



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 21st September 2017 (10.30 am – 4.32 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Handley (Chairman)
Mrs Sue Saddington (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	John Knight
	Pauline Allan	Bruce Laughton
	Chris Barnfather	John Longdon
	Joyce Bosnjak	Rachel Madden
	Ben Bradley	David Martin
	Nicki Brooks	Diana Meale
	Andrew Brown	John Ogle
	Richard Butler	Philip Owen
	Steve Carr	Michael Payne
	John Clarke	John Peck JP
	Neil Clarke MBE	Sheila Place
	John Cottee	Liz Plant
	Jim Creamer	Mike Pringle
A	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Francis Purdue-Horan
	Samantha Deakin	Mike Quigley MBE
	Maureen Dobson	Alan Rhodes
	Dr John Doddy	Kevin Rostance
	Boyd Elliott	Phil Rostance
	Sybil Fielding	Andy Sissons
	Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
	Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbirdis
	Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
	Kevin Greaves	Keith Walker
	Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
	Errol Henry JP	Muriel Weisz
	Paul Henshaw	Andy Wetton
	Tom Hollis	Gordon Wheeler
	Vaughan Hopewell	Jonathan Wheeler
	Richard Jackson	Yvonne Woodhead
	Roger Jackson	Martin Wright
	Eric Kerry	Jason Zadrozny

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Pearson	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Resources)
Barbara Brady	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Adrian Smith	(Place)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
Keith Ford	(Resources)
David Hennigan	(Resources)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Resources)
Nigel Stevenson	(Resources)
Michelle Welsh	(Resources)

OPENING PRAYER

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2017/032

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 13th July 2017 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from:-

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (other County Council Business)

Councillor John Cottee submitted his apologies as he needed to leave the meeting for a period of time to attend a funeral.

Apologies were submitted for Councillor John Clarke who would be arriving late (other reasons).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated the Chamber on the business he had carried out on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

5. 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 Bruce Laughton – regarding traffic issues within his divisions

Councillor Michael Payne – regarding the recent fire at the Rolleston Drive site

Councillor David Martin – regarding public transport infrastructure in Selston Parish

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding Superfast Broadband in Ashfield

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Phil Rostance requesting road resurfacing on Auckland Road, Hucknall
- (2) Councillor Maureen Dobson requesting a 30mph speed limit on Beckingham Road, Coddington
- (3) Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle requesting a residents' parking scheme on Lowtown View, Worksop
- (4) Councillor Mike Pringle regarding land ownership in Ollerton
- (5) Councillor Tracey Taylor regarding highways matters in Gringley
- (6) Councillor Jonathan Wheeler requesting a pedestrian crossing at Alford Road, West Bridgford
- (7) Councillor Stuart Wallace requesting a residents' parking scheme on the Ropewalk, Newark
- (8) Councillor Tony Harper regarding speeding vehicles on Mansfield Road, Eastwood

RESOLVED: 2017/033

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.

6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2017/034

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

7. LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – 2016/17

Councillor Bruce Laughton introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/035 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Sissons

RESOLVED: 2017/035

That the Local Code of Corporate Governance and the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 be approved.

8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/036 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Boyd Elliott.

RESOLVED: 2017/036

- 1) That the 2017 annual update of the Youth Justice Strategy 2015-18 be approved.
- 2) That a further report be brought back to the Committee for monitoring and evaluation of the Strategy.

Having previously submitted his apologies Councillor John Cottee left the meeting after the consideration of this item and returned later in the meeting.

9. QUESTIONS

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

One question had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding the consultation on changes to cover at Retford, Worksop and Ashfield (Councillor Michael Payne – Vice Chairman of the Fire Authority responded)

The full responses to this question is set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Seven questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor David Martin regarding the Nottinghamshire Parking Partnerships programme (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)
- 2) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding road safety in Columbia Street and Chesterfield Road (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)
- 3) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding road safety around Ashfield School (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)
- 4) from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak regarding the award of contracts for the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)
- 5) from Councillor Alan Rhodes regarding the MP for Mansfield (Councillor Reg Adair replied)
- 6) from Councillor David Martin regarding Medi Link bus fares (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)
- 7) from Councillor David Martin regarding funding to address potholes (Councillor Richard Jackson replied).

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

Council adjourned from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTIONS ONE, FOUR AND FIVE

With the agreement of the movers and seconders motions one, three and four were withdrawn and replaced with the following motion.

Councillor Richard Jackson moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/037 below. The motion was jointly seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes and Councillor Jason Zadrozny.

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

RESOLVED: 2017/037

Nottinghamshire County Council:-

- is disappointed by the Government's decision to cancel the electrification of the Midland Main Line (MML), less than two years after the frequently delayed scheme was given the go-ahead;
- believes that the Department for Transport is being short-sighted, as the proposed replacement bi-mode trains – designed to run on both existing lines and electric lines - represent a poor replacement and are not environmentally friendly;
- believes that the Government's decision to cancel electrification of the MML, whilst continuing to fund the £30 billion Cross Rail 2 project in London, is unfair to the East Midlands and will limit our ability to capitalise on the investment opportunities linked to HS2;
- agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Transport asking him to recognise the importance of electrification of the MML to the Nottinghamshire economy and reconsider this decision as a matter of urgency;
- agrees that the Council Leader, the Leader of the Labour Group and the Leader of the Ashfield Independent Group on the Council, together with Council Officers and other interested parties, should seek a meeting with the Secretary of State with the aim of delivering the electrification of the Midland Main Line.

MOTION TWO

An amended motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Samantha Deakin:-

“This Council notes that the Ashfield Local Plan Publication, including supporting evidence and consultation responses, was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government earlier this year. This includes significant house building plans for areas like Mowlands in Kirkby and Sutton Junction.

This Council notes that these plans are largely dependent on Nottinghamshire County Council making land available for the forward plan. Residents in the Ashfield District have had to put up with years of uncertainty because of the failure of the Council to implement a Local Plan. In 2014, the council voted to withdraw its local plan after a Government inspector said it was probably “unsound”.

We therefore call on Nottinghamshire County Council to ~~withdraw their land from the plan~~ **no longer allow its land to be available for development** in specific locations

where it will cause significant harm to the Ashfield district to be developed and where there are huge concerns from the public.

We believe that our Council should not profit from the misery of Ashfield residents and associated harm caused to Ashfield District. We call for no land to be made available for development in the Sutton Junction and Mowlands areas until concerns about infrastructure amongst others are addressed to the satisfaction of residents.”

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

MOTION THREE

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Tom Hollis and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith:-

“This Council notes that children's centres are vital for providing the best start for children, are hugely important to communities and support parents too.

This Council further notes that across Nottinghamshire, 58 Ofsted registered sure start children’s centres provide critical support for children, parents and the wider community. These Children’s Centres are a lifeline to struggling children and families from poorer backgrounds.

This Council would like to congratulate all 58 Ofsted registered sure start Children’s Centres in Nottinghamshire. We further acknowledge that they attract other crucial services into some of the poorest areas of the County. This includes pre-school facilities, Citizen’s Advice and counselling services.

This Council therefore resolves to keep every single Surestart Children’s Centre open and look at ways of providing additional services to safeguard their future.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Philip Owen and seconded by Councillor Tracey Taylor:-

“This Council notes that children's centres are vital for providing the best start for children, are hugely important to communities and support parents too.

This Council further notes that across Nottinghamshire, 58 Ofsted registered **Ssure Sstart** children’s centres provide critical support for children, parents and the wider community. These **cChildren’s cCentres** are a lifeline to struggling children and families from poorer backgrounds.

This Council would like to congratulate all 58 Ofsted registered **Ssure Sstart cChildren’s cCentres** in Nottinghamshire. We further acknowledge that they attract other crucial services into some of the poorest areas of the County. This includes pre-school facilities, Citizen’s Advice and counselling services.

This Council therefore resolves to ~~keep every single~~ **maintain equally effective** Sure ~~Start Children's Centre open~~ **provision across the county** and look at ways of providing additional services to ~~safeguard their future.~~"

Council adjourned from 2.52pm to 3.00pm to allow members to consider the amendment.

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

Following a debate the motion as amended 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 32 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	John Longdon
Chris Barnfather	John Ogle
Andrew Brown	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Francis Purdue-Horan
Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Quigley MBE
John Cottee	Kevin Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Phil Rostance
Boyd Elliott	Mrs Sue Saddington
Stephen Garner	Andy Sissons
Keith Girling	Tracey Taylor
John Handley	Steve Vickers
Tony Harper	Keith Walker
Vaughan Hopwell	Stuart Wallace
Richard Jackson	Gordon Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Eric Kerry	Martin Wright

The following 30 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Joyce Bosnjak	Rachel Madden
Nicki Brooks	David Martin
Steve Carr	Diana Meale
John Clarke	Michael Payne
Jim Creamer	John Peck JP
Samantha Deakin	Sheila Place
Sybil Fielding	Liz Plant
Kate Foale	Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle	Alan Rhodes
Kevin Greaves	Helen-Ann Smith
Errol Henry JP	Parry Tsimbiridis
Paul Henshaw	Muriel Weisz
Tom Hollis	Andy Wetton

Yvonne Woodhead

Jason Zadzonzy

The following Member '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Maureen Dobson

The Motion as amended 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 32 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	John Longdon
Chris Barnfather	John Ogle
Andrew Brown	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Francis Purdue-Horan
Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Quigley MBE
John Cottee	Kevin Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Phil Rostance
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Tony Harper	Keith Walker
Vaughan Hopwell	Stuart Wallace
Richard Jackson	Gordon Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Eric Kerry	Martin Wright

The following 31 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Rachel Madden
Joyce Bosnjak	David Martin
Nicki Brooks	Diana Meale
Steve Carr	Michael Payne
John Clarke	John Peck JP
Jim Creamer	Sheila Place
Samantha Deakin	Liz Plant
Maureen Dobson	Mike Pringle
Sybil Fielding	Alan Rhodes
Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Errol Henry JP	Andy Wetton
Paul Henshaw	Yvonne Woodhead
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadzonzy
John Knight	

There were no abstentions.

The Chairman declared the motion as amended was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2017/038

This Council notes that children's centres are vital for providing the best start for children, are hugely important to communities and support parents too.

This Council further notes that across Nottinghamshire, 58 Ofsted registered Sure Start children's centres provide critical support for children, parents and the wider community. These children's centres are a lifeline to struggling children and families from poorer backgrounds.

This Council would like to congratulate all 58 Ofsted registered Sure Start children's centres in Nottinghamshire. We further acknowledge that they attract other crucial services into some of the poorest areas of the County. This includes pre-school facilities, Citizen's Advice and counselling services.

This Council therefore resolves to maintain equally effective Sure Start provision across the county and look at ways of providing additional services.

MOTION SIX

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor John Peck JP and seconded by Councillor Mike Pringle:-

"The Department for Transport has launched a consultation regarding the East Midlands Franchise, and within that consultation it states the following:

"A proposal has been made by Nottinghamshire County Council to reopen a railway line from Shirebrook to Ollerton for use by passenger trains. This line is currently used only by freight traffic and as a test track and connects to the existing passenger railway between Nottingham and Worksop. Reopening the branch line to passenger traffic would require the renovation and reopening of two former railway stations, construction of a new station at Ollerton and reopening the relevant track for passenger use.

Do you support the proposal to reopen the line between Shirebrook and Ollerton to passenger trains? If so, what sources of investment could be identified to fund this proposal?"

We, therefore, call upon Nottinghamshire County Council:

- to formally support the proposal and actively promote the proposal to the residents of Nottinghamshire
- to provide a detailed response to the proposal including the economic benefits of reopening the line to passenger trains

- to have a continued commitment to the proposal and actively identify sources of investment and funding which would support the reopening of the line to passenger trains
- to formally ask the Government to financially support the reopening of the line between Shirebook and Ollerton to passenger trains.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Gordon Wheeler and seconded by Councillor Martin Wright:-

“The Department for Transport has launched a consultation regarding the East Midlands **Rail** Franchise, and within that consultation it states the following:

“A proposal has been made by Nottinghamshire County Council to reopen a railway line from Shirebrook to Ollerton for use by passenger trains. This line is currently used only by freight traffic and as a test track and connects to the existing passenger railway between Nottingham and Worksop. Reopening the branch line to passenger traffic would require the renovation and reopening of two former railway stations, construction of a new station at Ollerton and reopening the relevant track for passenger use.

Do you support the proposal to reopen the line between Shirebrook and Ollerton to passenger trains? If so, what sources of investment could be identified to fund this proposal?”

~~We, therefore, call upon~~ **With regard to the proposal to reopen the line between Shirebrook and Ollerton to passenger trains,** Nottinghamshire County Council **agrees:**

- to formally support ~~the proposal~~ and actively promote the proposal to the residents of Nottinghamshire;
- to provide a detailed response to the proposal **consultation, to be presented and discussed at the next meeting on Communities and Place Committee;** ~~including the economic benefits of reopening the line to passenger trains~~
- to have a continued commitment to the proposal and **formally ask the Government to financially support it, which would involve the Government taking the lead on the identification and pooling of funding resources for the remaining feasibility work, as well as the capital works and ongoing running costs.** ~~actively identify sources of investment and funding which would support the reopening of the line to passenger trains~~
- ~~to formally ask the Government to financially support the reopening of the line between Shirebrook and Ollerton to passenger trains.”~~

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

Councillor Garner moved a motion that the matter be put to a vote. The motion was seconded by Councillor Wright and accepted by the Chairman. After a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2017/039

That the matter be put to a vote.

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: 2017/040

"The Department for Transport has launched a consultation regarding the East Midlands Rail Franchise, and within that consultation it states the following:

"A proposal has been made by Nottinghamshire County Council to reopen a railway line from Shirebrook to Ollerton for use by passenger trains. This line is currently used only by freight traffic and as a test track and connects to the existing passenger railway between Nottingham and Worksop. Reopening the branch line to passenger traffic would require the renovation and reopening of two former railway stations, construction of a new station at Ollerton and reopening the relevant track for passenger use.

Do you support the proposal to reopen the line between Shirebrook and Ollerton to passenger trains? If so, what sources of investment could be identified to fund this proposal?"

With regard to the proposal to reopen the line between Shirebrook and Ollerton to passenger trains, Nottinghamshire County Council agrees:

- to formally support and actively promote the proposal to the residents of Nottinghamshire;
- to provide a response to the proposal consultation, to be presented and discussed at the next meeting on Communities and Place Committee;
- to have a continued commitment to the proposal and formally ask the Government to financially support it, which would involve the Government taking the lead on the identification and pooling of funding resources for the remaining feasibility work, as well as the capital works and ongoing running costs.

11. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.32 pm.

CHAIRMAN