

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2021

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West
Bridgford
and live streamed on the
Rushcliffe Borough Council YouTube channel

PRESENT:

Councillors S Mallender (Chairman), T Combellack (Vice-Chairman),
A Brennan, N Clarke, A Edyvean, B Gray, R Inglis, R Jones, R Mallender,
G Moore, F Purdue-Horan, S J Robinson, K Shaw, R Upton, J Walker and
J Wheeler

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

N Allen	ICT Service Manager
K Marriott	Chief Executive
S Sull	Monitoring Officer
H Tambini	Democratic Services Manager

Councillors R Adair, S Bailey, B Bansal, M Barney, K Beardsall, N Begum,
B Buschman, R Butler, J Cottee, G Dickman, M Gaunt, P Gowland, L Healy,
L Howitt, Mrs C Jeffreys, A Major, D Mason, J Murray, A Phillips, D Simms,
J Stockwood, Mrs M Stockwood, C Thomas, D Viridi, R Walker, L Way,
G Wheeler and G Williams

The aforementioned Councillors were not in attendance but are noted as
appearing virtually via Zoom.

The Mayor preceded the meeting with a minute's silence for Dave Mitchell, the
Council's Executive Manager for Communities, who passed away recently after
a short illness. Dave held a variety of roles at Rushcliffe over his 32 years'
service and will be sadly missed by both friends and colleagues.

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4 March 2021 were proposed by
Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Edyvean. Councillor Shaw
requested that a recorded vote be taken.

FOR: Councillors Brennan, Clarke, Combellack, Edyvean, Gray, Inglis, Jones,
R Mallender, Moore, Purdue-Horan, Robinson, Upton, J Wheeler

AGAINST: Councillors Shaw and J Walker

ABSTENTION: Councillor S Mallender

On being put to the vote the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4 March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3 **Election of Mayor 2021/22**

It was proposed by Councillor R Mallender that Councillor S Mallender be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the civic year 2021/22.

Councillor R Mallender reminded Council that Councillor S Mallender had been a member of the Council since 2003, representing the ward of Lady Bay throughout that time. She had been the secretary of the Lady Bay Community Association, a teacher in the local primary school and raised two beautiful daughters in the Borough. She was a dedicated and hardworking member of the Council, who would do justice to the role of Mayor and Rushcliffe's First Citizen.

In seconding the recommendation, Councillor Robinson recognised the difficulties felt by the whole community over the last 16 months and the restrictions on events and fund raising experienced by the mayoralty through the pandemic. He hoped that the coming year would be more fulfilling, and he was pleased to see the first events already in the calendar.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor S Mallender be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the civic year 2021/22.

Councillor S Mallender then read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. She announced that her chosen charities would remain the same as last year, given the difficulties all had experienced with fundraising through the pandemic and welcomed Gordon Dyne, from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Oliver Furniss, from Trent District Community First Responders, and John Osborne and Hazel Kerr, from Music Works.

The Mayor updated Council on the progress of her walk around the Borough perimeter pointing out that what had promised to be a 77 mile walk was looking likely to top 100 miles but she was appreciating the ability to get out in the fresh air and enjoy many new parts of the Borough she had not visited before. The Mayor also mentioned the staff walking challenge, which was also raising money for her charities, with teams of four walking, running or cycling to go Around the World in 80 Days. So far officers had reached the halfway point of Shanghai, virtually of course.

The Mayor concluded with the announcement that despite the severe restrictions Covid-19 had placed on fund raising activities last year, she had raised £1,356 and looked forward to seeing more Councillors in person at fund raising events this year.

4 **Election of Deputy Mayor 2021/22**

It was proposed by Councillor Upton, that Councillor Combellack be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the civic year 2021/22.

Councillor Upton confirmed that Councillor Combellack had been a Councillor since 2009 and was currently the Chairman of the Corporate Overview Group. She had a wealth of experience to bring to the role of Deputy Mayor including running her own business, being a magistrate for the last 25 years and chairing her local parish council, all of that being in addition to twelve years as a Borough Councillor. Councillor Upton stated that Councillor Combellack was an excellent champion of Rushcliffe and would make a great Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Brennan was happy to second the proposal and hoped that activities for the Deputy Mayor would return to normal over the next year enabling her to use her vast and varied experiences to support the Mayor in her duties and fund-raising endeavours.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Combellack be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the civic year 2021/22.

Councillor Combellack then read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Combellack thanked her fellow Councillors for their confidence in electing her to the position of Deputy Mayor for a second term. She recognised that Covid-19 had changed much about the local community and their needs over the last 16 months, but she hoped that both the Council and its local community were now well and truly on the path back to normality. She concluded by confirming that she was looking forward to supporting the Mayor through the coming year.

5 **Leader's Announcements**

Councillor Robinson congratulated both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointments and hoped that they had a successful and positive year ahead.

Councillor Robinson congratulated officers in responding quickly to the change in legislation which meant that tonight's meeting could be held safely in person and that by utilising technology those not able to be present in the Council Chamber could join virtually. Councillors were informed that if the Government roadmap continued in the same positive direction, all Councillors would be able to attend the July Council meeting in person.

Councillor Robinson welcomed Councillor Matt Barney to his first meeting and congratulated him on his successful election as Borough Councillor for the Sutton Bonington ward. He also made special mention of Councillor Christine Jeffreys, joining the meeting remotely, who celebrated her 90th birthday in April.

Councillor Robinson advised that his Cabinet appointments for the municipal

year 2021/22 would be as follows:

Councillor Edyvean – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Growth

Councillor Brennan – Portfolio Holder for Communities and Climate Change

Councillor Inglis – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Safety

Councillor Moore – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Customer Access

Councillor Robinson stated that he would remain as Leader and would continue to hold a portfolio covering Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership.

Councillor Robinson thanked Councillor Upton for his years of service on the Cabinet and congratulated him on his election to the County Council in the recent elections.

6 **Appointment of Committees and Member Groups 2021/22**

The Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership, Councillor Robinson presented the report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services, outlining the nominations for the appointment of committees and member groups for 2021/22. In doing so, he thanked all Councillors for their participation over the last twelve months and thanked the outgoing Chairmen for their hard work and dedication.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Edyvean and **RESOLVED** that the nominations to committees and member groups for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

A. Scrutiny Committees

Corporate Overview Group

Councillors T Combellack (Chairman), B Bansal, R Butler, N Clarke, B Gray, D Viridi and J Wheeler

Governance Scrutiny Group

Councillors D Viridi (Chairman), B Gray (Vice Chairman), R Adair, K Breadsall, L Healy, L Howitt, K Shaw, D Simms and J Stockwood

Growth and Development Scrutiny Group

Councillors N Clarke (Chairman), R Butler (Vice Chairman), M Barney, J Cottee, L Howitt, J Murray, A Phillips, J Stockwood and L Way

Communities Scrutiny Group

Councillor J Wheeler (Chairman), B Bansal (Vice Chairman), G Dickman, L Healy, R Jones, R Mallender, F Purdue-Horan, R Walker and G Williams

B. Regulatory Committees

Licensing Committee

Councillors G Williams (Chairman), R Adair, S Bailey, K Beardsall, B Bansal, N Begum, B Buschman, G Dickman, L Healy, L Howitt, R Mallender, D Simms, J Stockwood, J Walker and G Williams

Planning Committee

Councillors R Upton (Chairman), Mrs M Stockwood (Vice Chairman), S Bailey, N Clarke, B Gray, P Gowland, L Healy, A Major, D Mason, F Purdue-Horan and C Thomas

Employment Appeals Committee

Councillors S Robinson (Chairman), A Edyvean, M Gaunt, A Major and R Walker

Interviewing Committee

Councillors S Robinson (Chairman), N Begum, A Edyvean, L Way and G Wheeler

Standards Committee

Councillors R Walker (Chairman), K Beardsall, B Gray, D Mason, R Mallender and A Phillips
S Nelken and A Wood (Parish Members) K White (Independent Member)

C. Member Groups**Local Development Framework Group**

Councillors A Edyvean (Chairman), S Bailey, M Barney, R Butler, J Cottee, P Gowland, B Gray, A Major, R Mallender, F Purdue-Horan, D Simms, Mrs M Stockwood, C Thomas, R Walker and G Wheeler

Member Development Group

Councillors R Mallender (Chairman), B Buschman, T Combellack, B Gray, D Mason, A Phillips, K Shaw, J Stockwood and G Williams

Rushcliffe Strategic Growth Board

Councillors S Robinson (Chairman), A Edyvean (Vice Chairman), A Brennan, R Inglis, R Jones, G Moore, R Upton, J Walker and L Way

Civic Hospitality Panel

Councillor S Mallender (Chairman), B Bansal, A Edyvean, T Combellack, S Robinson and K Shaw

Development Corporation and Freeport Member Working Group

Councillor A Edyvean (Chairman), M Barney, A Brennan, B Gray, C Thomas, R Upton, D Viridi, J Walker and R Walker

West Bridgford Special Expenses and Community Infrastructure Levy Advisory Group

Councillor G Moore (Chairman), B Buschman, P Gowland, R Jones, R Mallender, S Robinson, D Viridi, G Wheeler and J Wheeler

Bingham Chapel Lane Member Working Group

Councillor A Edyvean (Chairman), J Cottee, B Gray, L Healy, L Howitt, G Moore, D Simms, J Stockwood and C Thomas

7 Approval of Timetable of Meetings 2021/22

The Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership, Councillor Robinson presented the report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services, setting out the schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the municipal year 2021/22.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Edyvean and **RESOLVED** that the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2021/22, as attached at the Appendix to the officer's report, be approved.

8 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies 2021/22

The Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership, Councillor Robinson presented the report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services setting out the appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2021/22. He also proposed an amendment relating to the appointment to the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory to change the representative from the Cabinet Member – Housing and Planning to the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Edyvean and **RESOLVED** that the appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2021/22 be as follows:

City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee
Leader

East Midlands Councils
(including other representative roles within this appointment)
Leader

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board
Chairman of the Planning Committee

Local Government Association - General Assembly
(including other representative roles within this appointment)
Leader

Nottinghamshire East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee
Cabinet Member – Business and Growth

Health and Well Being Board
Cabinet Member – Communities and Climate Change

D2N2 Joint Leaders Board
Leader

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel
Cabinet Member – Environment and Safety

Development Corporation Board
Leader

Nottinghamshire Waste Management Board
Cabinet Member – Environment and Safety

Rural Community Action for Nottinghamshire
Councillor S Bailey

Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park
Councillor R Adair

Local Area Forum - West Bridgford
Councillors P Gowland (Abbey ward), A Philips (Compton Acres ward), D Virdi (Gamston South ward), R Mallender (Lady Bay ward), N Begum (Lutterell Ward), R Jones (Musters ward) and B Bansal (Trent Bridge ward)

Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board
Councillors M Gaunt, Mrs C Jeffreys, K Shaw and Mrs M Stockwood.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm.

CHAIRMAN