



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 9th July 2015 (10.30 am – 5.14 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Sybil Fielding (Chairman)
Yvonne Woodhead (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	John Knight
	Pauline Allan	Darren Langton
	Roy Allan	Bruce Laughton
	John Allin	Keith Longdon
	Chris Barnfather	Rachel Madden
	Alan Bell	Diana Meale
	Joyce Bosnjak	John Ogle
	Nicki Brooks	Philip Owen
	Andrew Brown	Michael Payne
	Richard Butler	John Peck JP
	Steve Calvert	Sheila Place
A	Ian Campbell	Liz Plant
	Steve Carr	Mike Pringle
	Steve Carroll	Darrell Pulk
	John Clarke	Alan Rhodes
	John Cottee	A Ken Rigby
	Jim Creamer	Tony Roberts MBE
	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Mrs Sue Saddington
	Maureen Dobson	Andy Sissons
	Dr John Doddy	Pam Skelding
	Boyd Elliott	Martin Suthers OBE
	Kate Foale	Parry Tsimbiridis
	Stephen Garner	Gail Turner
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Keith Walker
	Kevin Greaves	Stuart Wallace
	Alice Grice	Muriel Weisz
	John Handley	Gordon Wheeler
	Colleen Harwood	John Wilkinson
	Stan Heptinstall MBE	Jacky Williams
	Tom Hollis	John Wilmott
	Richard Jackson	Liz Yates
	Roger Jackson	Jason Zadrozny
	David Kirkham	

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Martin Brandon-Bravo OBE
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis–Ward	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Sue Batty	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Paul McKay	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Steve Edwards	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
John Slater	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Tim Gregory	(Environment and Resources)
Neil Robinson	(Environment and Resources)
Sara Allmond	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Carl Bilbey	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Martin Done	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Catherine Munro	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Anna Vincent	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Michelle Welsh	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Chris Kenny	(Public Health)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of all those killed in the recent terrorist attack in Tunisia. This included a member of staff John Stollery who was a much loved and respected Children's Social Worker who would be greatly missed.

A book of condolence was opened outside the Council Chamber.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2015/030

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 14th May 2015 be agreed as a true record with the following amendments and signed by the Chairman:-

- Item 8 – Appointment of Committees, in both recorded votes the removal of Councillor John Wilmott and the addition of Councillor Alan Bell to those voting "For" the motion in each vote.
- Attendance list – typographical error in the spelling of Councillor John Wilmott's name.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from:-

Councillor Ken Rigby (other reasons)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Wilmott declared a personal interest in item 6a – Presentation of Petitions as he would be presenting a petition on behalf of residents in relation to a road he was a resident of.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(a) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Considerate Constructors Award

Councillor Kevin Greaves introduced the award won by the Term Service Contracts Team which was awarded for showing the highest levels of consideration towards the public, its workforce and the environment through adhering to the Considerate Constructors Scheme. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Greaves and presented it to Martin Carnaffin – Contract Manager and Ian Copeland – Lafarge Tarmac.

Legal Services Team of the Year Award

Councillor Darren Langton introduced the award which was won by the Legal Services Team in recognition of the way in which the Team were doing things differently by embracing new technology and new ways of working to revolutionise the way it operates. This had nearly halved its running costs. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Langton and presented it to Geoff Russell – Term Manager, Litigation, Angela Kindness – Corporate and Environmental Law, Sarah Gyles – Legal Practitioner (Litigation) and Andrew Rice – Legal Practitioner (Litigation).

NEPALESE FUNDRAISER

The Chairman informed Full Council that £2,135 had been raised through a coffee morning and raffle. A cheque was presented to representatives of the Nepalese community.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The follow Members spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and was relevant to the services provided by the County Council.

Councillor Bruce Laughton – lorry parking, road restrictions and road conditions in Cromwell

Councillor Roger Jackson – traffic congestion around Lowdham

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – library services in Skegby

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below:-

- (1) Councillor John Allin regarding 209 Bus Service (Warsop to Worksop)
- (2) Councillor Jacky Williams requesting a bus shelter on Ilkeston Road near the junction of Hickings Lane
- (3) Councillor Steve Carr regarding inappropriate short cuts by UPS vans
- (4) Councillor Steve Carr regarding bus services in Beeston North
- (5) Councillor John Wilmott from residents of Knoll Avenue, Hucknall asking if a piece of grassed area on the avenue can be resurfaced and used as a car park
- (6) Councillor John Wilmott requesting improvements to the condition of the road at Carlingford Road, Hucknall

RESOLVED: 2015/031

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course

6a. PETITIONS RESPONSES REPORT FROM TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: 2015/032

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

7. CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES

The report provided Members with the opportunity to raise any matters of clarification in the Minutes of Committee meetings published since the last meeting.

8. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2014/15

Councillor David Kirkham introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2015/033 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Darren Langton.

RESOLVED: 2015/033

- 1) That the 2014/15 year end revenue position be noted.
- 2) That the level of General Fund Balances set out in section 7.1 and Appendix A of the report be approved.
- 3) That the movements in the reserves as detailed in section 7 and Appendix B of the report be noted.
- 4) That the Capital Programme and its financing be noted.
- 5) That the Council's Prudential Indicators were not breached in 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix C of the report be noted.
- 6) That the Treasury Management outturn report in Appendix D of the report be noted.
- 7) That the variation to the Treasury Management Policy in Appendix E of the report be approved.

9. COUNTY BOUNDARY REVIEW – COMMISSION DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Alan Rhodes introduced the report and moved an amended motion in terms of resolution 2015/34 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak.

RESOLVED: 2015/034

- 1) That the Commission's proposals on new electoral arrangements for the County be noted.
- 2) That the Council makes no formal objections to the Commission's draft recommendations.

10. RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Steve Carroll introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2015/35 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks.

RESOLVED: 2015/035

That, in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of Groups be noted.

11. QUESTIONS

(a) QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

One question had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Gordon Wheeler about the regional control centre (Councillor Darrell Pulk, Chair of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Fire Authority replied)

The full response to this question is set out in Appendix A to these Minutes.

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Thirteen questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Tom Hollis about plans for gritting this winter (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 2) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding update on spending of government funding (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 3) from Councillor Rachel Madden about County bus services (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 4) from Councillor Maureen Dobson concerning traffic issues in Newark-on-Trent (Councillor Alan Rhodes replied)

The full responses to these questions are set out in Appendix B to these Minutes.

Council adjourned for lunch from 12.31pm to 1.30pm after question one.

Councillor John Cottee did not return to the meeting after lunch.

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following nine questions were asked. A written response to each question would be provided to the

Councillor who asked the question within 15 days of the meeting and be included within the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 5) from Councillor John Wilmott about County bus services (Councillor John Knight to reply)
- 6) from Councillor Keith Longdon regarding an update on the future of the extra care provision scheduled for development in Eastwood (Councillor Muriel Weisz to reply)
- 7) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning road safety convex mirrors (Councillor Kevin Greaves to reply)
- 8) from Councillor Philip Owen regarding Section 106 contributions from proposed developments at Top Wighay Farm (Councillor Alan Rhodes to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding road safety and public transport requirements in Ashfield (Councillor Kevin Greaves to reply)
- 10) from Councillor Rachel Madden about closure of care homes (Councillor Muriel Weisz to reply)
- 11) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding the full costs of hiring the new Chief Executive (Councillor David Kirkham to reply)
- 12) from Councillor John Wilmott concerning the quality of remedial road repairs (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 13) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning future action on A38 in Kirkby (Councillor Kevin Greaves to reply)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion One

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis:-

“TWENTY REALLY IS PLENTY OUTSIDE OUR PARKS AND PLAY AREAS.

This Council recognises the huge difference that reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on residential streets across the County has made.

This Council acknowledges that according to transport statistics - more than half of roads deaths and serious injuries occur on roads with 30 mph limits. We also recognise that many parks and play areas in the County do not have the protection that residential streets enjoy.

This Council further notes the rise in serious road traffic accidents around our parks and play areas. This includes a recent one in Teversal, where a child was seriously injured whilst leaving a play area.

We therefore call upon Nottinghamshire County Council to do a review of all speed limits outside our parks and play areas and to adopt a policy of twenty really is plenty outside our parks and play areas, thus giving park users - many of the them young people and children the same protection outside our parks as on our residential streets."

Following a short debate an amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Kevin Greaves and seconded by Councillor Richard Jackson:-

"TWENTY REALLY IS PLENTY OUTSIDE OUR PARKS AND PLAY AREAS.

This Council recognises the potential benefit~~huge difference~~ that could be achieved by reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on residential streets across the County ~~has made~~.

This Council acknowledges that according to transport statistics - more than half of roads deaths and serious injuries occur on roads with 30 mph limits. We also recognise that some~~many~~ parks and play areas in the County do not have the protection that residential streets enjoy.

This Council ~~recognises the seriousness of~~~~further notes the rise in serious~~ road traffic accidents around our parks and play areas. This includes a recent one in Teversal, where a child was seriously injured whilst leaving a play area.

This Council resolves to carry out~~We therefore call upon Nottinghamshire County Council to do~~ a review of all speed limits outside our parks and play areas, and based on the findings of the review identify the best way forward, recognising the cost of implementation in times of financial constraint but giving a commitment to review the situation over time, thereby affording~~to adopt a policy of twenty really is plenty outside our parks and play areas, thus giving~~ park users - many of the them young people and children - the same~~most~~ suitable and appropriate protection outside our parks as on our residential streets."

Council adjourned from 2.33pm to 2.43pm.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried so the amendment became the motion.

The motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2015/036

TWENTY REALLY IS PLENTY OUTSIDE OUR PARKS AND PLAY AREAS.

This Council recognises the potential benefit that could be achieved by reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on residential streets across the County.

This Council acknowledges that according to transport statistics - more than half of roads deaths and serious injuries occur on roads with 30 mph limits. We also recognise that some parks and play areas in the County do not have the protection that residential streets enjoy.

This Council recognises the seriousness of road traffic accidents around our parks and play areas. This includes a recent one in Teversal, where a child was seriously injured whilst leaving a play area.

This Council resolves to carry out a review of speed limits outside our parks and play areas, and based on the findings of the review identify the best way forward, recognising the cost of implementation in times of financial constraint but giving a commitment to review the situation over time, thereby affording park users - many of the them young people and children - the most suitable and appropriate protection outside our parks as on our residential streets.

Motion Two

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Rachel Madden and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny:-

“ELECTRIFICATION OF NOTTINGHAM TO LONDON RAILWAY LINE

This Council is appalled at the decision of the Government to put on hold the electrification of the Nottingham to London Railway line.

This Council notes that the East Midlands is the biggest growing region outside of the London. We also note the promises made by Conservative Party Candidates in the region in the recent elections.

This Council believes that the delay to the electrification of the substandard existing line will have a devastating impact on the East Midland's economy. This project would have brought significant benefits to our region including construction jobs and created long term economic growth.

We therefore call, as a Council on the Government to make good their promise to the people of Nottinghamshire and the East Midland's region and reverse their decision to prioritise other transport projects across the UK and reinstate their plans to electrify the line that will make a huge difference to our economy.

We call for the Council to write to the Department of Transport and to all MPs in the region making the case of the reinstatement of the project and call for a

transport summit to ensure that transport in our County and across our region is no longer treated in this manner.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Alan Rhodes and seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE:-

“ELECTRIFICATION OF NOTTINGHAM TO LONDON RAILWAY LINE

~~This Council is appalled at~~ notes the decision of the Government to ~~pauseput on hold~~ the electrification of the Nottingham to London Railway line, but welcomes other measures to:-

- increase capacity in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire;
- allow trains to run at higher speed; and
- make station and track improvements at Market Harborough to improve line journey times for passengers.

~~This Council notes that the East Midlands is the biggest growing region outside of the London. We also note the promises made by Conservative Party Candidates in the region in the recent elections.~~

~~This Council believes that the delay to the electrification of the substandard existing line will have a devastating impact on the East Midland's economy. This project would have brought~~ bring significant benefits to our region including construction jobs and ~~created~~ long term economic growth.

~~We therefore call, as a~~ This Council calls on the Government to re-prioritise the electrification of the Midland Mainline ahead of ~~make good their promise to the people of Nottinghamshire and the East Midland's region and reverse their decision to prioritise other transport projects across the UK and reinstate their plans to electrify the line that will make a huge difference to our economy.~~

~~We call for the~~ This Council resolves to write to the ~~Department of Transport and to all MPs, Council Leaders, the 'East Midlands Councils' body, and Chamber of Commerce along the length of the line in the region making the case of the reinstatement of the project and to call for a~~ collective lobby of the Treasury and the Department for Transport to this effect.”

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried so the amendment became the motion.

The motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2015/037

ELECTRIFICATION OF NOTTINGHAM TO LONDON RAILWAY LINE

This Council notes the decision of the Government to pause the electrification of the Nottingham to London Railway line, but welcomes other measures to:-

- increase capacity in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire;
- allow trains to run at higher speed; and
- make station and track improvements at Market Harborough to improve line journey times for passengers.

This Council believes that electrification of the existing line bring significant benefits to our region including construction jobs and long term economic growth.

This Council calls on the Government to re-prioritise the electrification of the Midland Mainline ahead of other transport projects across the UK.

This Council resolves to write to MPs, Council Leaders, the 'East Midlands Councils' body, and Chamber of Commerce along the length of the line to call for a collective lobby of the Treasury and the Department for Transport to this effect.

Motion Three

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Tom Hollis and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny:-

“PCSOs

That this Council notes the valuable contribution that Police Community Support Officers make in our our communities.

This Council notes the announcement by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping that he intends to axe a number of them.

This council supports the work they do and calls on PCC to protect the officers we value so much.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle and seconded by Councillor Alice Grice:-

“PCSOs

That this Council notes the valuable contribution that Police Community Support Officers make in our ~~our~~ communities and welcomes the fact that they have increased to a record level of 317; deplores the continued Government reduction in grant requiring savings of £42 million or a 20% budget reduction over the past three years together with a saving of £12 million in the current year.

~~This Council notes the announcement by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping that he intends to axe a number of them.~~

This Council will work in partnership with both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner in the review of the funding formula which will commence shortly to ensure that Nottinghamshire Police and local residents get a fair deal.

~~This council supports the work they do PCSOs do in our communities and calls on PCC the Police and Crime Commissioner to protect the officers we value so much."~~

The amendment was not accepted by the mover of the motion.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried so the amendment became the motion.

Council adjourned from 5pm to 5.10pm.

An amendment to the amended motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Maureen Dobson and seconded by Councillor John Wilmott:-

"PCSOs

~~That this Council notes the valuable contribution that Police Community Support Officers make in our communities and welcomes the fact that they have increased to a record level of 317,; deplores the continued Government reduction in grant requiring savings of £42 million or a 20% budget reduction over the past three years together with a saving of £12 million in the current year.~~

This Council notes the announcement by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping that he intends to reduce the number of them.

This Council will work in partnership with both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner in the review of the funding formula which will commence shortly to ensure that Nottinghamshire Police and local residents get a fair deal.

This council supports the work theyPCSOs ~~do in our communities~~ and calls on the Police and Crime Commissioner to protect the officers we value so much."

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the amended motion.

The motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2015/038

PCSOs

That this Council notes the valuable contribution that Police Community Support Officers make in our communities and welcomes the fact that they have increased to a record level of 317.

This Council notes the announcement by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping that he intends to reduce the number of them.

This Council will work in partnership with both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner in the review of the funding formula which will commence shortly to ensure that Nottinghamshire Police and local residents get a fair deal.

This council supports the work they do and calls on the Police and Crime Commissioner to protect the officers we value so much.

Councillor Alice Grice left the meeting at 4.37pm during consideration of this item and did not return.

14. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.14 pm.

CHAIRMAN

