

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Thursday, 16th May, 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Tony Brewer in the Chair;

Councillors John Baird, Chris Baron,
Kier Barsby, Jim Blagden, Ciaran Brown,
Christian Chapman, Melanie Darrington,
Samantha Deakin, Andy Gascoyne,
Dale Grounds, Arnie Hankin, Andrew Harding,
David Hennigan, Tom Hollis, Trevor Locke,
Rachel Madden, Sarah Jayne Madigan,
David Martin, Andy Meakin, Lauren Mitchell,
Keir Morrison, Warren Nuttall, Matthew Relf,
Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, Dave Shaw,
John Smallridge, Helen-Ann Smith,
David Walters, Lee Waters, Caroline Wilkinson,
Daniel Williamson, John Wilmott and
Jason Zadrozny.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Martin Elliott,
Katherine Green, Peter Hudson, Mike Joy,
Robert Mitchell, Paul Parkinson and
Shane Wright.

C.1 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

C.2 Election of Chairman of the Council

RESOLVED

that Councillor Tony Brewer be elected Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

C.3 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman

The newly elected Chairman subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked Members of the Council for his appointment.

Councillor Tony Brewer took the Chair.

C.4 Vote of thanks to the Retiring Chairman

Thanks were given to Former Councillor Glenys Maxwell in the following terms:-

Councillor Jason Zadrozny - Leader of the Council

"Thank you Mr. Chairman and may I be the first to congratulate you on actually taking your seat of office there. Obviously it goes without saying that we owe an enormous debt of thanks to Glenys for what she's done for this Council for the last eight years, and particularly over this last year.

She took over the stewardship of this Chamber during a year where she had lots of health problems, and when it was politically fraught and managed to still stay friendly with all sides of the Chamber and handle some of the most difficult Council meetings I've ever seen with a smile and the courage of her convictions.

She's been a dedicated ward member for Sutton West and then Huthwaite and Brierley. She is firmly a Huthwaite girl. She cares very much about it, and has always championed the cause of the area there. I think not only does this Chamber and the Councillors in it owe her enormous thanks for what she's done but I think the residents of Ashfield do as well.

She's been a fantastic ambassador. She's been a very great friend for a lot longer than she's been a Council friend and I'll miss her, for one, in this Chamber.

So, Councillor Maxwell it would be very remiss of me not to present, on behalf of the Council, some flowers, your certificate and the award on behalf of the Council."

Councillor Tom Hollis - Deputy Leader of the Council

"Firstly, congratulations Tony it's great to see you in the seat of Chairman. I think it's quite right to say you've been there from the beginning with all our Group and it's a thoroughly deserved position, and I hope you and Pat really enjoy the year that's ahead of you.

But Glenys, I've told Andrew already he's got massive shoes to fill and I said to him, if he sets out to achieve it, he's going to set out to fail and I think ultimately Huthwaite and Brierley, Sutton West as it was before, and the rest of Ashfield, really has been well served by you.

I feel quite lucky that you've been there on both sides of the coin, nipping at my heels when I've been doing stuff wrong as County Councillor and working with me on projects and it certainly will be a bit of a weird situation not having you sit here on the Council with us. From my perspective working with you, against you and together it has been a real experience of which I've enjoyed all of it, and I certainly class you as a good friend of mine as well.

Sadly, you like a spicier curry than I do and I hope you don't judge me on that! But Glenys I can't thank you enough for what you've done for Huthwaite. You know it's a place I care very much about as well and you'll certainly be

missed on Ashfield Council but I hope you enjoy the flowers and there's a bit of a memory of what we all think of you. Thank you Chairman for allowing me to speak and I wish you all the best Glenys for your endeavours in the future. I'm sure they'll be bright and wonderful like you have been on the Council."

Councillor Rostance

"May I firstly congratulate you Tony on your year. Have a wonderful year and I'm looking forward to working with you. And now I will speak about my mate Glenys. And she is my mate. It's wonderful to see you looking so well again, Glenys. You've been through some real hard times, some real tough times, and you're looking better than you've looked for a long time so keep it up.

Enjoy your retirement. You've been a wonderful ambassador for this Council. You're always very welcome in Hucknall and I shall look forward to seeing you socially on our meet ups on a Sunday. So Glenys all my very best wishes in your retirement and look forward to seeing you again."

Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor Helen-Ann Smith

"Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to start by saying congratulations on your appointment to Chair of this Council but I'd also like to say that you have got very big shoes to fill. Glenys has been a brilliant ambassador for this authority, not once but twice.

This year, as it's been said, she has had quite a few health issues but she has still put this Authority at the forefront. Even when she was really poorly she still turned out to the Armed Forces Day services in Sutton Town Centre and came and sat with us and spoke to the people that were performing at the Armed Forces Day service.

So Glenys, I thank you for everything that you've done for this Authority. Not just as Chairman this time, but as Chairman before, and all the work that you've done not just for your residents but we personally know that you do work for a lot of other people in the area as well, so I want to personally thank you for everything you've done."

Councillor David Martin

"Thank you Chair and congratulations on your appointment. I'm sure you've got some big boots to fill and I'm sure you'll do your best.

I personally met Glenys for the first time ever at the County Council and she's always been a perfect politician, even in Selston when we opened one of the recreation grounds. Last year she had a really bad year last year health wise and I really admire her fortitude for staying the course. That's the thing, she handled this Chamber with great presence and the rod of an expert really and I'd just like to wish you all the best in the future.

Thank you for being a role model for other Councillors. I'm sure people in Huthwaite and Ashfield generally will miss you as a Councillor because I know you've been a great asset to this District. Thank you for your time."

Councillor John Wilmott

"I can remember Glenys when she came on to the Council all those years ago, and as Chairman of this Council she's been a remarkable person really. Remarkable that she was so seriously ill that even when she was so seriously ill she came to meetings, she came and represented the Authority when really she shouldn't have done. It was because of her total commitment to this post that she has had over the last twelve months that it's been a remarkable time for her.

As I say, remarkable that she even went the extra mile at events when she knew a visit would mean admittance to hospital and it's remarkable the work that she did do when she knew that she should be in hospital rather than working for this Council.

Congratulations I say, go to you for all the hard work you've done over the many years. I do not think we've seen the last of Glenys though. I thought that because she has improved in health now and I think she'll be back to prove to everyone what a good person she is to work in the community. I'm absolutely astonished as to the work that she did over those twelve months.

Also congratulations to Tony. I'm sure you'll be a tremendous ambassador for this Authority and well done both of you."

Councillor David Hennigan

"Thank you. I, wasn't going to speak and it was something that Councillor Helen-Ann Smith said and it was during the Armed Forces Day commemorations in Portland Square. The biggest sort of shock of the day was the fact that you came. We thought you were on death's door Glenys; honest to goodness, Jason was telling me that we should write a leaflet just in case for Huthwaite and Brierley!

You've been superb Glenys and I've seen the scars. I've seen you come into this office and you get a lot of politicians and what they do is, they just keep themselves to themselves whereas you didn't, you were in always talking to the Council staff and I won't thank you for showing me your scars which you did on numerous occasions.....!

But I wish you well, whatever you do. You've given years and years and years making this District a better place, and Councillor Brewer you know people have said that you've got big boots to fill and you have, and I wish you luck because you've certainly got the personality and the passion for Ashfield to carry on the great work that Glenys has done, so good luck to you and thank you Glenys."

Councillor Andrew Harding

"Councillor Harding – I'd just like to congratulate you Councillor Brewer on your Chairmanship, and say thank you to Glenys for all that you've done and I look forward to seeing you around. Thank you."

Former Councillor Maxwell then took the opportunity to say thank you as follows:-

“Well, all I can say is thank you ever so much for your kind remarks and everything and yes I do remember the Armed Forces Day. I was nearly there in my pyjamas. I walked straight out of Kings Mill intensive care and I just managed, and I don’t know how I did, to get to the chair and sit there and just say hello to everybody. But, no matter what, Ashfield has been tremendous to work for.

All the Councillors and the past Councillors, I’ve always tried to be fair and Tony will do a good job, I know he will, but I was honoured to represent this Council for two years and I thoroughly, thoroughly enjoyed it. So all I can say is thank you. I wish you all the best, and that’s it. Thank you.”

C.5 Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

RESOLVED

that Councillor Andy Meakin be elected Vice Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

C.6 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Vice Chairman

Councillor Andy Meakin subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice Chairman pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked Members of the Council for his appointment.

C.7 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 13th February and 4th March, 2019, as now submitted, be received and approved.

C.8 Chairman and Head of Paid Service Announcements

Chairman

“Personally I have an announcement to make. As Chairman I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Members for placing their faith in me to be the Chairman of the Council for the coming year. I would particularly like to thank the residents of Skegby for again placing their faith in me to be their ward Councillor.

One of my greatest interests is our beautiful parks and open spaces we have across the District, many of which have green flag status. I am very much looking forward to visit them in my year of office and helping our administration with our play parks strategy.

To be Vice Chairman of Ashfield District Council last year was an absolute honour and privilege and I embraced every single moment of it. To be Chairman of the Authority this year, I will again, as I did as Vice Chairman, be representing my local towns and the place I call home. It is an honour I will not only cherish but fulfil in a manner that will make the Council proud.

Right, as many of you may know, I work as a volunteer for Sherwood Hospital Trust. Every Thursday morning, I make drinks and chat with the people in Clinic 15, a Welcome Treatment Centre, whilst they are undergoing their chemotherapy treatment. Clinic 14 Women's and Children's Centre and Clinic 15 form part of the Oncology Department at Kings Mill and they deliver an amazing service.

I'm sorry, this is all personal as you may know. I am privileged to be part of the amazing work and care that they give to each individual and their families whilst they are experiencing probably the most difficult time in their lives. Therefore, I am proud to announce that my chosen charity for the oncoming year will be the Oncology Department of Kings Mill.

All funds raised will be split between Clinics 14 and 15. These are services that touch so many of us and I hope Members will be able to support my fundraising initiatives as we all know they do a wonderful job.

Finally, one more thing is that I would like to thank Jason and all of you from here for all their support and helping me to be where I am now. Without you I wouldn't be here. Thank you all again. Brilliant."

C.9 Election of Leader of the Council

RESOLVED

that subject to the requirements of the Council's Constitution and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1 (vii), Councillor Jason Zadrozny be appointed Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

C.10 Composition of the Council

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(viii) and (ix), Council notes the composition of the Executive for the coming year, the names of Members appointed to the Cabinet (as outlined below) and the Scheme of Delegation for the Discharge of Executive Functions as advised by the Leader of the Council:-

<u>Cabinet (10)</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Executive Responsibility For:</u>
Jason Zadrozny	Leader of the Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Strategy and Performance • Commercialism • Commercial Investments and Property • Strategic Partnerships

Tom Hollis	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deputise for the Leader (subject to nomination by the Leader) • Strategic Leisure • Communities • Health and Wellbeing • Arts, Heritage and Culture • Corporate Events including Active Ashfield • Community Engagement
Helen-Ann Smith	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Streets, Parks & Town Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deputise for the Leader (subject to nomination by the Leader) • Streets • Parks and Open Spaces • Town Centres • Markets • Waste Management • Recycling • Transport • Cemeteries • Car Park Strategy
Matthew Relf	Portfolio Holder for Place, Planning & Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover Ashfield • Strategic Planning - Local Plan • Development Management • Regeneration and Economic Growth • Business Support
Daniel Williamson	Portfolio Holder for Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Partnership • Anti-Social Behaviour • Community Protection • Safeguarding • CCTV • Community Cohesion • Combating Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
John Wilmott	Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Services • Licensing • Building Control • Private Sector Enforcement • Aids and Adaptations • Disabled Facilities Grants

Samantha Deakin	Portfolio Holder for Customer Services and IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Services • Corporate Risk Management • Health and Safety • Emergency Planning and Business Continuity • IT Strategy • IT Security • IT Operations
David Martin	Portfolio Holder for Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Strategy – including Medium Term Financial Strategy • Treasury Management • Capital Strategy and Programme • Revenues and Benefits • HR and Payroll • Strategic Procurement
David Hennigan	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Communications, Governance & Cross Portfolio Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Communications • Website • Legal Services • Democratic and Scrutiny Services • Electoral Services • Audit
Kier Barsby	Portfolio Holder for Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Strategy • Tenancy Support, Management and Engagement • Housing Repairs • Housing Capital Investment • Maintenance of Council Assets and Property • Homelessness

Reason:

Failure to report this information would be in breach of the Council's Constitution.

C.11 Appointments of Committees, Panels and Working Groups

Council was requested to determine the appointment of Committees, Panels and Working Groups including Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and membership seats for the ensuing year as per the Committee Membership Schedule as circulated.

RESOLVED that

a) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.3 (i) and (iv), the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing year:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Scrutiny Panel A
- Scrutiny Panel B
- Planning Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Audit Committee
- Local Joint Consultative Committee
- Chief Officers' Employment Committee
- Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee
- Charities Committee
- Local Plan Working Group

b) as a result of (a) above, the following appointments for Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and membership seats be approved:-

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Ciaran Brown

Melanie Darrington

Andrew Harding (Vice Chairman)

Sarah Jayne Madigan (Chairman)

Andy Meakin

Phil Rostance

Caroline Wilkinson

Scrutiny Panel A (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour)

Ciaran Brown (Vice Chairman)

Melanie Darrington (Chairman)

Trevor Locke

Rachel Madden

Lauren Mitchell

Warren Nuttall

Caroline Wilkinson

Scrutiny Panel B (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Tony Brewer

Christian Chapman (Chairman)

Dale Grounds

Rachel Madden

Phil Rostance

David Walters

Caroline Wilkinson (Vice Chairman)

Planning Committee (11)

(9 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour)

Chris Baron
Ciaran Brown
Samantha Deakin
Dale Grounds (Vice Chairman)
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden (Chairman)
David Martin
Lauren Mitchell
Helen Ann-Smith
Daniel Williamson
Jason Zadrozny

Licensing Committee (11)

(10 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour)

Keir Barsby
Jim Blagden
Tony Brewer
Ciaran Brown
Andy Gascoyne
Trevor Locke
Rachel Madden
Lauren Mitchell
Warren Nuttall (Chairman)
Caroline Wilkinson
John Wilmott

Audit Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

John Baird
Christian Chapman
Melanie Darrington
Arnie Hankin
Kevin Rostance
Dave Shaw (Chairman)
David Walters

Charities Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour)

Tony Brewer
Andy Gascoyne
Sarah Jayne Madigan
Lauren Mitchell
John Smallridge (Chairman)
David Walters
Caroline Wilkinson

Chief Officers' Employment Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Chris Baron
Kier Barsby
Tom Hollis
Dave Shaw
John Smallridge
Helen-Ann Smith
Jason Zadrozny

Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Jim Blagden
Christian Chapman
Warren Nuttall
Phil Rostance
Helen Ann-Smith
David Walters
Lee Waters (Chairman)

Local Plan Working Group (11)

(9 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour)

Keir Barsby
Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden
David Martin
Lauren Mitchell
Matthew Relf
Kevin Rostance
Helen-Ann Smith
Daniel Williamson
Jason Zadrozny

Local Joint Consultative Committee (7)

(Not subject to political balance rules)

Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
David Martin
Matthew Relf
Helen Ann-Smith
Daniel Williamson
Jason Zadrozny

Reason:

The Authority has a statutory duty at its Annual Meeting each year to make a determination as to political representation on its Committees, Panels and Working Groups in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

(During consideration of this item, Councillors Chris Baron, Daniel Williamson and Helen-Ann Smith left the room at 7.47pm, 7.48pm and 7.49pm and returned to the meeting at 7.51pm, 7.50pm and 7.50pm respectively.)

C.12 Schedule of Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings 2019/20

Council was requested to approve the updated Schedule of Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings for 2019/20 as circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(x), the Schedule of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for 2019/20, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.

Reason:

To ensure the Council has an agreed programme of meetings for 2019/20 to enable the Council's decision making structure to operate effectively.

C.13 Annual Constitution Review

Council was requested to consider and approve the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution as presented.

RESOLVED

that the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution, as outlined in the report, be received and approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the Council's Constitution remains up to date and fit for purpose.

(During consideration of this item, Councillor Sarah Jayne Madigan left the room at 7.57pm and returned to the meeting at 8.00pm.)

C.14 Aldermen and Alderwomen Policy

Council was requested to consider the introduction of a policy to appoint Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen.

RESOLVED

that the Policy for the Appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen, as presented, be received and approved.

Reason:

The appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen is a means of giving recognition to former Councillors of Ashfield District Council who in the opinion of the Council have rendered eminent service to the Council and the District.

C.15 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Council was requested to nominate/appoint representatives to the Outside Bodies listed in the schedule circulated at the meeting.

A recommendation was moved and seconded to change the nomination for the Council representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board (County Council) to Cllr. David Walters (with Cllrs. Tom Hollis and John Wilmott as substitutes) and all present agreed to this course of action.

RESOLVED

that the following representatives be appointed to the under-mentioned bodies:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representatives</u>	<u>New Term Ending</u>
Ageing Well Network	Mr. Robert Sears-Piccavey	31st May, 2020
Ashfield Citizens' Advice Bureau Management Committee	Ms. Christine Quinn-Wilcox	31 st May, 2020
Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Joint Strategic Group	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny Cllr. Daniel Williamson	31st May, 2020
Association for Public Service Excellence	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 st May, 2023
Beauvale Charity – Hucknall	Cllr. Chris Baron	30 th June, 2023
Byron Charity – Hucknall	Cllr. Lee Waters	31 st March, 2021
D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Board	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 st May, 2023
East Midlands Councils	Cllr. Tom Hollis Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31st May, 2023
Economic Prosperity Committee	Cllr. Matthew Relf Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31st May, 2023
Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board	Cllr. Matthew Relf	31st May, 2020
Greenwood Community Forest Steering Group	Cllr. Rachel Madden	31st May, 2020
Groundwork Cresswell, Ashfield & Mansfield	Cllr. Matthew Relf	31st May, 2020
Health and Wellbeing Board (County Council)	Cllr. David Walters <u>Substitutes</u> Cllr. Tom Hollis Cllr. John Wilmott	31 st May, 2020

Historic England	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 st May, 2023
Hucknall & District Voluntary Partnership (Under One Roof Project)	Cllr. Kevin Rostance	31 st May, 2020
Hucknall Partnership Group	Cllr. Chris Baron Cllr. Kevin Rostance Cllr. John Wilmott	31 st May, 2020
LGA District Council's Network	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 st May, 2023
Mansfield & Ashfield Economic Development Partnership (MAEDP)	Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 st May, 2020
Mansfield & District Crematorium Joint Committee	Cllr. Kier Barsby Cllr. Tom Hollis Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith	31 st May, 2020
Memorandum of Understanding between Ashfield District Council, Mansfield District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottingham County Council Sponsor's Board	Cllr. Matthew Relf	31 st May, 2020
NET Partnership Group	Cllr. Matthew Relf	31 st May, 2020
N.I.D.A.S	Cllr. David Walters	31 st May, 2020
Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust	Cllr. Andy Gascoyne	31 st May, 2020
Nottinghamshire Joint Waste Management Committee	Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith	31 st May, 2020
Nottinghamshire Local Government Leaders' Group	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 st May, 2023
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Cllr. Tony Brewer	31 st May, 2020
Our Centre	Cllr. Warren Nuttall	31 st May, 2023
Patient and Public Engagement Committee (PPEC)	Cllr. David Walters	31 st May, 2020

PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee	Cllr. Kier Barsby	31st July, 2020
Police and Crime Commissioner Panel	Cllr. Jason Zadrozny <u>Substitute</u> Cllr. Daniel Williamson	31 st May, 2020
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire	Cllr. Arnie Hankin	31st May, 2020
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr. David Walters	31st May, 2020
Teversal Grange Advisory Committee	Cllr. Melanie Darrington Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith Cllr. Caroline Wilkinson	31st May, 2020

Reason:

To fulfil the Council's obligations to be adequately represented on Outside Bodies.

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm

Chairman.