

COUNCIL

27 July 2011

Present:-

The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor Trevor Hambleton) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Allport, David	Kearon, Anthony
Astle, Mrs Margaret	Lawton, Thomas
Bailey, Reginald	Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary
Bannister, James MacKenzie	Loades, David
Barber, Christian Stephen	Matthews, Ian John
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Blair, Stephen Paul	Nixon, David Ernest, CC
Boden, Edward Michael	Olszewski, Mark Joseph, JP
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Olszewski, Miss Sophie
Cairns, George O'Kane	Reddish, Marion Lynne
Clarke, David	Richards, Dennis John
Clarke, Michael Ross	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Cooper, John, CC	Sinnott, William
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Slater, Raymond André
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC	Snell, Gareth Craig
Eagles, Tony	Studd, Robin
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Gilmore, Ian David	Tagg, John Henry
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Taylor, John
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra	Walklate, Miss June
Heames, Mrs Ann	Waring, Paul
Heesom, Mrs Gillian Mary	Welsh, Billy
Holland, Mark	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Howells, Robert Ashley, JP	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Johnson, Mrs Hilda	Williams, Mrs Gill
Jones, William Nigel	Williams, John

132. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Becket, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Shenton

133. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on 18 May and 29 June 2011 be approved as correct records subject to the deletion of the word 'Kingsgrove' in the heading of resolution number 69 and its substitution by the word 'Newcastle'.

134. NORWAY SHOOTINGS/BOMB ATTACKS

Resolved:- That a letter be sent to the Norwegian Ambassador to the United Kingdom expressing this Council's sorrow at the recent shootings/bomb attacks in Norway.

135. RHS FLOWER SHOW, TATTON PARK

The Mayor reported that the Council had again been successful at the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park and had achieved a Silver Gilt award for its display which was of a horse and traditional market cart.

Resolved:- That the workforce be congratulated on its achievements in attaining the award.

136. QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Mayor referred to the recent awards made to the following locally based organisations:-

Chesterton One Stop Shop
St John Ambulance
Ashley and Loggerheads Community First Responders

Resolved:- That the congratulations of the Council be passed to the organisations concerned.

137. STATEMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Consideration was given to the Council Leader's Statement which detailed a number of events which he had attended, including the Local Government Conference, the Sports Council awards ceremony and the flag raising ceremony which honoured the work of the armed forces on Armed Forces Day.

In addition he referred to the former Sainsbury's supermarket site, the completion of the works on the Midway Car Park and proposals for the relocation, into the Civic Offices, of staff from the police, public health and the County Council which would give efficiency savings for all the organisations including the Borough Council by reducing premises costs.

Questions were put and responses received from the Leader and other Cabinet Members.

Resolved:- That the statement of the Leader of the Council be received.

138. QUESTIONS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 21(2)

A number of questions were put to the Portfolio Holder, Resources and Efficiency under Standing Order 21(")

Resolved:- That the responses be received.

139. **PETITIONS FROM RESIDENTS RE: SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF GREEN SPACES – CLAYTON, WESTLANDS, KIDSGROVE, TALKE AND BRADWELL**

Three petitions signed by residents were presented to the Mayor in accordance with the Council's adopted Petition Scheme.

The petitions were against proposals to sell off green spaces in the Clayton, Westlands, Kidsgrove, Talke and Bradwell areas.

Messrs D Leech, F Moore and A Smith addressed the meeting.

Resolved:- That the petitions be received.

140. **PETITIONS – APPLICATION FOR VILLAGE GREEN STATUS AND LAND AT REPTON DRIVE/ROSSALL AVENUE, WESTLANDS**

A petition signed by residents was presented to the Mayor by Mr M Blair in accordance with the Council's adopted Petition Scheme and Mr Blair addressed the meeting thereon.

The petition requested the Council to support an application by the Westlands, Seabridge and Clayton Residents' Association for the registration of land at Repton Drive/Rossall Avenue as a village green.

Resolved:- That the petition be received.

141. **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE NEWCASTLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the findings of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group following its review of the Newcastle Development Programme.

Resolved:- That the Council accept the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and refer them for consideration at the next Cabinet meeting to be held on 7 September 2011.

142. **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIRS**

The Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees presented reports on the various activities that had been undertaken since the last Council meeting.

Resolved:- That the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs be received.

143. **PETITIONS**

Pursuant to Standing Order No 17, the Mayor received a petition from residents of Cross Heath requesting consideration to be given to the provision of dog waste bins in the area.

**T HAMBLETON
Chair**