

Nottinghamshire

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date

Thursday, 15th September 2016 (10.30 am – 4.53 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Yvonne Woodhead (Chairman) Mike Pringle (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair **Pauline Allan** Roy Allan John Allin Chris Barnfather Alan Bell Joyce Bosnjak Nicki Brooks Andrew Brown **Richard Butler** Steve Calvert А Ian Campbell Steve Carr Steve Carroll John Clarke John Cottee Jim Creamer А Mrs Kay Cutts MBE Maureen Dobson Dr John Doddy **Boyd Elliott** Sybil Fielding Kate Foale Stephen Garner **Glynn Gilfoyle Kevin Greaves** Alice Grice John Handley **Colleen Harwood** Stan Heptinstall MBE Tom Hollis **Richard Jackson** Roger Jackson

David Kirkham John Knight **Darren Langton Bruce Laughton** Keith Longdon **Rachel Madden David Martin Diana Meale** John Ogle Philip Owen **Michael Payne** John Peck JP Sheila Place Liz Plant Darrell Pulk Francis Purdue-Horan Alan Rhodes Ken Rigby **Tony Roberts MBE** Mrs Sue Saddington Andy Sissons Pam Skelding Parry Tsimbiridis Keith Walker Stuart Wallace **Muriel Weisz** Gordon Wheeler John Wilkinson Jacky Williams John Wilmott Liz Yates Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

| Anthony May | (Chief Executive) |
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| Jayne Francis-Ward | (Resources) |
| David Pearson | (Adult Social Care & Health) |
| Colin Pettigrew | (Children, Families and Cultural Service) |
| Jas Hundal | (Place) |
| Barbara Brady | (Public Health) |
| Sara Allmond | (Resources) |
| Carl Bilbey | (Resources) |
| Martin Done | (Resources) |
| Catherine Munro | (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: 2016/036

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 4th July 2016 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Ian Campbell (other reasons) Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (other reasons)

An apology for absence was also received from Councillor John Cottee (other County Council Business) who would be arriving late.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

BINGHAM BY-ELECTION RESULT

RESOLVED: 2015/037

That the outcome of the by-election held in the Bingham Division be noted.

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 John Wilmott – concerns raised with him by residents of Hucknall

Councillor Maureen Dobson – lack of reliable broadband and landline provision in parts of Collingham

Councillor Philip Owen – property maintenance in his division

Councillor Roger Jackson – public transport in rural villages within his division

Councillor Stuart Wallace - illegal tipping of waste on Bowbridge Road, Newark

Councillor Sue Saddington – changes to bus services in her division

Councillor John Wilkinson – Hucknall Town Centre improvements

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Tom Hollis regarding winter provision for the Whitegates Way estate and Sudbury Drive
- (2) Councillor Jacky Williams regarding traffic management on Brookhill Street, Stapleford
- (3) Councillor Joyce Bosnjak regarding maintenance of the Millennium Green, Mansfield Woodhouse
- (4) Councillor Gordon Wheeler regarding parking issues and poor conditions of the roads following the opening of the Grand Care Home, West Bridgford

- (5) Councillor Tony Roberts MBE request for road resurfacing from residents of Woodlands Close, Newark
- (6) Councillor Boyd Elliott regarding resurfacing a road in Woodborough
- (7) Councillor Reg Adair from residents objecting to the planning application for a materials recycling facility at Bunny
- (8) Councillor Andrew Brown regarding traffic issues in Stanford-on-Soar
- (9) Councillor John Wilmott requesting the resurfacing of Green Close, Hucknall
- (10) Councillor Kevin Greaves regarding a request for a permit parking area on Canal Road, Worksop
- (11) Councillor David Kirkham requesting a review of the traffic calming measures in place through the Carsic estate
- (12) Councillor Keith Longdon requesting the relocation of a bus stop on Newthorpe Common

RESOLVED: 2016/038

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.

Having previously submitted his apologies Councillor John Cottee arrived at the meeting at 11.09am during consideration of this item.

<u>6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE</u> <u>COUNTY COUNCIL</u>

RESOLVED: 2016/039

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

7. CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES

The report provided Members with the opportunity to raise matters of clarification in the minutes of committee meetings published since the last meeting.

8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY ANNUAL UPDATE

Councillor John Peck JP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/040 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Liz Plant.

RESOLVED: 2016/040

That the annual update of the Youth Justice Strategy 2015-18 be approved

9. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16

Councillor David Kirkham introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/041 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Darren Langton.

RESOLVED: 2016/041

- 1) That the contents of the Annual Governance Report be noted.
- 2) That the letter of representation be approved
- 3) That the Statement of Accounts 2015/16 be approved.

10. QUESTIONS

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

One question had been received as follows:-

1) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding any potential takeover of the Fire Authority by the Police and Crime Commissioner (Councillor Darrell Pulk replied)

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

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Six questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Roger Jackson regarding Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (Councillor Diana Meale replied)
- 2) from Councillor Richard Jackson about cyclist safety on tram tracks (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 3) from Councillor John Wilmott regarding hospital discharges (Councillor Muriel Weisz replied)

- 4) from Councillor Stuart Wallace concerning sewage works in Newark (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 5) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding the school admissions policy (Councillor John Peck JP replied)

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

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

6) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about joint strategic planning with Nottingham City Council (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)

Council adjourned from 12.49pm to 1.54pm.

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

Councillor Alice Grice introduced and moved the motion in terms of resolution 2016/42 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak.

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 45 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

| Pauline Allan | Glynn Gilfoyle |
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| Roy Allan | Kevin Greaves |
| John Allin | Alice Grice |
| Alan Bell | Colleen Harwood |
| Joyce Bosnjak | Stan Heptinstall MBE |
| Nicki Brooks | Tom Hollis |
| Steve Calvert | David Kirkham |
| Steve Carr | John Knight |
| Steve Carroll | Darren Langton |
| John Clarke | Keith Longdon |
| Jim Creamer | Rachel Madden |
| Maureen Dobson | David Martin |
| Sybil Fielding | Diana Meale |
| Kate Foale | Michael Payne |
| Stephen Garner | John Peck JP |

Sheila Place Liz Plant Mike Pringle Darrell Pulk Alan Rhodes Ken Rigby Andy Sissons Pam Skelding

Parry Tsimbiridis Muriel Weisz John Wilkinson Jacky Williams John Wilmott Yvonne Woodhead Jason Zadrozny

No members voted 'Against' the motion.

The following 20 members 'Abstained' from the vote:-

Reg Adair Chris Barnfather Andrew Brown Richard Butler John Cottee Dr John Doddy Boyd Elliott John Handley Richard Jackson Roger Jackson Bruce Laughton John Ogle Philip Owen Francis Purdue-Horan Tony Roberts MBE Sue Saddington Keith Walker Stuart Wallace Gordon Wheeler Liz Yates

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

RESOLVED: 2016/042

Nottinghamshire County Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women, including many in Nottinghamshire, had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years' notice of a six year increase to their State Pension Age.

Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60.

It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in

the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

Nottinghamshire County Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

Motion Two

Councillor Kate Foale introduced and moved the motion in terms of resolution 2016/43 below.

Councillor Ken Rigby seconded the motion.

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 37 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

| Pauline Allan Roy Allan John Allin Alan Bell Joyce Bosnjak Nicki Brooks Steve Calvert Steve Carr Steve Carr Steve Carroll John Clarke Jim Creamer Sybil Fielding Kate Foale Glynn Gilfoyle Kevin Greaves Alice Grice Colleen Harwood Stan Heptinstall MBE | John Knight Darren Langton Keith Longdon Diana Meale Michael Payne John Peck JP Sheila Place Liz Plant Mike Pringle Darrell Pulk Alan Rhodes Ken Rigby Pam Skelding Parry Tsimbiridis Muriel Weisz John Wilkinson Jacky Williams Yyonne Woodhead |
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| Stan Heptinstall MBE | Yvonne Woodhead |
| David Kirkham | |

The following 26 members voted 'Against' the motion:-

| Reg Adair | Dr John Doddy |
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| Chris Barnfather | Boyd Elliott |
| Andrew Brown | Stephen Garner |
| Richard Butler | John Handley |
| John Cottee | Tom Hollis |

| Richard Jackson | Tony Roberts MB |
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| Roger Jackson | Sue Saddington |
| Bruce Laughton | Andy Sissons |
| Rachel Madden | Keith Walker |
| David Martin | Stuart Wallace |
| John Ogle | Gordon Wheeler |
| Philip Owen | Liz Yates |
| Francis Purdue-Horan | Jason Zadrozny |

The following 2 members 'Abstained' from the vote:-

Maureen Dobson John Wilmott

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

RESOLVED: 2016/043

Nottinghamshire County Council is against the introduction of Grammar Schools as it would entrench privilege and there is no evidence that they increase social mobility.

MBE

The introduction of Grammar Schools would introduce divisive selection. We need an inclusive, strategically planned school system that enables every child to thrive, learn and prosper.

Nottinghamshire County Council needs to be able to play a full part in providing good schools where and when they are needed in Nottinghamshire.

This Council will write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister urging them not to introduce Grammar Schools in Nottinghamshire.

12. **ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.53 pm.

CHAIRMAN