

Time commenced - 11.00am
Time adjourned - 12.05pm
Time reconvened - 3.00pm
Time adjourned - 4.05pm
Time reconvened - 4.12pm
Time finished - 4.57pm

COUNCIL

26 May 2021

Present: The Mayor, Mr Frank Harwood, and Councillors Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Bonser, Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Grimadell, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lonsdale, Martin, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, and Wood.

The Mayor welcomed councillors to the meeting and noted that it was the first meeting of the Council to be held physically in 15 months. A minute's silence was observed in respect of victims of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

1/21 Election of Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, and seconded, that Councillor Robin Wood be elected as Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

The matter was put to the vote and Councillor Wood was duly elected.

Resolved that Councillor Robin Wood be elected Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Following a short interlude while the newly elected Mayor was robed, Councillor Wood made the declaration of acceptance of office and occupied the chair. The Mayor then gave an acceptance speech, thanking councillors for his nomination and election.

2/21 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor A W Graves, and seconded, that Councillor John Evans be elected Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Poulter, and seconded, that Councillor Alan Grimadell be elected as Deputy Mayor for the next municipal year.

Following the nomination of Councillor Grimadell, Councillor A W Graves withdrew the nomination of Councillor Evans under Council Procedure Rule CP56. The consent of the meeting was signified without discussion.

The matter was put to the vote and Councillor Grimadell was duly elected.

Resolved that Councillor Alan Grimadell be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Councillor Grimadell then made the declaration of acceptance of office.

3/21 Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Skelton, and seconded, that:

"The thanks of this Council be given to Mr Frank Harwood, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year."

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved that the thanks of this Council be given to Mr Frank Harwood, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year.

Following the vote, former Councillor Harwood addressed the meeting.

4/21 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Willoughby.

5/21 Appointment of Pinder and Tenter

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that the General Manager of Derby LIVE be appointed Pinder and Tenter for the ensuing year.

6/21 Adjournment of Meeting

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that Council adjourn until 3pm in the Pedigree Suite, Pride Park Stadium, Derby.

The Council adjourned at 12:05pm, and reconvened in the Pedigree Suite, Pride Park Stadium, Derby, at 3.00pm on 26 May 2021.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Robin Wood, and Councillors Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Bonser, Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Grimadell, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lonsdale, Martin, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, and Willoughby.

7/21 Apologies

There were none.

8/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

9/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2021 were moved by Councillor Poulter, and seconded by Councillor M Holmes.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2021 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

10/21 Announcements from the Mayor

Councillor Wood thanked councillors for his election and looked forward to the forthcoming municipal year; he stated that he hoped councillors could enjoy honest and robust debate during meetings, whilst always remaining respectful of others.

The Mayor then welcomed newly elected members to the Council and thanked the Returning Officer for organising the recent elections.

Councillor Wood reported that several updated documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting, including amended copies of nominations to constitutional committees, outside bodies and neighbourhood boards.

Before concluding, the Mayor offered condolences to the friends and family of former Councillors Vic Gray and Patrick Fullarton, who sat on the Council between 1968 and 1974, and 1988 and 1995 respectively. A minute's silence was then held out of respect.

11/21 Minute extract 38/20 from the meeting of the Audit and Accounts Committee held on 4 November 2020.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Audit and Accounts Committee held on 4 November 2020 was presented to Council for approval. The minute proposed minor alterations to the committee's terms of reference and recommended that the name of the committee was altered to the 'Audit and Governance Committee', to better reflect its overall remit.

It was moved by Councillor Willoughby and seconded by Councillor West that the minute be approved. The recommendation was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve minute 38/20 of the Audit and Accounts Committee.

11/21 Appointment of the Council Cabinet

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the Leader of the Council was invited to announce their Council Cabinet.

It was announced by Councillor Poulter that an additional Cabinet portfolio would be created in respect of Streetpride. In addition, the former Cabinet Member for Communities and Place would now hold responsibility for Communities and Place.

The Council Cabinet appointments for the 2021-22 municipal year were as follows:

- Councillor Poulter, Leader, Strategy and Policy
- Councillor M Holmes, Deputy Leader, Planning, Regeneration and Strategic Transport
- Councillor Barker, Governance
- Councillor Webb, Adults, Health and Housing
- Councillor Williams, Children and Young People
- Councillor Roulstone, Finance and Procurement
- Councillor McCristal, Leisure, Culture and Tourism
- Councillor Pearce, Streetpride
- Councillor Smale, Communities and Place

12/21 Schedule of Meetings for 2021/22

The Council considered a Schedule of Meetings for 2021/22. It was moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded, that the schedule be approved

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meetings 2021/22.

13/21 Constitutional Appointments

Following consultation with groups, a document detailing proposed Constitutional Appointments for 2021/22 was considered.

In addition to those nominations published, Councillor Ingall was nominated to the Independent vacancies on the Corporate Services and Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Boards.

Councillor Ingall was nominated as the Vice Chair of the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board and Councillor Lonsdale was nominated as the Vice Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Review Board; Councillor Hezelgrave was nominated as the Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

Contested positions were put to the vote as follows:

Councillors Cooper and Naitta were each nominated to be Chair of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Naitta was elected.

Councillors Evans and Pattison were each nominated to be Chair of the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Evans was elected.

Councillors Jennings and Prosser were each nominated to be Vice Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Prosser was elected.

Councillors Hassall and S Khan were each nominated to be Chair of the Planning Control Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor S Khan was elected.

Councillors A Holmes, Bettany, A J Graves, Hezelgrave, Hussain and Testro were each nominated to four available positions as the Vice-Chairs of the Licensing Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillors Bettany, A J Graves, Hezelgrave and Hussain were elected.

Councillors Dhindsa and Potter were each nominated to be the Council's appointment to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Potter was elected.

Councillors Potter and West were each nominated to be the Council's Anti-Fraud Champion. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor West was elected.

It was moved by Councillor West under Council Procedure Rule CP42r, that the position of Cultural Champion was created. The Mayor declined the request for the motion to be urgently debated and invited Councillor West to raise the matter for debate at a future meeting by written notice.

It was moved by Councillor Peatfield under Council Procedure Rule CP42r, that the position of Climate Champion was created, with a nomination to be received from each political group. The Mayor accepted the request for the matter to be debated urgently; the motion was seconded, put to the vote and carried.

Nominations to the Climate Change Champion positions were as follows:

Conservative Group – Councillor Potter
Labour Group – Councillor Peatfield
Liberal Democrat Group – Councillor Care
Reform Derby Group – nomination to be received following the conclusion of the meeting.

Following the conclusion of the outstanding nominations and voting, it was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Naitta, that the substantive Constitutional Appointments document, as amended, be approved.

Resolved to approve the Constitutional Appointments.

14/21 Neighbourhood Chairs

Following consultation with political groups, a document detailing proposed Neighbourhood Chairs for 2021/22 was considered.

Councillors T Pearce and Testro were each nominated as the Chair of the Derwent Neighbourhood Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Testro was elected.

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Smale, that the Neighbourhood Chairs 2021/22, as amended, be approved.

Resolved to approve the Neighbourhood Chairs for 2021/22.

15/21 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities

Following consultation with political groups, a document detailing proposed Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2021/22 was considered.

The following amendments to the published nominations were proposed and seconded:

- Councillors Jennings and Dhindsa were each nominated to the Derby and Derbyshire War Memorials Committee
- Councillor Naitta's prior nomination to Derbyshire Sport was withdrawn
- Councillor Jennings was nominated to the Museum of the Mercian Regiment (WFR Collection).

Contested appointments were put to the vote as follows:

Councillors Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa and Jennings were each nominated to three available appointments to the Derby and Derbyshire War Memorials Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillors Carr, Cooper and Dhindsa were appointed.

Councillors West and Prosser were each nominated to a single appointment to the QUAD Management Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Prosser was appointed.

Following the additional contributions and the resolution of the contested positions, the substantive document as amended was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded.

Resolved to approve the Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2021/22.

16/21 Attendance at Annual Conferences

The Council considered a schedule of attendances at annual conferences for the 2021/22 municipal year. It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the schedule be approved.

Resolved to approve attendances at annual conferences for the 2021/22 municipal year.

17/21 Constitutional amendments – new legislation enforced by Trading Standards

A report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place was considered.

The report sought to provide the necessary authorisation for officers in the Trading Standards service to discharge duties and powers under newly introduced legislation. This included legislation to restrict the usage of single use plastic; limits

on the charges landlords and estate agents could levy against tenants; and, regulations requiring a full list of ingredients and allergens to be listed on pre-packed for direct sale foods.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded. The matter was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To grant authority to the Director of Public Protection and Streetpride to appoint authorised or proper officers for the purposes of enforcement of the Tenant Fees Act 2019; The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds, and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020; and, The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019.**
- 2. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make appropriate amendments to the Scheme of Delegations in the Council Constitution.**

18/21 Motion: Biodiversity in Derby

The following motion was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded by Councillor Naitta:

Council notes growing concerns about the loss of biodiversity in Britain.

Concern about the reduction in mammals, birds and insects is regularly reported by the media and recently there have been reports on the reduction of micro-life in UK soils.

While evidence is still being gathered to the causes of these, one of the key concerns is the loss of insects for pollination which is potentially significant for food production. Two of the potential causes of insect loss are use of pesticides and night-time light pollution. The former is also a likely cause of the loss of life in our soils.

Council therefore agrees to stop the routine use of pesticides in the wider environment (such as glyphosate for weed-suppression) and will seek to minimise night-time light pollution through Planning and other advice.

Council welcomes work starting on a biodiversity plan for Council Parks and recognises the need to improve the biodiversity of the whole of Derby. Council therefore agrees to consult with partners and stakeholders to develop a Biodiversity Plan for the whole city.

It was moved by Councillor Smale and seconded by Councillor Eyre that the motion be amended by the addition of the words 'where practicable' at the end of the first clause in the fourth paragraph.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

The motion as amended was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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19/21 Motion: Investing in Derby's electricity network

The following motion was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded by Councillor Carr:

Derby City Council recognises that achieving 'Zero Carbon Derby' requires a shift of energy source from fossil fuels to renewable electricity. Even with significant energy saving and local generation of electricity, this will mean significant changes to power flows on the local network.

Council notes that the promotion of smart meters to all homes in Derby will help prepare the city to manage its demands in more efficient ways than we can at present. Smart meters will also allow people to join local energy clubs to buy and sell locally generated electricity, enabling a financial return on domestic PV systems thus encouraging people to invest in them.

Council therefore agrees to support the adoption of smart meters and to approach Western Power Distribution to ask them to work with the city to plan Derby's future electricity network.

It was moved by Councillor M Holmes and seconded by Councillor Potter that the motion be amended by the addition of the following words in the final paragraph:

“to refer this to the Climate Change Working Partnership”.

Under Council Procedure Rule CP53, Councillor Care agreed to accept the proposed alteration of the motion and the meeting's consent was indicated without debate.

The motion, as altered, was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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Council notes that the promotion of smart meters to all homes in Derby will help prepare the city to manage its demands in more efficient ways than we can at present. Smart meters will also allow people to join local energy clubs to buy and sell locally generated electricity, enabling a financial return on domestic PV systems thus encouraging people to invest in them.

Council therefore agrees to refer this to the Climate Change Working Partnership to support the adoption of smart meters and to approach Western Power Distribution to ask them to work with the city to plan Derby's future electricity network.

MAYOR