



# Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (10.30 am – 3.25 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

## COUNCILLORS

Pauline Allan (Chairman)  
Sybil Fielding (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	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
	Ian Campbell	Liz Plant
	Steve Carr	Mike Pringle
	Steve Carroll	Darrell Pulk
	John Clarke	Alan Rhodes
	John Cottee	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 Tsimbirdis
	Stephen Garner	Gail Turner
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Keith Walker
	Kevin Greaves	Stuart Wallace
	Alice Grice	Muriel Weisz
	John Handley	Gordon Wheeler
	Colleen Harwood	John Wilkinson
A	Stan Heptinstall MBE	Jacky Williams
	Tom Hollis	John Willmott
	Richard Jackson	Yvonne Woodhead
	Roger Jackson	Liz Yates
	David Kirkham	Jason Zadrozny
	John Knight	

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Martin Brandon-Bravo OBE  
Terence H Butler  
John Carter

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis–Ward	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
David Pearson	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Derek Higton	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Tim Gregory	(Environment and Resources)
Nigel Stevenson	(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.

## **OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL**

Pauline Allan, outgoing Chairman of the County Council, made a short address, during which she referred to the highlights of her year in office, including the wide variety of different events across the County, the talented young people she met throughout the year, the trip up in a cherry picker to see the top of the Major Oak and the remembrance services she attended.

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Councillor Darrell Pulk and seconded by Councillor Keith Walker and:-

### **RESOLVED: 2015/021**

That Councillor Sybil Fielding be elected Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, until the Annual Meeting 2016.

Arising from the above resolution, Councillor Fielding made the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Chairman's Chain of Office and assumed the chair. Thereafter, Councillor Sybil Fielding's portrait was unveiled by the Chief Executive.

## **INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Sybil Fielding addressed the Council, thanking members for the opportunity to perform the civic role for the County Council. She indicated that her chosen charity was The Royal British Legion.

## **2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The appointment of Councillor Yvonne Woodhead as Vice-Chairman was moved by Councillor John Peck and seconded by Councillor Muriel Weisz

### **RESOLVED:-2015/022**

That Councillor Yvonne Woodhead be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council until the Annual Meeting 2016.

Arising from the above Resolution, Councillor Woodhead made the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Vice-Chairman's chain and took her new place alongside the Chairman.

## **RETIRING CHAIRMAN VOTE OF THANKS**

At the invitation of the newly elected Chairman, Councillor Michael Payne paid tribute to Pauline Allan's contribution to Nottinghamshire Civic life, thanking her for her work as Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts who articulated Member's appreciation and congratulations for her year of office.

Councillors Rhodes, Rigby and Dobson also spoke in thanks of the work undertaken by Councillor Pauline Allan as Chairman of the County Council for the municipal year 2015/16.

### **RESOLVED:-2015/023**

That the County Council's thanks for Councillor Allan's work as its Chairman during 2014-15 be recorded.

## **PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE OF OFFICE**

Further to the above resolution, the Chairman of the County Council presented to Councillor Allan her Past Chairman's Badge of Office and acknowledged her work during the year.

## **3. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2015/024**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from:-

Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE (other reasons)

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **6. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

##### **NEPALESE FUNDRAISING**

The Chairman advised that she had agreed to support the efforts of Captain Singha Thapa formerly of the Gurkha Rifles for raise money to help the victims of the recent earthquakes in Nepal. A collection bucket would be available within the Chamber and a coffee morning was in the process of being arranged.

#### **AGENDA ORDER**

The Chairman agreed that agenda items 9 (Recognition of Members and Officers of Groups), 10 (Appointment of Committees) and 11 (Amendments to the Council's Constitution) be taken as the first items of business on the agenda.

#### **7. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS**

Councillor Steve Carroll introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2015/025 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks.

#### **RESOLVED: 2015/025**

- 1) That the membership of the political groups be noted.
- 2) That, in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of the Groups be noted.

#### **8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Steve Carroll introduced the report and appendix circulated separately and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2015/26 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks.

Following a debate an amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Tom Hollis and seconded by Councillor Steve Carr:-

“Councillor John Wilmott be appointed as Chairman of Economic Development Committee”

The meeting was adjourned from 11.48am to 12.12pm to allow consideration of the amendment.

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

Councillor David Kirkham moved that “a vote should be taken immediately”. The motion was seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak.

The motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 32 Members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Roy Allan	Darren Langton
John Allin	Diana Meale
Joyce Bosnjak	Michael Payne
Nicki Brooks	John Peck JP
Steve Calvert	Sheila Place
Steve Carroll	Liz Plant
John Clarke	Mike Pringle
Jim Creamer	Darrell Pulk
Sybil Fielding	Alan Rhodes
Kate Foale	Pamela Skelding
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbirdis
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Alice Grice	John Wilkinson
Colleen Harwood	John Wilmott
David Kirkham	Yvonne Woodhead

The following 33 Members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion:-

Reg Adair	Boyd Elliott
Chris Barnfather	Stephen Garner
Andrew Brown	John Handley
Richard Butler	Tom Hollis
Ian Campbell	Richard Jackson
Steve Carr	Roger Jackson
John Cottee	Bruce Laughton
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Keith Longdon
Dr John Doddy	Rachel Madden

John Ogle  
Philip Owen  
Ken Rigby  
Tony Roberts MBE  
Mrs Sue Saddington  
Andy Sissons  
Martin Suthers OBE  
Gail Turner

Keith Walker  
Stuart Wallace  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jacky Williams  
John Wilmott  
Liz Yates  
Jason Zadrozny

Councillor Maureen Dobson **Abstained**.

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands Chairman declared that the vote was equal. The Chairman used her casting vote and declared that it was lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 33 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair  
Chris Barnfather  
Andrew Brown  
Richard Butler  
Ian Campbell  
Steve Carr  
John Cottee  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Dr John Doddy  
Boyd Elliott  
Stephen Garner  
John Handley  
Tom Hollis  
Richard Jackson  
Roger Jackson  
Bruce Laughton  
Keith Longdon

Rachel Madden  
John Ogle  
Philip Owen  
Ken Rigby  
Tony Roberts MBE  
Mrs Sue Saddington  
Andy Sissons  
Martin Suthers OBE  
Gail Turner  
Keith Walker  
Stuart Wallace  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jacky Williams  
John Wilmott  
Liz Yates  
Jason Zadrozny

The following 33 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan  
Roy Allan  
John Allin  
Joyce Bosnjak  
Nicki Brooks  
Steve Calvert  
Steve Carroll  
John Clarke  
Jim Creamer

Maureen Dobson  
Sybil Fielding  
Kate Foale  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Kevin Greaves  
Alice Grice  
Colleen Harwood  
David Kirkham  
John Knight

Darren Langton  
Diana Meale  
Michael Payne  
John Peck JP  
Sheila Place  
Liz Plant  
Mike Pringle  
Darrell Pulk

Alan Rhodes  
Pamela Skelding  
Parry Tsimbirdis  
Muriel Weisz  
John Wilkinson  
John Wilmott  
Yvonne Woodhead

There were no abstentions

The Chairman used her casting vote and voted **against** the amendment.

The Chairman declared that the amendment was lost.

Councillor Michael Payne moved that “a vote should be taken immediately”. The motion was seconded by Councillor John Clarke.

The motion to move straight to the vote was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

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

**RESOLVED: 2015/026**

- (a) That the Council confirms the establishment of the Committees and Sub-Committees of Council with their existing terms of reference and with the membership as set out in Appendix A of the report.
- (b) That the Health Scrutiny Committee membership include 1 co-opted Councillor with voting rights from each of the following authorities:- Ashfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Mansfield District Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.
- (c) That the other representatives on the following committees / sub-committees be appointed as follows:-
  - (1) Children and Young People’s Committee: One representative of the Church of England Diocese, one representative of the Roman Catholic Diocese, and two Parent Governors
  - (2) Health and Wellbeing Board: Seven District / Boroughs Councillors, six NHS Clinical Commissioning Group representatives, one Healthwatch, one NHS England, the Police and Crime Commissioner, three officers – Corporate Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services, Director of Public Health

- (3) Pensions Investment Sub-Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District / Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union Representatives, one Scheduled Body representative
  - (4) Pensions Sub-Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District / Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union representatives, one Scheduled Body representative plus two pensioner representatives.
  - (5) Economic Development Committee: Two representatives of the Business Community.
- (d) That the Leader of the Council be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees except the Appeals Sub-Committee, Conduct Committee, Health Scrutiny Committee, Planning and Licensing Committee, Senior Staffing Sub-Committee and Joint Committees; with the right to speak but not to vote.
- (e) That the Council make the following appointments of Chairman and Vice-Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2016, it being noted that the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Senior Staffing Sub-Committee or Conduct Committee will be a matter for that Sub-Committee:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Adult Social Care and Health	Muriel Weisz	Alan Bell
Appeals Sub-Committee	Sheila Place	Nicki Brooks
Audit	Keith Walker	Sheila Place
Children and Young People	John Peck JP	Liz Plant and Kate Foale
Community Safety	Glynn Gilfoyle	Alice Grice
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee	Liz Plant	
Culture	John Knight	Pauline Allan
Economic Development	Diana Meale	Roy Allan
Environment and Sustainability	Jim Creamer	Pamela Skelding
Finance and Property	David Kirkham	Darren Langton
Grant Aid Sub Committee	Joyce Bosnjak	Martin Suthers OBE
Health and Wellbeing Board	Joyce Bosnjak	Appointed by the Board
Health Scrutiny Committee	Colleen Harwood	John Allin
Joint Cttee on Planning & Transport	City Councillor	Jim Creamer
Joint Health Scrutiny (with City)	City Councillor	Parry Tsimbirdis
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund	Reg Adair	Mike Pringle
Pensions Investment Sub-Committee	Reg Adair	Mike Pringle
Pensions Sub-Committee	Reg Adair	Mike Pringle
Personnel	Sheila Place	Nicki Brooks
Planning & Licensing	John Wilkinson	Sue Saddington
Policy	Alan Rhodes	Joyce Bosnjak
Public Health Committee	Joyce Bosnjak	Glynn Gilfoyle
Transport and Highways	Kevin Greaves	Steve Calvert



- (f) That a Mental Health Guardianship Panel be established with 5 members (2 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group), to make decisions on renewal and discharge of guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- (g) That the 12 places on the Combined Fire Authority will be allocated between the groups as follows:-
- Labour Group 6
  - Conservative Group 4
  - Liberal Democrat Group 1
  - Independent Group 1
- (h) That the Leader of the Council continues to be the representative appointed to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee and the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee continues to be appointed to act as substitute.
- (i) That the Chairman of Community Safety Committee be appointed as the Council's representative on the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel and any further co-optees required after the review of political balance across the Panel's area be actioned as appropriate by the Team Manager, Democratic Services.
- (j) That the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee continues to be the representative appointed to the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee and the Parking Adjudication Joint Committee.
- (k) That the appointment of members of the political groups to committees, sub-committees and joint committees be undertaken by the Team Manager, Democratic Services on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer) acting in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 the relevant Statutory Regulations and the Council's Standing Orders.
- (l) That the membership of the Local Pensions Board be confirmed as part of the establishment of this joint body.
- (m) That the Team Manager, Democratic Services be authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Executive to appoint people as co-optees to membership of committees or joint committees when required.

The meeting adjourned from 1.14pm to 2.15pm for lunch.

## **9. AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

Councillor Alan Rhodes introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2015/027 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak.

**RESOLVED: 2015/027**

- 1) That the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution as set out on the report be approved.
- 2) That the procedure rules for Full Council be amended as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 3) That the Employment Procedure Rules be amended as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 4) That Schedule 2 of the Councillor's Allowances Scheme (the Approved Duties (Travel and Subsistence Allowances)) be amended as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- 5) That the Terms of Reference for relevant service committees be amended as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.
- 6) That the Monitoring Officer make any other consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the above decision.

**10. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

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

- (1) Councillor Andrew Brown regarding parking problems at the Orchard Close Health Centre in Sutton Bonington
- (2) Councillor Gail Turner regarding superfast broadband

**RESOLVED: 2015/028**

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

**11. PETITIONS RESPONSES REPORTS:-**

- (a) TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**
- (b) ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**
- (c) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED: 2014/029**

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

## **12. 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.

## **13. QUESTIONS**

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

No questions were received

### **(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Seven questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor John Wilmott about funding for repairing roads (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 2) from Councillor Ian Campbell regarding residents parking scheme (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 3) from Councillor Tony Roberts about New Orchard School (Councillor John Peck replied)
- 4) from Councillor Ian Campbell concerning car park for Retford Post 16/Leisure Centre (Councillor David Kirkham replied)
- 5) from Councillor Bruce Laughton about village gateway signs (Councillor Jim Creamer replied)
- 6) from Councillor Bruce Laughton concerning speed limit on Main Street, Cromwell (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 7) from Councillor Philip Owen regarding Nuthall Bus Gate (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)

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

Having received the answer to his question, Councillor Philip Owen moved that there be a debate on his question, this was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton. Question 7 was therefore adjourned until item 14.

Councillor Andrew Brown left the meeting at 2.24pm and did not return.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

Arising from the response to his question to Councillor Kevin Greaves concerning the Nuthall Bus Gate the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Philip Owen and seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton:-

“That the Council do now stand adjourned for a token period”

The motion having been duly seconded was debated.

In accordance with the constitution no vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**