



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 20 January 2022 (10.30 am – 5.23 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

Mike Quigley MBE (Chairman)
Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

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

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Michael Higginson	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)

Chief Officers observed the meeting from the viewing gallery

OPENING PRAYER

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

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Jackie Jenkin-Jones and County Councillor Maureen Dobson.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2022/001

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 November 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Pauline Allan (medical/illness)
- Councillor Anne Callaghan (medical/illness)
- Councillor Sam Deakin (medical/illness)
- Councillor Errol Henry (medical/illness)
- Councillor Stephen Garner (other council business)
- Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan (medical/illness)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman offered congratulations to all those residents of Nottinghamshire who had received nominations in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

The Chairman offered particular congratulations to Councillor John Clarke on being awarded an MBE for his services to local government in Nottinghamshire and also to Charlotte Henshaw, daughter of Councillor Paul Henshaw on her MBE for services to canoeing. Congratulations were also offered to Nottinghamshire's Chief Fire Officer John Buckley who had been awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal for distinguished service.

The following members offered their congratulations to Councillor John Clarke MBE, Charlotte Henshaw MBE and John Buckley:

Councillors Michael Payne, Kate Foale, Ben Bradley MP, Neil Clarke MBE, Chris Barnfather, and John Cottee.

Councillor John Clarke MBE and Councillor Paul Henshaw spoke in thanks.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Covid-19 Outstanding Response Award (Government Office Awards)

Councillor Boyd Elliott introduced the item which awarded the Nottinghamshire County Council Procurement Team with the COVID-19 Outstanding Response Award for their work on sourcing and providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillor Elliott was pleased to report that the team went above and beyond to secure items which were not widely available.

The Chairman received the award and presented it to Kaj Ghattaora, Dean Sutherland, James Silveston, Helen Lester, Andrea Bell, Lucy Fox, Lorraine Dennis, Stephanie Chadwick, Angela Howat and Geoff Hamilton who represented the various teams involved in the delivery of PPE during the pandemic.

County Councillor Maureen Dobson and Former County Councillor Jackie Jenkin-Jones

The Chairman spoke in memory of County Councillor Maureen Dobson and former County Councillor Jackie Jenkin-Jones.

Councillors Neil Clarke MBE, Bruce Laughton, Kate Foale, Jason Zadrozny, Keith Girling, John Lee, Roger Jackson, Sam Smith, Steve Carr, Sue Saddington, Chris Barnfather, Michael Payne Mike Pringle also spoke in memory of County Councillor Maureen Dobson and Former County Councillor Jackie Jenkin-Jones.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated members on the business he and the Vice-Chairman had carried out since the last meeting, including the Christmas tree lighting at County Hall, the Inspire Christmas concert at the Albert Hall and attending a fundraising event hosted by the High Sheriff of Nottingham.

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 Elizabeth Williamson regarding HGVs in Brinsley

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – regarding Covid-19 cases in Ashfields

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Sam Smith, regarding the national speed limit sign outside No7 Barnby Crossing Cottages
- (2) Councillor Richard Butler, request for a review and reduction of speed limit in Tollerton village
- (3) Councillor Boyd Elliott, request to address traffic issues on Lingwood Lane, Woodborough
- (4) Councillor Penny Gowland, regarding the gates to the highway at Nottingham Forest's City Ground Stadium
- (5) Councillor Jim Creamer, request for a pedestrian crossing at Westdale Lane
- (6) Councillor John Cottee, request for crossing improvements on Nottingham Road outside Keyworth Primary and Nursery School, Keyworth

RESOLVED: 2022/002

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: 2022/003

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

7. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/004 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Bradley MP.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/004

That the Council confirmed the revised allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A of the report.

8a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

8b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Thirteen questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Jim Creamer about actions to mitigate the anticipated cost of living crisis (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Andre Camilleri concerning parking arrangements at new schools (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 3) from Councillor David Martin regarding removal of free lateral flow tests (Councillor Boyd Elliott replied)
- 4) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about the BBC licence fee (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 5) from Councillor Lee Waters about highways works and the implementation of the Highways Review (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

- 6) from Councillor Michelle Welsh about the impact of Covid-19 on Nottinghamshire's children and young people (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)

The Council adjourned from 1.05pm to 2pm for lunch.

- 7) from Councillor Tom Hollis about the cost of delays to the fairer funding review (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 8) from Councillor Bethan Eddy regarding the Council's workforce resilience (Councillor Boyd Elliott replied)
- 9) from Councillor Steve Carr about recycling centres (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

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

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following questions were asked. A written response to the questions would be provided to the Councillors who asked the questions within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 10) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith regarding staff recruitment (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 11) Councillor Paul Henshaw concerning recruitment and retention of staff in the Adult Social Care sector (Councillor Boyd Elliott to reply)
- 12) Councillor Kate Foale about resources to tackle climate change (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 13) Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning impact of alleged parties at 10 Downing Street (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One – from 25 November 2021 meeting

A motion was moved by Councillor Penny Gowland and seconded by Councillor Neil Clarke MBE in terms of resolution 2022/005 below.

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Tom Hollis and seconded by Councillor David Martin:-

“This Council recognises the evidence base that exists demonstrating the significant health and safety benefits to the public from a reduction in vehicle speed to 20MPH.

This Council resolves therefore to task the Transport and Environment Committee with exploring the feasibility of implementing a 20MPH speed limit on residential roads and any other new measures that could help improve road safety in all its residential conurbations.

This Council acknowledges that enforcement of speed restrictions is poor across Nottinghamshire.

This Council notes that policing is stretched in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire with 136 less police officers than in 2010.

We therefore call for a letter to be sent to Chief Constable Craig Guildford requesting that more resources be allocated to enforcing traffic restrictions across Nottinghamshire – a move this Council believes will save lives.”

The Council adjourned from 2.27pm to 2.39pm to allow the amendment to be considered. 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 lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 11 members voted ‘**For**’ the amendment:-

Tom Hollis
David Martin
Andy Meakin
Helen-Ann Smith
Lee Waters

Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

The following 47 members voted ‘**Against**’ the amendment:

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Calum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Richard Butler
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Eddie Cubley
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy

Boyd Elliott
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle
Keith Girling
Penny Gowland
Paul Henshaw
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
John ‘Maggie’ McGrath
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen

Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith

Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Michelle Welsh
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment was lost.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/005

This Council recognises the evidence base that exists demonstrating the significant health and safety benefits to the public from a reduction in vehicle speed to 20MPH.

This Council resolves therefore to task the Transport and Environment Committee with exploring the feasibility of implementing a 20MPH speed limit on residential roads and any other new measures that could help improve road safety in all its residential conurbations.

Motion Two – from 25 November 2021 meeting

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Dr John Doddy and Councillor Bruce Laughton.

“This Council recognises the immediacy of the challenge of poor nutrition and the need to encourage healthy eating in Nottinghamshire and beyond. Without radical change, we risk failing to achieve our statutory goals of improving the health & wellbeing of our residents, supporting the NHS, and tackling longstanding inequalities in our communities.

This Council therefore wishes to see nutrition developed as a key part of our 2022-2026 Health & Wellbeing Strategy, and asks Health & Wellbeing Board to consider in detail with partners how best to include this element appropriately, including plans for how officers can actively engage with residents on this key issue.

This Council will further set out to make Nottinghamshire a "Healthy Food Sustainable Shire" and ensure that these principles are considered and reflected appropriately in the development of the forthcoming Council Plan, overseen by the Deputy Leader, with actions arising from it to ensure that our communities are empowered to make positive choices about their nutrition and health.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Michael Payne and seconded by Councillor Michelle Welsh:-

“This Council recognises the immediacy of the challenge of poor nutrition, **food poverty** and the need to encourage healthy eating in Nottinghamshire and beyond. Without radical change, we risk failing to achieve our statutory goals of improving the health & wellbeing of our residents, supporting the NHS, and tackling longstanding inequalities in our communities.

This Council therefore wishes to see nutrition **and tackling food poverty** developed as a key part of our 2022-2026 Health & Wellbeing Strategy, and asks Health & Wellbeing Board to consider in detail with partners how best to include this element appropriately, including plans for how officers can actively engage with residents on this key issue.

This Council will further set out to make Nottinghamshire a "Healthy Food Sustainable Shire", **as well as appointing a food justice champion, who will lead on tackling food poverty locally and set up a food partnership to bring together partners to develop a food action plan to address the causes of food poverty** and ensure that these principles are considered and reflected appropriately in the development of the forthcoming Council Plan, overseen by the Deputy Leader, with actions arising from it to ensure that our communities are empowered to make positive choices about their nutrition and health.

Additionally, this Council agrees to use all available resources to support an increase in the take-up of Health Start vouchers in Nottinghamshire, from the current figure of 62% to at least 85%.”

The Council adjourned from 4.31pm to 4.45pm to allow the amendment to be considered.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion with an alteration in paragraph three, that a “healthy food champion” would be appointed rather than a “food justice champion”. The motion was also altered so that it was jointly moved by Councillors Dr John Doddy and Michael Payne, and jointly seconded by Councillors Bruce Laughton and Michelle Welsh.

Therefore, the motion was altered.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/006

This Council recognises the immediacy of the challenge of poor nutrition, food poverty and the need to encourage healthy eating in Nottinghamshire and beyond. Without radical change, we risk failing to achieve our statutory goals of improving the health & wellbeing of our residents, supporting the NHS, and tackling longstanding inequalities in our communities.

This Council therefore wishes to see nutrition and tackling food poverty developed as a key part of our 2022-2026 Health & Wellbeing Strategy, and asks Health & Wellbeing Board to consider in detail with partners how best to include this element appropriately, including plans for how officers can actively engage with residents on this key issue.

This Council will further set out to make Nottinghamshire a "Healthy Food Sustainable Shire", as well as appointing a healthy food champion, who will lead on tackling food poverty locally and set up a food partnership to bring together partners to develop a food action plan to address the causes of food poverty and ensure that these principles are considered and reflected appropriately in the development of the forthcoming Council Plan, overseen by the Deputy Leader, with actions arising from it to ensure that our communities are empowered to make positive choices about their nutrition and health.

Additionally, this Council agrees to use all available resources to support an increase in the take-up of Health Start vouchers in Nottinghamshire, from the current figure of 62% to at least 85%.

As there would not be enough time to conclude any further business before the time limit of 5.30pm was reached, all remaining business would be carried over to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

CHAIRMAN