



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 27 May 2021 (10.30 am – 5.22 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Stuart Wallace (In the Chair until the election of a new Chairman)
Andy Sissons (Vice-Chairman until election of new Vice-Chairman)
Mike Pringle MBE (Chairman)
Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair		Tom Hollis
Mike Adams		Mike Introna
Pauline Allan		Richard Jackson
Sinead Anderson		Eric Kerry
Callum Bailey		Bruce Laughton
Matt Barney		Johno Lee
Chris Barnfather		David Martin
Ben Bradley	A	John 'Maggie' McGrath
Richard Butler		Andy Meakin
Anne Callaghan		Nigel Moxon
André Camilleri		John Ogle
Scott Carlton		Philip Owen
Steve Carr		Michael Payne
John Clarke		Sheila Place
Neil Clarke MBE		Mike Pringle
Robert Corden		Francis Purdue-Horan
John Cottee		Mrs Sue Saddington
Jim Creamer		Dave Shaw
Eddie Cubley		Helen-Ann Smith
Sam Deakin		Sam Smith
Maureen Dobson		Tom Smith
Dr John Doddy		Tracey Taylor
Bethan Eddy		Nigel Turner
Boyd Elliott		Roger Upton
Sybil Fielding		Lee Waters
Kate Foale		Michelle Welsh
A Stephen Garner		Gordon Wheeler
Glynn Gilfoyle		Jonathan Wheeler
Keith Girling		Daniel Williamson
Penny Gowland	A	Elizabeth Williamson
Errol Henry JP		John Wilmott
Paul Henshaw		Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Melanie Brooks	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Luke Barrett	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Angie Dilley	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Jen Sheriston	(Chief Executives)
James Silverward	(Chief Executives)
Marion Clay	(Children and Families)
Derek Higton	(Place)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

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

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Stuart Wallace, outgoing Chairman of the County Council, made a short address, during which he referred to the difficulties and highlights of his year in office, including visiting many teams within the Council, some virtually, and seeing their hard work during the pandemic. The Chairman's Charity was MySight Notts for whom £3,464 had been raised during his time in office.

Vice-Chairman Andy Sissons also made a short address, thanking the Council for the opportunity to be their Vice-Chairman during 2020/21.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Tracey Taylor and seconded by Councillor John Ogle and:-

RESOLVED: 2021/013

That Councillor Mike Quigley MBE be elected Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, until the Annual Meeting 2022.

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

INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mike Quigley MBE addressed the Council, thanking members for the opportunity to perform the civic role for the County Council. He indicated that his chosen charity would be announced in due course.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN VOTE OF THANKS

At the invitation of the newly elected Chairman, Councillor Roger Jackson paid tribute to Stuart Wallace's contribution to Nottinghamshire Civic life in such a challenging year, and moved a motion thanking him for his work as Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keith Girling who articulated Member's appreciation and congratulations for his year of office.

Councillors Jason Zadrozny and Kate Foale also spoke in thanks of the work undertaken by Stuart Wallace as Chairman of the County Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

RESOLVED: 2021/014

That the County Council's thanks for Stuart Wallace's work as its Chairman during 2020-21 be recorded.

PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE OF OFFICE

Further to the above resolution, the Chairman of the County Council presented to Stuart Wallace his Past Chairman's Badge of Office and acknowledged his work during the year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment of Councillor Roger Jackson as Vice-Chairman was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Mrs Sue Saddington.

RESOLVED: 2021/015

That Councillor Roger Jackson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council until the Annual Meeting 2022.

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

Councillor Roger Jackson gave a short address to Council and thanked Members for appointing him as Vice-Chairman.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/016 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfather.

RESOLVED: 2017/016

That the outcome of the County Council Elections on 6 May 2021, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be noted.

4. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/017 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

RESOLVED: 2017/017

- 1) That the membership of the political groups be recognised.
- 2) That the Officers of the Groups be noted.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2021/018

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the County Council held on 25 March 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman with the following corrections:-

Item 5 – Constituency issue by Councillor Sybil Fielding – “early years” not “early tears”

Item 10, motion one was moved by Councillor Tony Harper, not Councillor Dr John Doddy as printed.

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Stephen Garner (medical / illness)
- Councillor John ‘Maggie’ McGrath (other reasons)

- Councillor Elizabeth Williamson (medial / illness)

An apology was also received from Councillor Philip Owen who had to leave the meeting at lunchtime (other reasons).

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

8. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

9. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

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

Councillor David Shaw – regarding highways funding in Hucknall

Councillor John Wilmott – regarding road safety and improvements to the open spaces which Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for in Hucknall

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding Nottinghamshire County Councils position on permitted development rights in Huthwaite.

Councillor David Martin – regarding processes to fix our broken roads and pavements in the Selston Parish

Councillor Philip Owen – regarding anti-social behaviour in his division

10. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Neil Clarke MBE, request for 20 mph speed limit throughout Cropwell Butler village
- (2) Councillor Roger Upton, request for double yellow lines on part of 'The Green' at Radcliffe on Trent

RESOLVED: 2021/019

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. REVISED COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/020 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfather.

Following a debate the motion was put to the meeting and following a roll call vote the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2021/020

- 1) That the revised Committee System be approved and the structure established for the 2021-2022 Municipal Year.
- 2) That the Constitution be amended as described in paragraph 2 and detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 3) That authority be delegated to the Council's Monitoring Officer to make any necessary consequential amendments to the Constitution.
- 4) That the Governance and Ethics Committee be tasked to establish a working group to review the Constitution

The Council adjourned from 12.41pm to 1.46pm for lunch. Councillor Philip Owen gave his apologies (other reasons) and did not return after lunch.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/021 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

Following a debate the motion was put to the meeting and following a roll call vote the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2021/021

- 1) That the Council confirm the composition and allocation of seats and its continued participation of the Joint Committees set out in Appendix A of the report and confirm

the continued participation in the other committees, joint committees and boards, and allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix B of the report.

- 2) That the Council make the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen set out in Paragraph 5 of the report and agrees the arrangements for appointing the Chairmen of the Committees set out in Paragraph 6 of the report until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022.
- 3) That the other representatives on the committees / sub-committees set out in Paragraph 7 of the report be agreed.
- 4) That the Leader of the Council be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees except Health Scrutiny Committee, Mental Health Guardianship Panel, Planning and Rights of Way Committee and Joint Committees.
- 5) That the appointment of members of the political Groups of the Council to committees, sub-committees, joint committees and boards be undertaken by the Team Manager, Democratic Services on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer) in order to give effect to the wishes of the political Groups of the Council.
- 6) That the Team Manager, Democratic Services be authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Executive (Proper Officer) to appoint people as co-optees to committees when required.
- 7) That the Council appoints Ian Bayne, Craig Cole and Rob White as the Council's Independent Persons until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022.

13a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

13b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Six questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning serving Nottinghamshire's residents (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Mike Pringle regarding engagement and consultation with residents (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 3) from Councillor Jim Creamer about Social Care funding reforms (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 4) from Councillor Penny Gowland concerning recycling arrangements (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

- 5) from Councillor Michelle Welsh regarding Family Hubs (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 6) from Councillor Anne Callaghan about SEND provision (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)

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

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Lee Waters:

“This Council welcomes comments made by the new Leader of The Council that the Government have “pulled the plug” on Unitary Authorities.

This Council further notes the fervent opposition from Borough and District Council leaders to creating a ‘Super Council’ or Unitary Authority that would be bigger than Luxembourg - centrally ran from West Bridgford.

This Council believes in localism and that decisions are best made as close to the communities they impact.

This Council welcomes election leaflets issued by the Conservative Party in the 2021 County Council elections asserting that there are no plans to scrap our Borough and District Councils.

During successive COVID lockdowns - the strength of partnership working between our Borough and District Councils, Nottinghamshire County Council and other key partners was a major and widely recognised success in our multi-agency response to COVID.

This council therefore commits to maintaining our current model of local government and that the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council will write to the Rt Hon. Robert Jenrick MP - the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government making clear that this Council has no intention of becoming a Unitary Authority as we now concentrate on leading the local recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.”

Following a number of speakers, a procedural motion that a vote be taken immediately was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Boyd Elliott, the Chairman having confirmed that there had been sufficient debate put the procedural motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared that it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED 2021/022

That a vote be immediately taken.

Following the mover of the motion summing up, the motion was put to the meeting. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 24 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	David Martin
Anne Callaghan	Andy Meakin
John Clarke	Michael Payne
Jim Creamer	Sheila Place
Sam Deakin	Mike Pringle
Sybil Fielding	Dave Shaw
Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
Glynn Gilfoyle	Lee Waters
Penny Gowland	Michelle Welsh
Errol Henry JP	Daniel Williamson
Paul Henshaw	John Wilmott
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny

The following 36 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Mike Introna
Mike Adams	Richard Jackson
Sinead Anderson	Roger Jackson
Callum Bailey	Eric Kerry
Matt Barney	Bruce Laughton
Chris Barnfather	Johnno Lee
Ben Bradley	Nigel Moxon
Richard Butler	John Ogle
André Camilleri	Francis Purdue-Horan
Scott Carlton	Mike Quigley MBE
Neil Clarke MBE	Mrs Sue Saddington
Robert Corden	Sam Smith
John Cottee	Tom Smith
Eddie Cubley	Tracey Taylor
Dr John Doddy	Nigel Turner
Bethan Eddy	Roger Upton
Boyd Elliott	Gordon Wheeler
Keith Girling	Jonathan Wheeler

The following 2 Members '**abstained**' from the vote:-

Councillor Steve Carr

Councillor Maureen Dobson

The Chairman declared the motion was lost.

Motion Two

An altered motion was moved by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith and seconded by Councillor Daniel Williamson in terms of the resolution 2021/023 below.

The Council adjourned from 3.06pm to 3.12pm to allow members to read the altered motion.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/023

Nottinghamshire County Council notes the ambition to end all single use plastic in Nottinghamshire, the UK and globally and the climate change commitments this authority has made.

Globally, we produce 150 million tons of plastic each year that is only used once for the likes of water bottles and food containers. Much of this plastic cannot be recycled and is not biodegradable. This is having a devastating impact on our oceans and marine life.

This Council therefore resolves:

To source locally, preferably within Nottinghamshire, food and drink and all hospitality and to reduce and ultimately cease procurement of non-recycled, single use plastic for food and drink containers in line with timescales set out in the Environment Strategy action plan.

To aim to recycle all water and drinks bottles used in the delivery of our services and promote a culture of using sustainable non-plastic materials wherever possible, continuing progress made across the Council in recent years to reduce reliance on single-use plastics.

To promote the use of sustainable water cooler supplies for staff and visitors in all Council County buildings and encourage businesses to become free water filling stations.

Motion Three

A motion was moved by Councillor Ben Bradley MP and seconded by Councillor Neil Clarke MBE in terms of the resolution 2021/024 below.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/024

In May 2019, a motion calling for Nottinghamshire County Council to set a carbon neutral target and implement an associated governance structure to closely monitor carbon emissions received unanimous support from Members of this Chamber.

In October 2020, the Council agreed to commit to carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030 or as soon as possible thereafter.

This Council now formally agrees to declare a Climate Emergency, and to delegate the new Transport & Environment Committee to take the lead in considering, agreeing, and overseeing appropriate measures to achieve this authority's commitment to achieve carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030.

All other committees of the Council will be expected to ensure that the decisions they take within their remit adhere to this principle, and the relevant actions agreed across all of these committees will be reported to Full Council on a regular basis so that every Member has an ongoing overview of the progress being made.

Motion Four

A motion was moved by Councillor Ben Bradley MP and seconded by Councillor Neil Clarke MBE in terms of the resolution 2021/025 below.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/025

This Council agrees to establish a cross-party Highways Review Panel, to be led by the Chairman of the Transport & Environment Committee, with a remit to examine the current methods and technologies used to repair and maintain roads across Nottinghamshire.

The Panel will consider whether additional or different approaches can be adopted to deliver maximum value from this Council's significant extra and ongoing investment in highways maintenance.

The Panel will report its recommendations as soon as possible to the Policy Committee for final consideration and decisions.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.22 pm.

CHAIRMAN

