

## **COUNCIL**

Wednesday, 19th May, 2021  
Time of Commencement: 7.25 pm

**Present:** Councillor John Cooper (Chair)

Councillors:	Kenneth Owen	Stephen Sweeney	Barry Panter
	Simon White	Simon Tagg	Ruth Wright
	June Walklate	Silvia Burgess	Gary White
	Ian Wilkes	Mike Stubbs	Jill Waring
	Gillian Williams	Amelia Rout	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
	John Williams	John Tagg	Brian Johnson
	Andrew Fear	Paul Northcott	Annabel Lawley
	Tony Kearon	Bert Proctor	Sue Moffat
	Paul Waring	Sylvia Dymond	Jennifer Cooper
	Mark Holland	Trevor Johnson	Gillian Burnett
	Julie Cooper	Andrew Parker	Helena Maxfield
	Marion Reddish	Sarah Pickup	Graham Hutton
	Kyle Robinson	Mark Olszewski	David Grocott
	Elizabeth Shenton	Dave Jones	
	Gill Heesom	Allison Gardner	

Officers:	Geoff Durham	Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer
	Martin Hamilton	Chief Executive
	Simon McEneny	Executive Director - Commercial Development & Economic Growth
	Daniel Dickinson	Head of Legal & Governance / Monitoring Officer
	Sarah Wilkes	Head of Finance / S151 Officer

Also in attendance:

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meetings held on 24 February and 18 March, 2021 be agreed as correct records.

The Leader gave an update on the Minutes from the 18 March meeting in respect of Walleys Quarry. The Cabinet had

received an update and a report would be brought to the Council meeting in July.

**4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2021/22**

Two nominations were received:

Councillor Ken Owen. Proposed by Councillor Bert Proctor and seconded by Councillor Simon Tagg.

Councillor John Williams. Proposed by Councillor Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Mark Olszewski.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Ken Owen be appointed as Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

The Mayor Made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Ken Owen in the Chair

**5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2021/22**

Two nominations were received:

Councillor Gill Burnett. Proposed by Councillor Simon Tagg and seconded by Councillor Stephen Sweeney.

Councillor Elizabeth Shenton. Proposed by Councillor Mike Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Dave Jones.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Gill Burnett be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

The Deputy Mayor Made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**6. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Mayoress:</b>	Rachel Eaton
<b>High Constable:</b>	Daniel McDonald
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Rev. Joshua Penduck
<b>Mace Bearers:</b>	Angela Mayer and Alderman Chris Malkin
<b>Mayor's Cadet:</b>	Flt.Sgt Chloe Weymouth

**7. MAYORAL ADDRESS**

The Mayor thanked members for electing him and stated that he was honoured to be appointed to the role which he would carry out to the best of his ability. The Mayor looked forward to attending many engagements throughout his year in Office.

Members were advised that the Mayor's first Civic engagement would be his Civic Service in July.

**8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

On behalf of the Council, The Leader, Councillor Simon Tagg expressed gratitude and appreciation to the retiring Mayor and the Mayoress. This had been a difficult year, tinged with sadness with the Mayoress, Angela Cooper passing away. The Leader stated that Angela had been proud to see the Mayor serve a second term although, due to the Coronavirus this had not been a normal year for engagements. The Leader thanked the Mayor for the work that he had done and wished him all the best for the future.

Councillor Stubbs echoed the Leader's words stating that the Mayor had served through a tumultuous year with grace and favour and facing the trials and tribulations of his personal life.

Councillors' Proctor and Reddish echoed the comments stating that he had carried out his role with dignity throughout a difficult year and he was respected across the Borough.

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

The Mayor stated that he was grateful for the kind words spoken for himself and the Mayoress. It had been an unusual year but he was grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve a second term.

The Mayor thanked officers for the work they had done and the support and understanding during a difficult time for himself and his family. The Coronavirus had stopped a lot of engagements.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET**

The Leader confirmed Councillor Sweeney as Deputy Leader and the following as members of the Cabinet for 2021/22:

Councillor Gill Heesom  
Councillor Trevor Johnson  
Councillor Paul Northcott  
Councillor Jill Waring  
Councillor Stephen Sweeney  
Councillor Simon Tagg

**11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS FOR 2021/22**

It was proposed by Councillor S Tagg and seconded by Councillor Sweeney that the appointments to committees, for 2021/22 be as set out in the Agenda.

### ***Committee Membership***

**Resolved:** That the appointments to committees, as set out in the agenda, be approved.

### ***Chairs and Vice-Chairs***

Where there were more than one nomination for Chair or Vice- Chair a vote was taken.

**Resolved:** That the following Chair and Vice-Chair appointments be approved:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
Audit and Standards	Paul Waring	Barry Panter
Conservation Advisory	Julie Cooper	Trevor Johnson
Licensing and Public Protection	Simon White	Graham Hutton
Planning	Andy Fear	Marion Reddish
Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny	Ian Wilkes	Julie Cooper
Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny	Gary White	Helena Maxfield
Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny	Mark Holland	Bert Proctor

## **12. EXTERNAL ROLES AND APPOINTMENTS**

Consideration was given to a report asking Members to note the current position in respect of the external roles and appointments. An appendix to the report was tabled at the meeting.

The Leader advised that the appointments would be renewed at the Council meeting which immediately followed Borough elections and they would continue for a four year term. There were some areas which were awaiting further information and the Leader asked Members who were involved with any of the organisations listed to advise the Monitoring Officer if they had been wound up or a Council representative was no longer required. The Leader moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Sweeney.

Councillor Stubbs queried whether the Council felt that there was any value in having a representative on the Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committees when they ignored the Council. Particular reference was made to Walleys Quarry.

The Leader sympathised with the comments and stated that there was a stalemate with the operator and representatives did not attend the last meeting and would not go to any future meetings until they were broadcast. The Leader added that, even by not attending, the Council were making a statement.

Councillor Reddish agreed with the Leader, stating that ‘silence spoke a lot!’, and agreed that the representatives from the Council should remain on these Liaison Committees.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**13. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021/22**

Consideration was given to a report asking Members to note the calendar of meetings for 2021/22. The Leader introduced the report, stating that this was the full set of the Council meetings for the year.

The Leader advised that the 'Six Month's Rule' which had been suspended due to the Coronavirus, had now resumed following a court case which ruled that local authority meetings must meet in person. The Leader hoped that there would be no need to go back into restrictions in the future. The Leader moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Sweeney.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**14. CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Consideration was given to a report asking Council to confirm the Constitution. The Leader introduced the report and moved the recommendation. The Leader stated that a report for Member's Allowances would normally have been expected to be brought to this meeting but this had been delayed by Covid. Once the Remuneration Panel had met, any recommendations would be implemented from the new Council term in 2022.

Councillor Sweeney seconded the recommendation.

**Resolved:** That Council notes that there are no new amendments made or proposed to the Council's constitution, and that its content as currently drawn (16/12/20), including the various schemes of delegation, are confirmed.

**15. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**COUNCILLOR JOHN COOPER  
COUNCILLOR KEN OWEN  
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.25 pm