

## COUNCIL

19 May 2010

**Present:-** The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor Miss Marion Reddish) in the Chair

### COUNCILLORS

Bannister, James MacKenzie	Johnson, Mrs Hilda
Barber, Christian Stephen	Jones, William Nigel
Becket, David William	Matthews, Ian John
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Morrey, Mrs Tina
Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Ellen	Morris, Mrs Helen Mary, JP
Blair, Stephen	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Boden, Edward Michael	Naylon, Mrs Wenslie
Bowyer, Mrs Sandra Phyllis	Nixon, David Ernest, CC
Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen	Olszewski, Mark Joseph
Burgess, Mrs Silvia	Richards, Dennis John
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Robinson, Kyle
Cairns, George O’Kane	Shenton, Mrs Elizabeth A R
Clarke, David	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Clarke, Michael Ross	Slater, Raymond André
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Snell, Gareth Craig
Cooper, John, CC	Studd, Robin
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC	Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Tagg, John Henry
Gilmore, Ian David	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Taylor, Kyle-Noel
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra	Walklate, Miss June
Hambleton, Trevor	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Heames, Mrs Ann	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Heesom, Mrs Mary Gillian	Williams, Mrs Gillian
Howells, Robert Ashley	Williams, John
Huckfield, Derrick, CC	Woolley, David Anthony

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Daniels, Heesom, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Short and Welsh.

2. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

On the proposition of Councillor S. Tagg, seconded by Councillor Studd, Councillor Mrs Ann Heames was elected Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

*The new Mayor, Councillor Mrs Ann Heames in the Chair  
The Mayor then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office*

**3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

On the proposition of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs Johnson, Councillor Trevor Hambleton was elected Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2010 be approved as a correct record.

**5. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

Mayoress - William Frederick Heames  
High Constable - Marc James Heames  
Chaplain - Reverend Nita Edwards  
Mace Bearers - Lawrence Tagg and Albert Edward Vincent Whittaker

**6. MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor thanked Members for the honour that they had conferred upon her and outlined her hopes and aspirations for the forthcoming year.

**7. RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

Members paid tribute to the efficient and effective manner in which Councillor Miss Marion and Miss Carol Reddish had carried out the duties of Mayor and Mayoress during the past Municipal Year.

The Mayor then presented Councillor Marion and Miss Carol Reddish with their Ex-Mayor's and Ex-Mayoress' Badges.

The Ex-Mayor then thanked Members for their comments and stated how much she and her Mayoress had enjoyed their term of office and the many people and organisations they had met. The Ex-Mayor then presented artwork, which she had commissioned from the Newcastle-under-Lyme College, depicting three buildings within the Borough.

**8. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2010/11**

Dates of the proposed meetings of the Full Council for 2010/11 were submitted for consideration.

The Council's constitution placed the responsibility for agreeing these dates and times with the Full Council.

**Resolved:-** That the dates and times of the Full Council meetings for 2010/11 as indicated in the report be approved.

**9. SCHEME OF DELEGATION/CONSTITUTION**

Consideration was given to a report outlining proposed changes to the Council's Constitution brought about by legislative changes and by Council decisions to change the way it operates.

**Resolved:-** (a) That with the exclusion of the changes proposed at paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 of the report the Constitution as now amended be approved.

(b) That the Chief Executive be requested to commence a process for reviewing the remuneration for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees of the Council.

10. **DUTY TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS – DEVELOPMENT OF A PETITIONS SCHEME**

A report was submitted seeking approval to the adoption of a scheme for the Council to receive petitions which had to be in place by 16 June 2010.

This was a requirement of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 Commencement Order No.3.

In addition the Council was also required to have a facility for receiving petitions in electronic form by 15 December 2010.

Details of the scheme were considered and it was indicated that, whilst the scheme set no threshold on the number of signatures required to request the Council to take action so making it responsive to local issues as well as greater issues affecting the whole Borough, it was suggested that a petition of 1000 or more signatures could provide for a debate to be held at the Full Council. In addition a petition of 500 or more signatures would be required to mandate a senior officer to give evidence at a public meeting of an Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the Petitions Scheme as suggested be agreed and incorporated within the Council's Constitution.

(b) That the Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee review the proposed thresholds on the number of signatures required to trigger the necessary action.

11. **MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND CABINET PORTOLIOS**

**Resolved:-** (a) That the Cabinet consist of six Members.

(b) That the following Members be appointed to the Cabinet:-

Council Leader and Chair – Councillor S Tagg  
Council Deputy Leader and Vice Chair – Councillor Studd  
Councillors Becket, Mrs Morris, Mrs Naylor and Sweeney

Portfolio Holders:

Culture and Active Communities	- Councillor Mrs Naylor
Customer Service and Transformation	- Councillor S Tagg
Environment and Recycling	- Councillor Becket
Regeneration and Planning	- Councillor Studd
Resources and Efficiency	- Councillor Mrs Morris
Safer and Stronger Communities	- Councillor Sweeney

**12. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES**

**Resolved:-** That the following Members be on Standing Committees and Sub Committees:-

(a) Standards Committee (7)

Mrs Burgess, Mrs Burke, Cairns, Olszewski, Mrs Short, J Tagg, Wemyss

(b) Public Protection (13)

Barber, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Braithwaite, Daniels, Mrs Hailstones, Hailstones, Mrs Heesom, Matthews, Olszewski, Snell, Miss Walklate, Welsh, Mrs Williams

(c) Licensing (15)

Mrs Beech, Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Hambleton, Howells, Jones, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Myatt, Miss Reddish, Mrs Simpson, Slater, Sweeney, J Tagg, Wemyss, Mrs Williams

(d) Planning (16)

Blair, Boden, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Braithwaite, D Clarke, M Clarke, Cooper, Fear, Hambleton, Mrs Morris, Miss Reddish, Slater, Studd, S Tagg, Tomkins, Williams

(e) Audit and Risk (13)

Barber, Blair, Boden, Mrs Braithwaite, Gilmore, Hailstones, Matthews, Mrs Morrey, Richards, Robinson, Mrs Shenton, Taylor, Wilkes

(f) Conservation Advisory (5)

Miss Cooper, Heesom, Mrs Naylor, Richards, Mrs Williams

(g) Health Scrutiny Sub (6)

Mrs Burgess, Miss Cooper, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Morrey, Nixon, Tomkins

(h) Employees Consultative (7)

Bannister, Becket, Boden, Mrs Morris, Mrs Hambleton, Mrs Shenton, Sweeney

(i) Grants Assessment Panel (8)

Bannister, Mrs Bishop, Cairns, Mrs Cornes, Fear, Mrs Johnson, Nixon, Miss Walklate

(j) Chief Officers' Appointments Review and Appeals Committee (5)

Nominations to be sought from Group Leaders as and when necessary.

(k) Joint Parking (4)

D Clarke, Mrs Hailstones, Olszewski, Sweeney

(l) Overview and Scrutiny Co-Ordinating (13)

Barber, Boden, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Burke, Miss Cooper, Gilmore, Howells, Jones, Robinson, Mrs Shenton, Taylor, Wemyss, Wilkes

(m) Overview and Scrutiny Cleaner, Greener & Safer (13)

Mrs Beech, Mrs Burgess, D Clarke, Mrs Heesom, Mrs Lewis, Matthews, Mrs Myatt, Miss Reddish, Mrs Short, Mrs Simpson, Tomkins, Wemyss, Williams

(n) Overview and Scrutiny Economic Development & Enterprise (13)

Bannister, Barber, Mrs Beech, Boden, Mrs Bowyer, Cooper, Daniels, Hailstones, Huckfield, Heesom, Jones, Richards, Taylor

(o) Overview and Scrutiny Active & Cohesive (13)

Mrs Bishop, Mrs Braithwaite, M Clarke, Miss Cooper, Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Gilmore, Mrs Hambleton, Olszewski, J Tagg, Miss Walklate, Welsh, Wilkes

(p) Overview and Scrutiny Transformation & Resources (13)

Blair, Mrs Burke, Cairns, Fear, Mrs Hailstones, Hambleton, Howells, Mrs Morrey, Mrs Shenton, Slater, Snell, Wilkes, Woolley

13. **CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

**Resolved:-** That the following Members be the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees and Sub-Committees:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Standards Committee	Independent Member	Wemyss
Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinating Cttee	Mrs Braithwaite	Miss Cooper
Cleaner, Greener & Safer O & S	Williams	Wemyss
Economic Development & Enterprise O & S	Barber	Mrs Beech
Active & Cohesive Communities O & S	Mrs Braithwaite	Gilmore
Transformation & Resources O & S	Mrs Shenton	Hambleton
Public Protection Cttee	Matthews	Miss Walklate
Licensing Cttee	Howells	Jones
Planning Cttee	Fear	Miss Reddish
Audit & Risk Cttee	Richards	Blair
Conservation Advisory	Mrs Naylor	Miss Cooper
Health Scrutiny Sub Cttee	Mrs Morrey	
Employees Consultative	Mrs Shenton	
Appeals Cttee	S J Tagg	
Grants Assessment Panel	Mrs Cornes	

14. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

**Resolved:-** (a) That Messrs D J Burns, Y Mir, D Wood, G L Locke, WA Murray and G Durber be appointed as independent members of the Standards Committee.

(b) That the arrangement for Parish Council observers be continued.

15. **APPOINTMENT OF JOINT BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

**Resolved:-** That the following appointments be made:-

E Government Partnership	- Mrs Morris
Joint Waste Board	- Becket
County Council Health Scrutiny	- Mrs Morrey
Staffordshire Planning Forum	- Fear and Studd (substitutes S. Tagg and Miss Reddish respectively)

**MISS M L REDDISH  
MRS A HEAMES  
Chairs**