



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2005

Held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillor B. Tansley , Mayor in the Chair
Councillor Mrs M. Stockwood, Deputy Mayor

Councillors R. A. Adair, D. J. Allen, J. R. Bannister, T. D. S. Barlow,
D. G. Bell, S. Bennett, S. E. Blount, S.J.Boote, G. A. Buckley, Mrs D. P. Butler,
R. H. Butler, R. L. Butler, J. N. Clarke, L. B. Cooper, J. A. Cranswick,
B. G. Dale, G. Davidson, J. R. Ellis, C. J. Evans, J. E. Fearon, M. G. Hemsley,
R. Hetherington, T. W. Holt, Mrs C. E. M. Jeffreys, K. W. Keyworth,
A. MacInnes, Mrs. M. M. Males, Mrs J. M. Marshall, Mrs. D. J. Mason,
P. F. McGowan, W. R. D. Mott, G. S. Moore, B. A. Nicholls,
F. A. Purdue-Horan, P. M. Robinson, J. C. H. Silver, Mrs J. A. Smith, P. Smith,
P. W. Smith, A. Stockwood, H. J. Tinley, S. K. Tiplady, H. Tipton, B. Venes,
T. Vennett-Smith and D. G. Wheeler.

Apologies for absence

Councillors R E Chapman and N C Lawrence

Officers Present:

K. Beaumont	-	Chief Executive
P. Cox	-	Borough Solicitor
A Goodman	-	Member Support Officer
J. McGuirk	-	Deputy Chief Executive (Policy and Performance)
P. Randle	-	Deputy Chief Executive (Community Relations)
P. Wigginton	-	Member Services Manager

OPENING PRAYER

Prior to the commencement of business, the meeting was led in prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain.

(1) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – YEAR OF OFFICE

The Mayor sincerely thanked the Council for the honour and privilege of being Mayor of the Borough for the past year. Councillor Tansley reported that in numerous engagements during the year, there were many highlights including attending the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Place and the Sutton Bonington Show to name just two. He had particularly enjoyed meeting many different individuals and groups of all ages throughout the Borough which

included events in the Festival which was extremely well organised and featured 'Lark in the Park'.

He also remarked on the warmth, courtesy and kindness shown to him and his wife Carole, throughout the year and took the opportunity to thank his wife for her unceasing support and dedication during the year. He sincerely thanked all those who had taken part in his fund raising events and he informed Members that at present the amount raised for his charity, the Royal National Lifeboat Appeal was currently £11,000.

The Mayor thanked his Chaplain, Paul Massey, for his support and attendance at every meeting and presented him with a small memento of appreciation. He also thanked fellow Members and officers for their support, and particularly referred to Kay Smith and Ruth Fulford for their hard work throughout his year of office. He also acknowledged the valuable assistance given to him by the Chief Executive. He thanked his chauffeur, Steve Horsley who had ensured that he had attended all his engagements on time.

The Mayor also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Maureen Stockwood for her support.

(2) VOTE OF THANKS - RETIRING MAYOR

On behalf of the Council, Councillor J N Clarke thanked the Mayor for the loyal, impartial and devoted service he had given during his year of office. He then presented Councillor Tansley with a past Mayor's badge, an album of photographs of the Mayor's year and a photographic portrait, which would be displayed in the Civic Suite.

Councillors C J Evans and A MacInnes supported the comments made and thanked the retiring Mayor for the dedication, sincerity, humour and kindness shown to them throughout his year of office and supported the vote of thanks.

RESOLVED that -

a vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Bryan Tansley and his wife, Carole, for the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties during Councillor Tansley's year of office as Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe.

(3) ELECTION OF MAYOR 2005/06

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M M Males and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Smith that Councillor Mrs Maureen Stockwood be nominated for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2005/06.

RESOLVED that -

Councillor Mrs M Stockwood be elected Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Mrs Stockwood read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking her proposer, seconder and Members, took the Chair and was invested with the chain of office by the retiring Mayor).

(4) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2005/06

Nominations were invited for the appointment of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor J E Fearon and seconded by Councillor J N Clarke that Councillor J A Cranswick be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the year 2005/06.

RESOLVED that -

Councillor J A Cranswick be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Cranswick read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, was invested with his badge of office by the Mayor)

(5) MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2005 were received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

(6) APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER 2005/06

It was proposed by J E Fearon and seconded by Councillor Mrs D J Mason that Councillors J N Clarke and G A Buckley be nominated for the office of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council respectively for the year 2005/06.

RESOLVED that –

Councillors J N Clarke and G A Buckley be appointed as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council respectively for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

(8) APPOINTMENT OF CABINET 2005/06

RESOLVED that –

- (a) a Cabinet be appointed for 2005/06 with the membership as indicated in Appendix 1 attached; and
- (b) Councillors J N Clarke and G A Buckley be appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet respectively, for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

(9) APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, MEMBER GROUPS AND WORKING GROUPS 2005/06

It was proposed by Councillor J. N. Clarke and seconded by Councillor G. A. Buckley that the Membership of the following Committees, Member Groups and Working Groups with Chairman and Vice Chairmen as indicated on the attached appendix, be appointed for 2005/06.

- Performance Management Board
- Corporate Governance Group
- Development Control Committee
- Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee
- Accounts Committee
- Employment Appeals Committee
- Interviewing Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Standards Committee - **Appointed until May 2007**
- Grants Advisory Group
- Local Plan Working Group
- Civic Hospitality Panel

Councillor Evans felt that it would be appropriate for the office of Chairman of the Performance Management Board should be rotated and offered to opposition members. This would enable opposition members to gain valuable experience and make them feel valued. This practice was operated in other authorities.

Councillor Boote supported these comments and felt that it was vital to keep scrutiny and the Executive as separate areas and the rotation of the Chairman of this group would assist in this matter. He congratulated Councillor Lawrence and the way he had chaired the Performance Management Board and also the Scrutiny Overview Group before that.

Councillor MacInnes supported the comments.

It was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Boote that Councillor Davidson be appointed Chairman of the Performance Management Board for the ensuing year.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

RESOLVED that –

- (a) the Committees and Member Groups set out at Appendix 1 attached be appointed for 2005/06 with the membership indicated; and
- (b) the Members indicated in Appendix 1 be appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the respective Committees and Member Groups the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

(10) APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2005/06

RESOLVED that -

the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2005/06 as indicated at Appendix 2 to the Minutes be approved.

(11) CABINET PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The report of the Chief Executive was considered indicating that the Performance Management Board had recommended a change in the responsibilities of cabinet Portfolio Holders by dividing the Social and Economic portfolio into Leisure and Housing and making the whole Cabinet responsible for dealing with any cross-cutting issues. This would provide a more balanced approach.

RESOLVED that -

the Constitution be amended to define the Cabinet portfolio responsibilities as set out below with the areas of responsibility as defined in Appendix 1 of the report

Community Safety
Environmental
Resources
Leisure
Housing

(12) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 11 (2)

Question by Councillor D J Allen to Councillor G A Buckley

"Recently, the Borough Council was obliged to withdraw an incorrect press release, which quoted claim by you that 'most residents will see a reduction ' in Council Tax. Councillor Davidson then wrote to enquire why you had allowed this incorrect information to be published in your name. The Chief Executive replied on your behalf that "The reference to 'most residents' was identified as being incorrect, but somehow its deletion was overlooked". What disciplinary action has been taken against the un-named Council Officer who failed to follow the instruction to tell the truth ?"

Reply by Councillor G A Buckley

"The Borough Council issues on average over 300 press releases every year and this is the first time I can recall there being a problem of accuracy. The Chief Executive has explained that it was a genuine error and the matter has been dealt with internally. The implication in the question that there was an

attempt to be untruthful is unfounded and I can confirm that no formal disciplinary action was deemed necessary."

Councillor Allen felt that the Councillor Buckley should have issued an apology that the Council had increased Council Tax by 17% and the press release had tried to conceal that fact.

In response, Councillor Buckley reiterated that the press release was issued, it was found to be incorrect and reissued, which in itself was an apology. He indicated that if the rise was 17%, the authority would have been capped by the Government.

Councillor Evans felt that although the press release was reissued, at no point did Councillor Buckley indicate that the original press release was misleading and contained misinformation.

Councillor Buckley confirmed that the incorrect press release was issued to the press and used by them and also the reissued press release was issued to the press and used by them.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

MAYOR

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBER GROUPS 2005/06

Appendix 1

(C denotes nomination for Chairman VCh denotes nomination for Vice Chairman)

CABINET - 6 Members

1.	J N Clarke (Ch)
2.	G A Buckley (VCh)
3.	D G Bell
4.	J E Fearon
5.	Mrs D J Mason
6.	B A Nicholls

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD - 8 Members

	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)
1.	R A Adair (VCh)	G Davidson	S K Tiplady
2.	M G Hemsley	B Venes	
3.	N C Lawrence		
4.	Mrs J Smith (C)		
5.	H J Tinley		

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GROUP - 8 Members

	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)
1.	L B Cooper	S Bennett	A MacInnes
2.	J A Cranswick	Mrs D P Butler	
3.	B G Dale (C)		
4.	R Hetherington		
5.	F A Purdue-Horan (VCh)		

COMMITTEES

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

(25 Members plus Leader and Deputy Leader ex officio non-voting Members)

	Conservative (17)	Lib Dem (4)	Labour (2)	Independent (2)
1.	D G Bell	D J Allen	J R Bannister	T D S Barlow (Ind)
2.	R H Butler	S J Boote	S K Tiplady	S E Blount (Green)
3.	J E Fearon	P F McGowan		
4.	J R Ellis	B Venes		
5.	M G Hemsley			
6.	Mrs C E M Jeffreys			
7.	K W Keyworth (C)			
8.	Mrs M M Males			
9.	Mrs J M Marshall			
10.	Mrs D J Mason			
11.	F A Purdue-Horan			
12.	Mrs J A Smith			
13.	P Smith			
14.	P W Smith (VCh)			
15.	B Tansley			
16.	H J Tinley			
17.	D G Wheeler			

ALCOHOL AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE - 15 Members

	Conservative (10)	Lib Dem (3)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
1.	R H Butler	Mrs D P Butler	R E Chapman (VCh)	T D S Barlow (Ind)
2.	R L Butler	G Davidson		
3.	J E Fearon (C)	B Venes		
4.	Mrs C E M Jeffreys			
5.	Mrs M M Males			
6.	G S Moore			
7.	P M Robinson			
8.	P Smith			
9.	B Tansley			
10.	H Tipton			

ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (5 Members)

	Conservative (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (1)	Independent (0)
1.	G A Buckley (C)	P F McGowan	A MacInnes	
2.	B G Dale			
3.	F A Purdue-Horan			

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE (5 Members)

	Conservative (4)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
1.	J N Clarke (VCh)	S J Boote		
2.	J A Cranswick (C)			
3.	N C Lawrence			
4.	P M Robinson			

INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE (5 Members)

	Conservative (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (1)	Independent (0)
1.	G A Buckley (VCh)	S Bennett	A MacInnes	
2.	J N Clarke (C)			
3.	Con Nomination			

LICENSING COMMITTEE (5 Members)

	Conservative (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
1.	R L Butler	B Venes		J C H Silver
2.	J A Cranswick (C)			
3.	Mrs J M Marshall			

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (10 Members)

	Conservative (2)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
1.	W R D Mott	Mrs D P Butler	R E Chapman	T D S Barlow (Ind)
2.	P M Robinson	C J Evans		

Plus 4 independent members Mr John Saunders QC (Chairman), Parish Council Representative Mrs G. Hind, Independent Members Mr T. Moliffe and Miss J. Denton

MEMBER GROUPS

GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP - 15 Members

	Conservative (10)	Lib Dem (3)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
1.	R A Adair	D J Allen	S K Tiplady	J C H Silver
2.	G A Buckley (C)	S Bennett		
3.	R H Butler	P F McGowan		
4.	J A Cranswick (VCh)			
5.	R Hetherington			
6.	Mrs C E M Jeffreys			
7.	K W Keyworth			
8.	A Stockwood			
9.	B Tansley			
10.	H Tipton			

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP - 15 Members

	Conservative (10)	Lib Dem (3)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
1.	J N Clarke	G Davidson	J R Bannister	S E Blount (Green)
2.	L B Cooper	C J Evans		
3.	J R Ellis	T W Holt		
4.	K W Keyworth (VC)			
5.	Mrs M M Males			
6.	Mrs D J Mason (C)			
7.	G S Moore			
8.	W R D Mott			
9.	P W Smith			
10.	D G Wheeler			

CIVIC HOSPITALITY PANEL

Membership

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader, Deputy Leader, 1 Member from each of the opposition parties

FUTURE DELIVERY OF LEISURE SERVICES - 8 Members

	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent
1.	R A Adair	S Bennett	S K Tiplady	
2.	J N Clarke (C)	T Vennett-Smith		
3.	L B Cooper			
4.	J A Cranswick			
5.	B A Nicholls (VCh)			

MEMBER TRAINING - 5 Members

	Conservative (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (1)	Independent
1.	L B Cooper	T W Holt	S K Tiplady (C)	
2.	M G Hemsley			
3.	D G Wheeler			

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – 8 Members

	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent
1.	D G Bell	S Bennett	A MacInnes	
2.	R L Butler	G Davidson (C)		
3.	M G Hemsley			
4.	R Hetherington			
5.	Mrs C E M Jeffreys			

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – 8 Members

	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent
1.	R A Adair (C)	D G Allen	J R Bannister	
2.	R H Butler	G Davidson		
3.	R Hetherington			
4.	G S Moore			
5.	D G Wheeler			

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2005/06

	Name of Organisation	No of Reps	Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent/Green
1.	Carters' Charity For the Poor of Wilford	3	B A Nicholls H Tipton D G Wheeler			
2.	Cotgrave Welfare Youth Club Management Committee	1	B Tansley			
3.	Campaign to Protect Rural England (formerly Council for the Protection of Rural England (Notts))	1	Mrs M Stockwood			
4.	Nottingham East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Forum	1	Mrs M M Males			
5.	East Midlands Area Museum Service plc (Council)	1			P F McGowan	
6.	East Midlands Arts - Now known as Arts Council - East Midlands	1			G Davidson	
7.	East Midlands Local Government Association - General Assembly	1	J N Clarke G A Buckley (substitute)			
8.	East Midlands Regional Assembly	1	J N Clarke			
9.	Edwalton Municipal Golf and Social Club Committee	2	P Smith Mrs M M Males			

	Name of Organisation	No of Reps	Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent/Green
10.	Edwalton Municipal Golf and Social Club Ladies Committee	1	Mrs M M Males			
11.	Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park	1	R A Adair			
12.	Grantham Canal Partnership - Council of Management	1	J N Clarke G A Buckley (substitute)			
13.	Greater Nottingham Partnership	1	J N Clarke			
14.	Holme Pierrepont Users Forum	1	Mrs C E M Jeffreys			
15.	Internal Drainage Boards - Fairham Brook	8	R H Butler B G Dale M G Hemsley K W Keyworth Mrs M M Males		C J Evans P F McGowan B Venes	
16.	Internal Drainage Boards - Kingston Brook	6	P Smith R Hetherington Mrs M M Males		T W Holt T Vennett-Smith	T D S Barlow
17.	Internal Drainage Boards - Newark Area	2	K W Keyworth			T D S Barlow
18.	Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Rail Action Committee (LANRAC)	2		J R Bannister	T W Holt	

	Name of Organisation	No of Reps	Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent/Green
19.	Local area Forum - West Bridgford - Abbey Ward - Compton Acres - Edwalton Ward - Gamston - Lady Bay Ward - Lutterell Ward - Melton Ward - Musters Ward - Trent Bridge	 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	 J R Ellis D G Wheeler Mrs D J Mason L B Cooper H Tipton D G Bell Miss H J Tinley	 S K Tiplady A MacInnes		
20	Local Government Association	1	J N Clarke			
21.	Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementaion Group	2	Mrs D J Mason W R D Mott			
22.	Nottingham and District Citizens' Advice Bureau	1	D G Bell			
23	Nottingham Express Transit – Development Board	1	Mrs D J Mason			
24.	Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust Ltd	1	Mrs M Stockwood			
25.	Notts/Derbyshire Local Authority Energy Partnership	1	P Smith			
26.	Nottinghamshire Local Authorities Association	2	J N Clarke G A Buckley			
27.	Nottinghamshire RELATE	1				S E Blount
28.	Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council	1			B Venes	

	Name of Organisation	No of Reps	Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent/Green
29.	Nottinghamshire Supporting People	1	D G Bell			
30.	Nottinghamshire Waste Management Board	1	J N Clarke			
31.	REACT 21 Management Board (formerly Rushcliffe Agenda 21)	1	H Tinley			
32.	Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project	2	B Tansley		B Venes	
33.	Rushcliffe Community Partnership (LSP)	1	Mrs D J Mason J N Clarke (substitute)			
34.	Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service	1	Mrs M M Males			
35.	Rushcliffe Homes	5	R A Adair Mrs D J Mason G S Moore B Tansley		P F McGowan	
36.	Rushcliffe Indoor Bowls Club Management Committee	3	L B Cooper B A Nicholls J E Fearon			
37.	Rushcliffe Primary Care Trust	1	N C Lawrence			