycling which should include glass and food waste. The petition had 170 signatures. Councillor R Jackson welcomed the petition, and confirmed that the Council were always looking at different items which can be recycled at the kerbside, as well as encouraging recycling throughout the District.

22 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL

In accordance with Rule No. 15.1, members of the public submitted questions to the Council. Details of the questions put forward and the responses given from Councillors R Jackson and D Lloyd are attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

23 POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES TO POLITICAL GROUPS

The Council considered the report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Services concerning the allocation of seats on Committees to Political Groups, following the by-election for the vacancy on the Ollerton Ward held on 30 June 2022.

The proposed allocation of seats was set out in Appendix A to the report. The proposed allocation was based on 38 Members given the vacancy in the Edwinstowe & Clipstone Ward.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- (a) the Council agree the allocation of seats to Political Groups in accordance with Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) three changes be made in the Committee membership as follows:
 1. Councillor P Peacock replacing Councillor J Lee stepping on the Planning Committee;
 2. Councillor M Pringle replacing Councillor E Davis on the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee; and
 3. Councillor E Davis being appointed to the Audit & Governance Committee.

24 RECORD OF URGENT DECISION - SHERWOOD FOREST LANDSCAPE RECOVERY PILOT BID

In accordance with Part D, Section 6 of the Council's Constitution the Council received the urgent decision taken in relation to the Sherwood Forest Landscape Recovery Pilot Bid. To participate in a bid, being led by the Wildlife Trust, which had the potential to transform investment in the habitats, species and landscapes of the Sherwood Forest area, an urgent decision was required given the bid submission date of 24 May 2022.

The urgent decision taken was to approve the inclusion of Intake Wood, Vicar Water Country Park and Sherwood Heath in the Sherwood Forest Landscape Recovery Bid.

AGREED (unanimously) that the urgency item be noted.

25 MINUTES FOR NOTING

25a CABINET - 7 JUNE 2022

25b POLICY AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 13 JUNE 2022

25c PLANNING COMMITTEE - 10 MAY 2022

25d PLANNING COMMITTEE - 9 JUNE 2022

25e GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - 23 JUNE 2022

25f LICENSING COMMITTEE - 23 JUNE 2022

25g TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES - 5 MAY 2022

25h PLANNING COMMITTEE - 7 JULY 2022

25i CABINET - 12 JULY 2022

Minute No. 19 Community Grant Scheme Awards

Councillor Harris requested that for future meetings, the full details of the community grants awarded are included as an appendix to the minutes.

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Chairman