



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 26th June 2014 (10.30 am – 5.56 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	A	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		Darrell Pulk
Steve Carroll		Alan Rhodes
John Clarke		Ken Rigby
John Cottee		Tony Roberts MBE
Jim Creamer		Mrs Sue Saddington
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE		Andy Sissons
Maureen Dobson		Pam Skelding
Dr John Doddy		Stella Smedley MBE JP
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
Stan Heptinstall MBE		Jacky Williams
Tom Hollis		John Willmott
Richard Jackson		Yvonne Woodhead
Roger Jackson		Liz Yates
David Kirkham		Jason Zadrozny
John Knight		

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Burrows	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis–Ward	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Chris Kenny	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Jon Wilson	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Anthony May	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Tim Gregory	(Environment and Resources)
Sara Allmond	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Peter Barker	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Carl Bilbey	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Martin Done	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Keith Ford	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Catherine Munro	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Paul Simpson	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Anna Vincent	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Michelle Welsh	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)

OPENING PRAYER

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

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIAN SMITH

Members stood in silence in remembrance of former County Councillor Brian Smith

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2014/029

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 15th May 2014 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with an amendment to Appendix A, the response to question four was provided by Councillor Kevin Greaves, Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee, not Councillor David Kirkham, Chairman of Finance and Property Committee as printed in the Council Book.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Rachel Madden (medical/illness)

Councillor Carr submitted his apologies as he needed to leave the meeting early to attend a hospital appointment.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

4. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

As agreed by the Chairman at the last meeting the following item of business was carried forward to this agenda.

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Arising from the response to his question to Councillor David Kirkham concerning Council Tax Rates – “Would the Chairman of the Finance and Property Committee inform Council how many shire county councils have set a higher Band B Council Tax for 2014/15 than Nottinghamshire’s £946, and what is the current Band B average for shire counties?” Councillor Adair moved:-

“That an adjournment debate take place on this question”

The motion having been duly seconded was debated.

In accordance with the constitution no vote was taken.

5. CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS

Former County Councillor Brian Smith

The Chairman, Councillor Joyce Bosnjak, Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Councillor Suthers OBE, Councillor John Allin, Councillor Stella Smedley MBE JP, Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis and Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE all spoke in memory of former County Councillor Brian Smith.

Wellbeing at Work Gold Award

Councillors Bosnjak and Place introduced the Wellbeing at Work Gold Award. The Chairman received the award received the award from Councillors Bosnjak and Place and presented it to Sunil Patel, a workplace health champion, Ashleigh Quinn once of the graduate trainees who wrote the original draft of the submission for the award, Bev Cordon, Team Manager and Marje Toward, Service Director for HR and Customer Service.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor David Kirkham regarding double yellow lines on a street within his constituency

- (2) Councillor Jacky Williams regarding residents parking on Lower and Middle Orchard Streets. Stapleford
- (3) Councillor Philip Owen regarding traffic issues in his division
- (4) Councillor Boyd Elliott regarding the removal of the number 47 Moor Lane Bus
- (5) Councillor Liz Plant regarding issues on Highfield Road and Glebe Road, West Bridgford.

RESOLVED: 2014/030

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

7. QUESTIONS

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

No questions were received

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Three questions had been received as follows:-

- (1) from Councillor Bruce Laughton about Environmental Weight Limit in Southwell (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied).
- (2) from Councillor Bruce Laughton regarding The Core Youth Centre (Councillor John Peck replied).
- (3) from Councillor Philip Owen concerning the use of the Nuthall bus gate (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied).

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

Councillor Steve Carr left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

8. 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.

Council was adjourned from 12.42pm to 1.30pm following consideration of this item. Councillor Smedley did not return to the meeting until 2.09pm.

9. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2013/14

Councillor David Kirkham introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2014/031 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Darren Langton.

RESOLVED: 2014/031

- 1) That the 2013/14 year end revenue position be noted.
- 2) That the year-end carry forwards set out in section 4.12 and Appendix B of the report be approved.
- 3) That the level of General Fund Balances set out in section 7.1 and Appendix A of the report be approved.
- 4) That the movements in reserves as detailed in section 7 and Appendix D of the report be noted.
- 5) That the Capital Programme and its financing be noted.
- 6) That it be noted that the Council's Prudential Indicators were not breached in 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix E of the report.
- 7) That the treasury management outturn report in Appendix F of the report be noted.

10. ROLLS-ROYCE SITE HUCKNALL

Councillor Alan Rhodes introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2014/032 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak.

RESOLVED: 2014/032

- 1) That the County Council agrees the need to bring forward the development of the primary school associated with this development and approves in principle for the Council to undertake the design and construction of the required primary school provision at the Rolls-Royce site Hucknall, subject to the considerations as referenced within the report.
- 2) That the capital programme be amended by the addition of £3m to support the build of a 210 place primary school in Hucknall subject to further

consideration of the most appropriate funding arrangements to bring forward the development.

- 3) That in consultation with the Leader, the Chairman of Children and Young People's Committee and the Chairman of Finance and Property Committee, the Chief Executive be authorised to finalise and approve the detailed terms for all necessary legal agreements to bring forward the development including the revised S106 Agreement, the funding arrangements associated with commencing works early, and if appropriate the build programme for the school and associated documentation, and any necessary highways and land related agreements.

11. ADOPTION OF BYELAWS FOR BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK

Councillor John Knight introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2014/033 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Alan Bell.

RESOLVED: 2014/033

- 1) That the proposed byelaws be adopted by the Council and placed on deposit for public inspection, following an advertisement in a local newspaper, as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report.
- 2) That if no objections are raised, the byelaws be forwarded to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

Councillor Smedley returned to the meeting during consideration of this item.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion One

A motion including a typographical amendment as set out below was moved by Councillor Alice Grice and seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak:-

"On 16th ~~September~~ August 2014, a group of mothers is setting off on a march from Jarrow to London to demand that the NHS remains in public hands and is run for the people – not for profit. On 27th and 28th August 2014, the People's March for the NHS will be passing through towns in Nottinghamshire including Mansfield, Sutton in Ashfield and Hucknall.

The marchers hope to highlight the privatisation of the NHS which has seen profitable parts of the NHS transferred into private hands whilst leaving the public purse to carry the cost of expensive and complex operations.

This Council:-

- a) recognises the threat to our NHS from legislation including the Health and Social Care Act (2012) and the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership; both of which put profits before people;
- b) values the principle of our NHS to provide free, universal healthcare for all;
- c) supports the People's March for the NHS along with its aims and intentions."

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

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 34 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

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

The following 28 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Roger Jackson
Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
Andrew Brown	Keith Longdon
Richard Butler	John Ogle
Steve Carr	Philip Owen
John Cottee	Ken Rigby
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Tony Roberts MBE
Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
Boyd Elliott	Martin Suthers OBE
John Handley	Keith Walker
Stan Heptinstall MBE	Stuart Wallace
Tom Hollis	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Jacky Williams

There were no abstentions

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED 2014/018

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Councillors Garner, Smedley MBE JP and Turner left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

Following consideration of this item the meeting was adjourned from 4.45pm to 5pm. Councillors Heptinstall MBE, Rigby, Sissons did not return to the meeting following the adjournment.

Motion Two

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE and seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers OBE:-

“In view of the increased financial and performance monitoring responsibilities for health services afforded to Nottinghamshire County Council by Central Government, this Council:-

- (a) supports the demand made by members of the Public Health Committee in January 2014 for performance and quality data reports relating to Public Health contracts to include more clarity on performance and indications of trends;

- (b) agrees that these steps towards better performance monitoring must continue, with clearer targets for Public Health service outcomes and regular reports to Full Council, in order to satisfy all Members that value is being achieved for the £36 million of public money being invested in Public Health in 2014/15;
- (c) calls for a clearer definition of the new role and responsibilities of the Health Scrutiny and Joint Health Scrutiny Committees agreed at the May 2014 Council meeting, to clarify which committee will take the lead for which geographical area and scrutinise the performance of
 - i) Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
 - ii) Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust
 - iii) GPs surgeries and
 - iv) other health-related bodies;
- (d) calls for the size and membership of the Council's two health scrutiny committees to be reviewed and increased where necessary to reflect their greater roles and responsibilities."

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

13. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2014 QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Question to the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee, from Councillor Bruce Laughton

In February 2014, the Transport & Highways Committee approved the introduction of an Environmental Weight Limit (EWL) to stop vehicles over 7.5 tonnes driving through the Southwell area.

Would the Chairman of the Transport & Highways Committee join me in welcoming the verdict of the Southwell Safer Neighbourhood Group (reported recently in the Newark Advertiser) that the HGV problem in the area has decreased significantly since the EWL was enforced?

Would he agree with me that this positive feedback from the Group and from other local residents represents a vindication of the Transport & Highways Committee's decision?

Response from Councillor Kevin Greaves, Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee

It is good to hear that the community within the Southwell area weigh limit is reporting that every goods vehicle problem in the area has decreased since the scheme's implementation.

Positive feedback from Southwell Safer Neighbourhood Group and other local residents show that the decision of the Transport and Highways Committee to approve the funding for the scheme and uphold the recommendation to implement the scheme despite objections was the correct one.

Question to the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee, from Councillor Bruce Laughton

The Chairman of the Children & Young People's Committee will be aware that The Core Youth Centre in Southwell is due to close in October as a result of cuts voted through by the Labour administration.

The local community has rallied in an attempt to save youth provision in the town and church leaders are negotiating with Nottinghamshire County Council to preserve sessions at the Centre four nights a week, to be run by volunteers.

Would the Chairman of the Children & Young People's Committee explain when a proper meeting will be held between County Council representatives and all of the parties interested in preserving the centre, including churches, Southwell Young Farmers' Club and the youngsters who currently use the facility?

Response from Councillor John Peck, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee

I am pleased to see you diligently doing your job for what you describe as the most millionaires of Southwell. Although I would have thought there were more millionaires living up your road than Southwell.

The Youth Service you quite correctly stated are withdrawing direct delivery of youth work from the core young people's centre as of 1st October 2014. That is all part of the 2014/15 restructuring that has already been presented to the Policy Committee and the Council as part of the budget.

The library will take responsibility for the whole of the building and will provide reduced rental arrangements to youth organisations in the evenings. Through increased general lettings during the day and at the weekends we hope to meet the shortfall in revenue from the withdrawal of the youth service at the core.

I have had a couple of brief conversations with you, Councillor Laughton, as you are aware, sort of corridor conversations but Councillor Plant (Children and Young People's Committee Vice-Chairman), the Youth Service Group Manager and the Youth Service Locality Manager along with library officers have been working with various voluntary youth organisations in Southwell to ensure that the provision for young people does continue. The Church of England's diocese and youth office I'm pleased to say has agreed to coordinate the various youth projects which are going to still continue to work from the core.

You refer to a meeting in your question and a meeting has already taken place of interested parties which you attended Councillor Laughton, so you are aware of some of the progress that has been made. A second meeting is being planned for the near future, so I can assure you of that, with the same group so you again will be part of that. Young people who are currently attending the centre will be present and involved in that. I am told the meeting has not been that easy to arrange in part because of simply the difficulties of arranging a date that suits all of those young people but the meeting will take place I am told before the end of July so a meeting is fairly imminent.

The increased capacity to support the voluntary youth sector as a result of this structure that has already been presented to you as part of the budget will continue to provide youth activities through the voluntary organisations which will continue to operate at the core.

Question to the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee, from Councillor Philip Owen

Does the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee think it is logical or fair to fine drivers for passing through the Nuthall bus gate on Christmas Day, when no buses are operating in that area?

Response from Councillor Kevin Greaves, Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee

The Nuthall bus gate traffic order is enforced between the hours of 4pm and 6.30pm and all bank holidays, public holidays, Good Friday, Christmas Day and when it falls on a Monday to Friday. However I can confirm that on Christmas Day a sensible approach is taken to enforcement in accordance with common practice on bus lane traffic orders adopted by all other local authorities in the country.

There is no justification for relaxing this traffic order on bank holidays as there is still a frequent bus service and with traffic levels as high on the A610 adjacent to the bus gate as on many other roads in the county on a normal week day.

I would like to also remind the member for Nuthall that the bus gate was introduced to stop rat running through the Orsendale estate and an alternative traffic signal exit on the A610 was created for residents at a cost of £200,000.