



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 19 December 2019 (10.30 am – 4.07 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Kevin Rostance (Chairman)
Stuart Wallace (Vice-Chairman)

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

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Anthony May | (Chief Executive) |
| Melanie Brooks | (Adult Social Care and Health) |
| Jonathan Gribbin | (Adult Social Care and Health) |
| Sara Allmond | (Chief Executives) |
| Luke Barratt | (Chief Executives) |
| Carl Bilbey | (Chief Executives) |
| Angie Dilley | (Chief Executives) |
| David Hennigan | (Chief Executives) |
| Noel McMenamin | (Chief Executives) |
| Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska | (Chief Executives) |
| Marjorie Toward | (Chief Executives) |
| Nigel Stevenson | (Chief Executives) |
| James Silverward | (Chief Executives) |
| Colin Pettigrew | (Children and Families) |
| Adrian Smith | (Place) |

OPENING PRAYER

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2019/037

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 10 October 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were submitted: -

- Councillor Pauline Allan – medical / illness
- Councillor Ben Bradley – other reasons
- Councillor Tom Hollis – medical / illness
- Councillor Andy Wetton – other reasons

Councillors Steve Carr, Stephen Garner and Parry Tsimbiridis submitted apologies that they would be arriving late to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

The Touchstone Award – British Hallmarking Council

Councillor John Cottee introduced the award which recognised the exceptional achievement in the field of ensuring fair play in the jewellery and precious stones market by the Trading Standards Team. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cottee and presented it to Mark Hallam, Trading Standards Officer and Sarah Houlton, Team Manager, Community Safety.

National Association of Care Catering Meals on Wheels Award – County Enterprise Foods

Councillor Tony Harper introduced the award which County Enterprise Foods had been named the winners of, recognising the quality of the food provided and the additional services such as the safe and well checks and scam awareness provided by the team. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Harper and presented it to Jane Parke – Team Manager, Samantha Williams – Team Leader and Kathy Fines- Driver.

Sandford Award for Heritage Tourism

Councillor John Cottee introduced the award which recognised excellence at heritage sites and museums that deliver engaging, informative and inspiring informal learning activities. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cottee and presented it to Laura Simpson, Senior Practitioner for Heritage and Tourism.

Artsmark Service Award – Clayfields House

Councillor Tracey Taylor introduced the award which was accredited to Clayfields House for the third time by Arts Council England. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Taylor and presented it to Linda Wright – Head of Education, Wenna Stockdale – Arts Award Tutor and Rebecca Shenton-McQueen – Subject Leader and Teacher of Arts at Clayfields House.

Finalists at the Great British Care Awards

Councillor Tony Harper introduced the awards which were presented to those who were recognised at this year's Great British Care Awards for the East Midlands. Claire Poole was short listed for the Care Innovator Award, and the Short-Term Assessment and Reablement Service were shortlisted for the Home Care Team Award. The Chairman received the awards from Councillor

Harper and presented them to Adele Drohan and Dorothy Lees from the Optimum Workforce Leadership team who attended on behalf of Claire Poole, and Vera Ragsdale and Darren Marshall from the Ashfield and Mansfield START team and Kirstie Thompson from the Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe START Team.

Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis arrived at the meeting during this item.

Photobook on the Great War Memorial

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the photobook which provided details of the construction of the Great War Memorial. The Chairman accepted the photobook on behalf of the Council.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman provided an update on recent flooding in Nottinghamshire and the action being taken to support those affected. The Chairman also thanked and paid tribute to everyone who had a part in responding to the flooding.

The Chairman updated the Chamber on the business he had carried out on behalf of the Council since the last meeting, including the awards he had given out to those who had carried out good works in their communities; that £1,978 had been raised through the sale of his Christmas prize draw tickets and the visits he had undertaken to the Council offices.

Members were advised that during lunch a Christmas song would be played which had been produced by the children of Springbank School in Eastwood to raise funds for Eastwood Memory Café.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

None

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Sue Saddington regarding a highways issue in Elston
- (2) Councillor Tony Harper regarding concerns about the lack of a regular bus service in Eastwood
- (3) Councillor Jonathan Wheeler requesting a pedestrian crossing outside Jesse Gray School
- (4) Councillor Helen-Ann Smith regarding bus services throughout Sutton North

- (5) Councillor Boyd Elliott requesting urgent road safety and speed calming measures on the lower part of Spring Lane and into the School Safety Zone where it meets Main Street and Catfoot Lane, Lambley
- (6) Councillor Bruce Laughton requesting speed restrictions on the A616 in the vicinity of Little Carlton village
- (7) Councillor Muriel Weisz requesting a proper crossing for Thackeray's Lane / Arno Vale Road, Woodthorpe
- (8) Councillor Maureen Dobson requesting a residents parking scheme for Currie Road, Newark
- (9) Councillor Stuart Wallace requesting an assessment of parking and speed issues on Harcourt Street, Newark

RESOLVED: 2019/038

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.

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

RESOLVED: 2019/039

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

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2019/20

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2019/040 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Ogle.

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

RESOLVED: 2019/040

That the actions taken by the Section 151 Officer to date as set out in the report be approved.

8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES

Councillor Bruce Laughton introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2019/041 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Sissons.

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

RESOLVED: 2019/041

- 1) That the draft revised Procedure Rules for meetings of Full Council and draft revised Procedure Rules for Committee and Sub-Committee meetings as set out in **Appendices A and B** for implementation from 1 January 2020 be approved and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- 2) That the authority be delegated to the Council's Monitoring Officer to make any necessary consequential amendments to the Constitution.

Councillor Steve Carr arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.

9a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

9b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Seven questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Alan Rhodes concerning Holocaust Memorial Day (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 2) from Councillor Muriel Weisz concerning minimum guaranteed income for adults with complex needs (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Samantha Deakin regarding flooding in Ashfield (Councillor Phil Rostance replied on behalf of Councillor John Cottee)
- 4) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding funding for Attenborough Nature Reserve (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)

Questions 5 and 6 were taking together

- 5) from Councillor Kevin Greaves concerning potholes (Councillor John Cottee replied)

- 6) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding potholes (Councillor John Cottee replied)

Having received the answer to his question, Councillor Jason Zadrozny moved that there be a debate on his question. This was seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith. Questions 5 and 5 were therefore adjourned until Item 11 – Adjournment Debate.

Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis left the Chamber at 11.53am and returned at 12.27pm during consideration of this item.

Council adjourned for lunch from 12.30pm to 1.33pm.

- 7) from Councillor Muriel Weisz about residential care and housing with care provision (Councillors Tony Harper replied)

Councillor Stephen Garner arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE and seconded by Councillor Steve Vickers:

“This Council believes that a disability or health condition should not dictate the path a person is able to take in life and especially in the workplace. There is overwhelming evidence that good quality employment is essential for a person’s health and wellbeing, providing them not only with an income but also with status, purpose and positive relationships with others.

We recognise, however, that for some people with a disability or health condition there are still barriers inside and outside the workplace that can make it difficult to gain or retain employment. We know that there are people within this County experiencing worklessness because of mental health problems and long-term conditions, and that this is a particular difficulty for those in some of our more deprived areas, and vulnerable groups such as care leavers.

In 2016 the Government published and consulted upon its ‘Work, Health and Disability’ green paper. It then responded to the outcomes of that consultation in 2017 by publishing an updated paper, ‘Improving Lives: the Future of Work, Health and Disability’, with a stated aim to *‘transform employment prospects for disabled people and those with long term health conditions over the next 10 years’*.

The focus on Brexit over the past two years slowed progress on this and other domestic policy matters, but in June 2019 new measures were announced to tackle the barriers faced by disabled people.

In light of these developments this Council will consider what more it can do to transform employment prospects for people with disabilities and health conditions in Nottinghamshire. We recognise the good work already being carried out by officers, for example in our i-Work team, to open pathways for people to obtain quality, rewarding, lasting employment.

We commit to investigate what further proactive, cost-effective measures can be taken across all areas of our work to encourage a local mind-set focused on what people can do, rather than what they cannot. This will be a wide-ranging, ongoing project anchored with the Policy Committee but will also see our individual service committees apply this principle in the areas of work most relevant to their remit.”

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Muriel Weisz and seconded by Councillor Paul Henshaw:

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As a Council, we will set a positive example by increasing provision of employment opportunities for individuals with a disability or long term health condition through internal offerings, in addition to supporting businesses across the County to do the same.

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Council adjourned from 2.04pm to 2.14pm to enable consideration of the amendment.

Councillor Keith Girling left the meeting during the adjournment and did not return. Councillor Sheila Place left the meeting at 2.28pm during consideration of this item.

The amendment was 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 and it was: -

RESOLVED: 2019/042

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Motion Two

A Motion was moved by Councillor Neil Clarke MBE and seconded by Councillor Philip Owen in terms of resolution 2019/043 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: 2019/043

This Council shares the public's concern about the negative health and environmental impact of drivers leaving their engines idling when they have stopped or parked on our highways for an extended period of time. This is particularly unacceptable when it happens outside schools, subjecting children to an increased risk of breathing in toxic fumes that can cause short-term respiratory problems and longer-term damage to health.

We recognise that discussions are ongoing at national government level about strengthening current laws and penalties to tackle engine idling, and we are determined to do what we can within this Council's remit to reduce this threat, especially to the health of our young people.

This Council therefore requests the Children and Young People's Committee to oversee the design and implementation of a '*No Idling Schools Toolkit*' pilot scheme. We will initially seek to recruit a small group of Nottinghamshire schools willing to test this toolkit with parents and children and feed back to us on the results. The Council would provide the necessary support to promote the pilot and measure its success. The outcomes will be reported to Policy Committee, which will then determine whether this toolkit should be offered to other schools across the county.

This Council also requests the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to investigate the issue of engine idling and recommend to Policy Committee what, if any, other practical and cost-effective measures could be taken to reduce such incidents.

Councillor Sheila Place returned to the meeting at 3.08pm during consideration of this item. Councillor Steve Carr left the meeting at 3.30pm and did not return.

11. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Arising from the response to the questions to Councillor John Cottee regarding potholes, the motion set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith: -

“That the Council does now stand adjourned for a token period.”

The motion having been duly seconded was debated.

In accordance with the Council’s Constitution, no vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.07 pm.

CHAIRMAN

