

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 4th June, 2014

Present:- The Mayor, Mr Edward Boden – in the Chair
The Mayor, Mrs Linda Hailstones – in the Chair

Councillors Naylor, Miss Mancey, Kearon, Harper, Baker, Mrs Peers, Woolley, Miss Cooper, Mrs Burnett, Cooper, Mrs Astle, Eagles, Eastwood, Fear, Hailstones, Mrs Hailstones, Mrs Hambleton, Hambleton, Matthews, Mrs Heames, Mrs Heesom, Holland, Wallace, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Mrs Bates, Loades, Wilkes, Mrs Beech, Mrs Simpson, Northcott, Miss Olszewski, Owen, Mrs Burgess, Plant, Proctor, Miss Reddish, Robinson, Rout, Mrs Shenton, Allport, Stringer, Braithwaite, Sweeney, J Tagg, Tagg, Taylor.J, Turner, Miss Walklate, Bailey, Waring, Welsh, Wemyss, White, D Becket, Williams, Mrs Williams, Mrs Winfield, Stubbs and Huckfield

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LONG SERVICE AWARD

The Mayor presented a long service award to Cllr Mrs Williams in recognition of her 21 years' service to the Borough Council and the people of Newcastle under Lyme.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2014/2015

Cllr Sweeney proposed that Cllr Mrs Hailstones be elected as Mayor for the next municipal year; Cllr Jones seconded the proposal, all members voted in favour.

Resolved: That Cllr Mrs Hailstones be appointed as Mayor for the next municipal year

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2014/2015

Cllrs Mrs Hambleton and Cllr Wilkes were both proposed as Deputy Mayor for the next municipal year. The vote was as follows:

Those in favour of Cllr Mrs Hambleton:	32
Those in favour of Cllr Wilkes:	16

Resolved: That Cllr Mrs Hambleton be elected as Deputy Mayor for the next municipal year.

6. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor appointed the following for the next municipal year:

Consort:	Peter Hailstones
High Constables:	Alex Hailstones and Adam Howard
Chaplain:	John Palmer
Mace Bearers:	Carl Edworthy and Laurence Tagg

7. MAYORAL ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors and paid tribute to the great work carried out by the previous mayor and mayoress.

The Mayor stated that her charities for the next year would be the North Staffordshire Carers Association, The O'Connor Gateway Trust and the Royal British Legion.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Cllr Stubbs proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

9. RESPONSE OF THE RETIRING MAYOR AND SUMMARY OF THE MAYORAL YEAR

The retiring Mayor thanked members and officers and in particular Mr Peter Whalan, Mr Geoff Durham, Mr Carl Edworthy and Mr Peter Shaw for all their hard work and support throughout the year. There had been over 270 mayoral engagements with a fantastic £8,500 raised for the Mayor's Charities which this year had been the North Staffs Special Adventure Playground and the Peter Pan Nursery.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Annual Civic Church Service would be held at St Giles' church on the morning of Sunday 22nd June.

The mayor also brought to the attention of members that the 3rd Battalion of the Mercian Regiment, formerly known as the 'The Staffords' would be parading through the town centre on Wednesday 25th June.

11. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER

Cllr Shenton nominated Cllr Stubbs as Leader of the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all members.

Cllr Stubbs then appointed Cllr Shenton as Deputy Leader for the next municipal year.

Cllr Stubbs appointed the following to his Cabinet for the next municipal year:

Cllr Mike Stubbs:	Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Cllr Elizabeth Shenton:	Finance and Resources
Cllr Trevor Hambleton:	Leisure, Culture and Localism
Cllr Ann Beech:	Environment and Recycling
Cllr Terry Turner:	Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Cllr Tony Kearon:	Safer Communities

Cllr John Williams: Planning and Assets

Resolved: (a) That Cllr Stubbs be appointed as Leader of the Council for the next municipal year.

(b) That Cllr Shenton be appointed as Deputy Leader for the next municipal year.

(c) That the Cabinet for the next municipal year be as follows:

Cllr Mike Stubbs:	Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Cllr Elizabeth Shenton:	Finance and Resources
Cllr Trevor Hambleton:	Leisure, Culture and Localism
Cllr Ann Beech:	Environment and Recycling
Cllr Terry Turner:	Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Cllr Tony Kearon:	Safer Communities
Cllr John Williams:	Planning and Assets

12. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS 2014/2015**

A vote was taken and recorded in relation to the appointment of the following vice chairs where more than one nomination had been received:

Planning Committee:

Cllr Stringer – 32 votes - APPOINTED

Cllr Mrs Reddish – 14 votes

Public Protection Committee:

Cllr Proctor - 32 votes – APPOINTED

Cllr Mrs Walklate – 9 votes

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:

Cllr Mrs Johnson – 33 votes -APPOINTED

Cllr Becket – 10 votes

The rest of the appointments for the Chairs and Vice Chairs were as listed in the appendix

Resolved: (a) That the appointments to committees be as listed in the appendix.

(b) That Cllr Stringer be appointed as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee

(c) That Cllr Proctor be appointed as Vice Chair of the Public Protection Committee

(d) That Cllr Mrs Johnson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

(e) That the rest of the appointments for the Chairs and Vice Chairs be as listed in the appendix.

13. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2014/2015

The Leader stated that there was a plan to review the current list of outside bodies that the Council appointed representatives to. It was recommended and seconded that the nominations put forward be put on hold pending the outcome of the review and that a report be submitted to a future meeting.

Where an appointment to an outside body was a portfolio holder or Leader/Deputy Leader appointment that would continue to be the case.

Resolved: (a) That where an appointment to an outside body was a portfolio holder or Leader/Deputy Leader appointment that this be continued.

(b) That the remainder of the appointments be put on hold pending the outcome of a review into outside bodies.

14. REPORT - HONORARY ALDERMEN

A report was submitted to ask the Council to consider whether to adopt the principle of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of the Council, but who were no longer serving Members of the Council.

Resolved: That Council agrees to the principle of conferring of the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who meet the criteria.

15. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014 - 2015

Resolved: That Council agrees to the dates and times of the meetings as listed at the appendix.

16. REPORT - ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling introduced the report and thanked Head of Environmental Health for the hard work that had gone into the preparation of the policy.

There was some concern expressed by members that there had been little opportunity for back bench members to discuss the policy and make comments.

It was proposed that the item be deferred to a future meeting, the proposal was seconded and a vote taken with 7 members voting in favour of deferment, the motion fell and debate returned to the substantive motion.

Resolved: That Council agrees to the proposed Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix A and that the policy be adopted.

17. REPORT - DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Resolved:

a) That the Council's constitution be amended at Part 3, Appendix 1, Annex 2 to read as follows:

Public Protection Committee

To exercise the duties and powers of the Council in relation to licensing and registration functions. To include the revision of existing policies relating to hackney carriage vehicle and hackney carriage driver licences, private hire vehicle, driver and operator licences and the formulation and implementation of all new taxi, private hire and private hire operator policies.

b) That the Council's constitution be amended at Appendix 4 under Licensing Functions, paragraph (2) to include the power to impose conditions on hackney carriage licences and hackney carriage driver licences.

c) That the Council's constitution be amended at Appendix 4 under Licensing Functions, paragraph (3) to include the power to impose conditions on private hire vehicle licences, private hire driver licences and private hire operator licences.

18. **UPDATE ON PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE LAST MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL BY RESIDENTS OF MILES GREEN**

Resolved: That the petitioners be advised that the request to include land at Heathcote Road, Miles Green, within the North Staffordshire Green Belt can only be given due consideration through the process of preparing the new joint Local Plan, in accordance with the statutory town planning process.

CHAIR