



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL THURSDAY 25 MAY 2017

Held at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillor G Davidson - Mayor
Councillor L B Cooper - Deputy Mayor

Councillors R A Adair, Mrs S P Bailey, K P Beardsall, N A Brown, M Buckle, B Buschman, R L Butler, H A Chewings, J N Clarke, T Combellack, J E Cottey, A M Dickinson, J Donoghue, M J Edwards, A J Edyvean, J E Greenwood, R Hetherington, S J Hull, R A Inglis, Mrs C E M Jeffreys, R M Jones, K A Khan, N C Lawrence, E J Lungley, A MacInnes, Mrs M M Males, G R Mallender, S E Mallender, D J Mason, S C Matthews, G S Moore, A Phillips, E A Plant, F A Purdue-Horan, S J Robinson, Mrs J A Smith, J A Stockwood, Mrs M Stockwood, J E Thurman, R G Upton, D G Wheeler, J G A Wheeler

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS PRESENT:

D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
A Graham	Chief Executive
P Linfield	Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial
K Marriott	Executive Manager – Operations and Transformation
D Mitchell	Executive Manager - Communities
G O'Connell	Monitoring Officer
A Poole	Constitutional Services Team Leader
L Webb	Constitutional Services Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors There were no apologies for absence

OPENING PRAYER

The Meeting was led in prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 March 2017 were received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. Address of the Outgoing Mayor

Councillor Davidson firstly stated that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Mayor of the Borough. He thanked a number of people for their support including the Constitutional Services team, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Cooper and Councillor Sue Hull who along with numerous family members who have acted as his consort whilst attending engagements. Councillor Davidson was pleased to announce that he had raised £6855 for his chosen charity Maggie's. He stated that some of his favourite engagements included attending the Soar Boating Clubs 63rd Birthday celebrations and organising his charity evening 'the Stormy Weather Boys' which raised over £1200 for Maggie's. He also reflected on his more memorable and moving engagements such as attending the 21st anniversary of the national holocaust centre and museum in which Anne Frank's step sister was the key speaker. He also thanked the cadets for their hard work and wished them every success in the future. Closing his address, he stated that it was a pleasure and honour to serve as the Mayor of Rushcliffe.

He then presented his Chaplin Reverend A J L Jones with a commemorative plaque with the coat of arms of the Borough.

4. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Councillor Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Davidson for his successful year in office as the Mayor. He said that Councillor Davidson had been an excellent ambassador for the Borough and had performed his duties with enthusiasm, commitment and good humour. Referring to the official photo album he highlighted some of the many engagements carried out by the Mayor, including attending the Hickling Scarecrow festival and attending the Friary in West Bridgford on Christmas Day. He also thanked Councillor Sue Hull for all her support at these occasions. Finally, he stated that Councillor Davidson had chaired the Council meetings with fairness and efficiency.

Councillors MacInnes, Jones and S Mallender endorsed the remarks of Councillor Clarke, and thanked the retiring Mayor for his great work and enthusiasm during his term of office and his fairness at Council meetings. Members felt that Maggie's had been an excellent choice as charity and that the money raised would be very beneficial to the people who used the centre.

Councillor Clarke then presented Councillor Davidson with his Past Mayor's Badge, an album of photographs from his year, and a photographic portrait.

RESOLVED that:

A vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Davidson and Councillor Sue Hull for the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties during Councillor Davidson's year of office as Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe.

5. Election of Mayor 2017/18

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2017/18 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Jeffreys and seconded by Councillor D G Wheeler that Councillor Cooper be nominated for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2017/18.

There were no further nominations for the election of Mayor 2017/18.

On being put to the vote Councillor Cooper was appointed as Mayor.

RESOLVED that:

Councillor Cooper be elected Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Councillor Cooper read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, took the Chair and was invested with the Chain of Office by the Retiring Mayor. The Mayor announced his chosen charity for the year, The Friary and thanked Ann Bremner, the general manager of the Friary and her colleagues for attending the meeting. The Mayor announced that a charity concert for the Friary is to take place on Friday 17 November at the Grange Hall in Radcliffe on Trent. He then sent his condolences on behalf of the Borough to the people of Manchester after the attack which took place earlier in that week.

The Mayor then presented flowers to Councillor Sue Hull to thank her for her support as consort to the outgoing Mayor.

6. Election of Deputy Mayor 2017/18

Nominations were invited for the election of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2017/18 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood and seconded by Councillor Mrs Males that Councillor M Stockwood be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the year 2017/18.

It was then proposed by Councillor Hull and seconded by Councillor Jones that Councillor S. Mallender be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the year 2017/18.

The nominations were put to a vote.

RESOLVED that:

Councillor M. Stockwood be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

Councillor M Stockwood read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, was invested with his Chain of Office by the Mayor.

7. Appointment of Leader of the Council 2017 – 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Mason that Councillor Robinson be appointed to the office of Leader of the Council for the period 2017 - 2019.

Councillor Clarke reflected on his time as twelve years as Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council and stated that some of his achievements as the Leader of the Council included the regeneration of Bridgford Hall, introducing a charge for green bins and the adoption of the local plan in 2014 which approved the building of 13,500 new homes. It was stated by Councillor Clarke that his decision to step down as Leader of the Council coincided with the move of the Council's offices from the Civic Centre to Rushcliffe Arena and recognised that the Council was moving into a new era and so believed that Councillor Simon Robinson should be appointed as Leader of the Council 2017 – 2019.

He then recognised the team effort of the officers and councillors and paid tribute to the workforce of Rushcliffe Borough Council and was proud that the Council is seen as one to emulate as well as being a great place to live.

On being put to the vote Councillor Cooper was appointed as Leader of the Council for 2017 - 2019.

RESOLVED that –

Councillor Simon Robinson be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2017 – 2019.

Following his appointment as Leader, Councillor Robinson congratulated Councillor Cooper on being appointed as Mayor of the Borough and stated that he wanted to assure the efficiency of the Council by providing value for money and by putting Rushcliffe residents at the heart of everything that the Council does. As leader Councillor Robinson stated that he wanted to embrace economic growth by looking into the employment and infrastructure that is needed, and wanted to provide greater green spaces for the youth of the Borough. He also intended for the Council to be more accountable by introducing public speaking to Council meetings ?? reported that his Cabinet would be as set out below:

Councillor S J Robinson	Leader, Portfolio Holder for Strategic Direction
Councillor D J Mason	Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Community & Leisure
Councillor A Edyvean	Portfolio Holder for Economic and Business
Councillor G Moore	Portfolio Holder for Finance
Councillor R Upton	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning

8. Appointment of Committees and Member Groups 2017/18

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Mason that the Membership of the following Committees, Member Groups and Working Groups with Chairmen and Vice Chairmen as set out in the Appendix be appointed for 2017/18.

- Community Development Group
- Corporate Governance Group
- Partnership Delivery Group
- Performance Management Board
- Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee
- Planning Committee (previously Development Control Committee)
- Employment Appeals Committee
- Interviewing Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Standards Committee
- Local Development Framework Group
- Member Development Group
- Rushcliffe Strategic Growth Board
- Civic Hospitality Panel

Members were informed that there was one contested appointment related to the Planning Committee. Following the recent peer review of the Council's Development Control function, it was recommended that the size of the Committee be reduced to eleven members with nominations sought on the basis of 8 Conservative members, 1 Labour member and 2 members from the other political groups. In addition it was recommended that the Committee be renamed the Planning Committee.

Councillor George Davidson queried whether it would be acceptable for three members from the other political groups to attend on a rota basis to fill the two remaining appointments. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that there needed to be two formal members identified although that the use of substitution rules could be used to enable all three other political parties to be involved.

Councillor Davidson then announced that Councillor S Mallender and Councillor Jones would be the nominations for the two formal places on the Committee and that Councillor Hull would substitute when needed.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The size of the Development Control Committee be reduced to 11 members with nominations sought on the basis of 8 Conservative members, 1 Labour member and 2 members from the other political groups; and that the Leader's and Deputy Leader's ex officio rights be removed;
- b) the Development Control Committee be renamed the Planning Committee; and
- c) with the exception of Councillor Hull being removed from the nomination to be appointed to the Planning Committee all of the other nominations set out in appendix 1 were approved.

9. **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies 2017/18**

Members were informed that there were two contested appointments, the East Midlands Museum Service PLC and the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group. It was proposed by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Edyvean that the representatives be appointed to the Outside Bodies as set out in the Appendix to the report, excluding the contested appointment which would be put to the vote.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2015/16, excluding the contested appointments, as indicated in the appendix to the report, be approved, and
- b) for the contested appointments
 - i. Councillor Mrs Jeffreys be appointed as the Council's representative to the East Midlands Museum Service PLC.
 - ii. Councillor Upton be appointed as the Council's representative to the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group.

Councillor S Mallender asked if she could be a substitute for Councillor Upton for Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group meetings. The Chief Executive responded by stating that the matter had already been dealt with and that there would be no substitute for the Group.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

MAYOR