



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 15 October 2020 (10.30 am – 5.29 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Stuart Wallace (Chairman)
Andy Sissons (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair
Pauline Allan
Chris Barnfather
Joyce Bosnjak
Ben Bradley
Nicki Brooks
Andrew Brown
Richard Butler
Steve Carr
John Clarke
Neil Clarke MBE
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Samantha Deakin
Maureen Dobson
Dr John Doddy
Boyd Elliott
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle
Keith Girling
Kevin Greaves
John Handley
Tony Harper
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Vaughan Hopewell
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson

Eric Kerry
John Knight
Bruce Laughton
John Longdon
Rachel Madden
David Martin
Diana Meale
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
John Peck JP
Sheila Place
Liz Plant
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Alan Rhodes
Kevin Rostance
Phil Rostance
Mrs Sue Saddington
Helen-Ann Smith
Tracey Taylor
Parry Tsimbirdis
Steve Vickers
Keith Walker
Muriel Weisz
Andy Wetton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
Yvonne Woodhead
Martin Wright
Jason Zadrozny

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

Plus, additional officers were present to provide technical support to Members.

OPENING PRAYER AND MINUTE SILCENE

Upon the Council convening, prayers and a minute silence in memory of former County Councillor Vicki Smailes were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2020/014

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the County Council held on 23 July 2020 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR VICKI SMAILES

Councillors Alan Rhodes, Mrs Kay Cutts, Glynn Gilfoyle, Parry Tsimbiridis and Joyce Bosnjak spoke in memory of former County Councillor Vicki Smailes.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

The Chairman announced the following award:

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Volunteering Certificate 2020. This recognised the 2,964 hours of voluntary service participants had achieved throughout their volunteering section of the award between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020 which had a calculated social value of £12,893 back into Nottinghamshire.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated members on the business he had carried out since the last meeting including attending the VJ Day commemorations and opening the refurbished Retford Library. The restrictions due to Coronavirus meant that many events and activities had been cancelled including the fundraising events for the Chairman's charity My Sight Nottinghamshire. The Chairman asked members to remember that many charities including My Sight Nottinghamshire were struggling to raise funds as fundraising activities were curtailed or cancelled.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

None

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Tony Harper requesting road safety improvements at the junction of Main Street and Chewton Street, Eastwood
- (2) Councillor Jonathan Wheeler requesting a crossing along Beckside, Gamston
- (3) Councillor Dr John Doddy requesting a residents parking scheme on Eaton Road, Stapleford
- (4) Councillor Dr John Doddy requesting changes to the current residents parking scheme on Horace Avenue, Stapleford
- (5) Councillor Samantha Deakin requesting a residents parking scheme on Park Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
- (6) Councillor Neil Clarke MBE requesting traffic calming measures on and around Carnarvon Place, Bingham
- (7) Councillor Michael Payne objecting to outline proposals for an access road to the proposed Redhill park and ride site
- (8) Councillor Michael Payne regarding road safety from Killisick Junior School
- (9) Councillor Yvonne Woodhead requesting a change to the speed limit on Warsop Lane, Blidworth / Rainworth

RESOLVED: 2020/015

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: 2020/016

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

7. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY 2020-23

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2020/017 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sue Saddington.

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

RESOLVED: 2020/017

That the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategy 2020-23, set out in appendix 1 of the report be approved.

8. GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

Councillor Andy Sissons introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2020/018 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Phil Rostance.

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

RESOLVED: 2020/018

That the achievements of the Governance and Ethics Committee be recognised and its intended areas of focus for the coming year be endorsed.

Councillor Bruce Laughton left the meeting for a short period during consideration of this item.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Richard Butler introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2020/019 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE.

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor David Martin and seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes:-

- 1) To appoint Councillor ~~Kevin Rostance~~ **Joyce Bosnjak** as the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board until the annual meeting in 2021.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Andy Sissons as the Vice-Chairman of Governance and Ethics Committee until the annual meeting in 2021.

Councillor Bruce Laughton returned to the meeting during consideration of this item.

The meeting adjourned from 12.01pm – 12.15pm to enable the amendment to be validated and members to consider the proposed amendment.

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

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and following the vote the Chairman declared it was lost.

An amendment to the Motion set out below was moved by Councillor Alan Rhodes and seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks:-

- 1) To appoint Councillor Kevin Rostance as the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board until the annual meeting in 2021.
- 2) To appoint Councillor ~~Andy Sissons~~ **Kate Foale** as the Vice-Chairman of Governance and Ethics Committee until the annual meeting in 2021.

The meeting adjourned from 12.41pm – 1.14pm to enable members to consider the proposed amendment and for lunch.

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

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and following the vote the Chairman declared it was lost.

Following a debate on the original motion, it was put to the meeting. The requisite number of members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 34 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley
Andrew Brown

Richard Butler
Neil Clarke MBE
John Cottee
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

Dr John Doddy
Boyd Elliott
Stephen Garner
Keith Girling
John Handley
Tony Harper
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
John Knight
Bruce Laughton
John Longdon
John Ogle

Philip Owen
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Kevin Rostance
Phil Rostance
Mrs Sue Saddington
Andy Sissons
Tracey Taylor
Steve Vickers
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following 29 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan
Joyce Bosnjak
Nicki Brooks
Steve Carr
John Clarke
Jim Creamer
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle
Kevin Greaves
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden

David Martin
Diana Meale
Michael Payne
John Peck JP
Sheila Place
Liz Plant
Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Helen-Ann Smith
Parry Tsimbirdis
Muriel Weisz
Andy Wetton
Yvonne Woodhead
Jason Zadrozny

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

Vaughan Hopewell

Martin Wright

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

RESOLVED: 2020/018

- 1) To appoint Councillor Kevin Rostance as the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board until the annual meeting in 2021.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Andy Sissons as the Vice-Chairman of Governance and Ethics Committee until the annual meeting in 2021.

During this item Councillor David Martin issued a formal apology for any offence caused by inappropriate comments made during the Full Council meeting on 11th June. He confirmed he accepted the recommendations of the independent

investigation, that his comment contravened paragraph h of Councils code of conduct and confirmed that he had signed up for the unconscious bias training.

10a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

10b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Twenty two questions had been received as follows: -

Questions 1, 2 and 3 were taking together

- 1) from Councillor Eric Kerry regarding local government reorganisation (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 2) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding local government reorganisation (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding local government reorganisation (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 4) from Councillor Tom Hollis about poor standard of road repairs (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 5) from Councillor Mike Pringle about protecting services with the challenging budget situation (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 6) from Councillor Kevin Rostance regarding update on public engagement relating to local government reorganisation (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)

Questions 7 and 8 were taken together

- 7) from Councillor Muriel Weisz concerning the lack of government reform into Adult Social Care (Councillor Tony Harper replied)
- 8) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning the lack of government reform into Adult Social Care (Councillor Tony Harper replied)
- 9) from Councillor Liz Plant regarding profits made by independent foster care organisations (Councillor Philip Owen 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 concerning unconscious bias training (Councillor Bruce Laughton to reply)
- 11) from Councillor John Peck about schools affected by Coronavirus (Councillor Philip Owen to reply)
- 12) from Councillor Samantha Deakin concerning impact of COVID-19 on children's education (Councillor Philip Owen to reply)
- 13) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding painting of Trent Bridge (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 14) from Councillor David Martin concerning Adult Social Care budget (Councillor Tony Harper to reply)
- 15) from Councillor Rachel Madden about HS2 (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE to reply)
- 16) from Councillor Rachel Madden regarding government funding for Coronavirus (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)
- 17) from Councillor Muriel Weisz concerning Black History Month (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE to reply)
- 18) from Councillor Diana Meale regarding progress and cost of Invest in Notts programme (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply on behalf of Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE)
- 19) from Councillor Rachel Madden about upgrading council buildings (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)
- 20) from Councillor David Martin regarding questions by independent experts at committee (Councillor Bruce Laughton to reply)
- 21) from Councillor Tom Hollis about the Nottinghamshire County Cricket club winning T-20 Blast (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE to reply)
- 22) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding university fees during Coronavirus (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE to reply)

During this item Councillor Tom Hollis issued a formal apology, which had been agreed with Councillor Garner. The apology related to comments made during an exchange with Councillor Garner within a debate at the Full Council meeting on 23rd July which Councillor Garner took offence to. He apologised if Councillor Garner was offended.

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Tom Hollis and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny:

“This Council notes that the infrastructure in Hucknall is already struggling from a lack of medical provision, school places and the roads are gridlocked. In recent years, there has been a huge number of housing developments in the area.

We therefore call for the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to hold an urgent meeting with the Leaders of Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough Council to work together to ensure the local infrastructure in Hucknall and Gedling is improved in the area affected by any future developments.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Chris Barnfather and seconded by Councillor Kevin Rostance:-

“This Council notes that the infrastructure in Hucknall is already struggling from a lack of medical provision, **concerns regarding** school places and **that** the roads are **currently** gridlocked. In recent years, there ~~has~~**have** been **a** huge number of housing developments in the area.

We therefore call for the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to ~~hold~~**arrange** an urgent meeting ~~with~~**between** the Leaders of Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough Council **and appropriate representatives of Nottinghamshire County Council, in order to support them in putting aside their party political and territorial differences and** to work together **constructively with the County Council** to ensure **that** the local infrastructure in Hucknall and Gedling is improved in the area affected by any future developments.”

The meeting adjourned from 3.14pm – 3.25pm to enable members to consider the proposed amendment.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion and therefore the motion was altered.

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

RESOLVED: 2020/019

This Council notes that the infrastructure in Hucknall is already struggling from a lack of medical provision, concerns regarding school places and that the roads are currently gridlocked. In recent years, there have been a huge number of housing developments in the area.

We therefore call for the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to arrange an urgent meeting between the Leaders of Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough

Council and appropriate representatives of Nottinghamshire County Council, in order to support them in putting aside their party political and territorial differences and to work together constructively with the County Council to ensure that the local infrastructure in Hucknall and Gedling is improved in the area affected by any future developments.

Motion Two

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jim Creamer and seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes:

“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 all Members of this Chamber.

This Council notes the time that has since passed, and believes it is now imperative to commit to carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030.”

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor John Cottee and seconded by Councillor Phil Rostance:

“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 all Members of this Chamber.

This Council notes the time that has since passed, and believes it is now imperative to commit to carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030 **or as soon as possible thereafter.**”

The meeting adjourned from 4.48pm – 4.54pm to enable members to consider the proposed amendment.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion and therefore the motion was altered.

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

RESOLVED: 2020/020

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 all Members of this Chamber.

This Council notes the time that has since passed, and believes it is now imperative to commit to carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Motion Three

A motion was moved by Councillor Richard Jackson and seconded by Councillor Phil Rostance in terms of resolution 2020/021 below.

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

RESOLVED: 2020/021

This Council abhors modern slavery and human trafficking, and has taken an active role in raising awareness of these crimes - which are often hiding in plain sight - with members, officers, and partners. This Council welcomes measures undertaken by our Trading Standards, Contracts Management and Procurement departments to prevent Modern Slavery, but acknowledges the importance of remaining vigilant against such appalling crimes.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to undertake work confirming that all of the council's service providers, partners, and suppliers comply with our values, and further requests that the Chief Executive brings a report to update members on this work to a future meeting of the Policy Committee.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.29 pm.

CHAIRMAN

