



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 18 January 2018 (10.30 am – 3.40 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	A	Rachel Madden
Ben Bradley		David Martin
Nicki Brooks		Diana Meale
Andrew Brown		John Ogle
Richard Butler		Philip Owen
Steve Carr		Michael Payne
John Clarke	A	John Peck JP
Neil Clarke MBE		Sheila Place
John Cottee		Liz Plant
Jim Creamer		Mike Pringle
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
A Vaughan Hopewell		Jonathan Wheeler
Richard Jackson	A	Yvonne Woodhead
Roger Jackson		Martin Wright
Eric Kerry		Jason Zadrozny

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Pearson CBE	(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)
Sara Allmond	(Resources)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Angie Dilley	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
David Hennigan	(Resources)
Nigel Stevenson	(Resources)

OPENING PRAYER

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

MINUTE'S SILENCE

A minute's silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Keith Longdon.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2018/001

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 23 November 2017 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with an amendment to item 6a petition (17) which was accepted as part of petition (1) and therefore was removed from the minutes.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from:-

- Councillor Vaughan Hopewell – medical/illness
- Councillor Rachel Madden – medical/illness
- Councillor John Peck JP – medical/illness
- Councillor Yvonne Woodhead – medical/illness

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Leader of the Council made a public apology to the Chamber apologising to the survivors and their families for the Council's past failure

in its duty to protect children in its care, in relation to historic abuse. The statement is attached at Appendix A

4. INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Chairman exercised his discretion to change the agenda order at publication under Procedure Rule 15.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2087/002 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair

RESOLVED: 2018/002

- 1) That Full Council supports the actions taken to respond to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.
- 2) That a further update report be brought to a future meeting of Full Council.

5. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH LONGDON

The Chairman of the Council, and Councillors Richard Butler, Steve Carr, Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Tony Harper, Tom Hollis, Philip Owen, Parry Tsimbirdis, Alan Rhodes and Jason Zadrozny spoke in memory of former County Councillor Keith Longdon.

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.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

6. 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 Helen-Ann Smith – regarding Public Transport in Sutton North

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding Travellers in Sutton West

Councillor David Martin – regarding Street Lighting in the Selston Parish

Councillor Kate Foale – regarding Beeston Town Hall

7a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Martin Wright regarding Traffic Regulation Orders in Forest Town
- (2) Councillor Keith Walker requesting 50mph speed limit on road through Staunton village
- (3) Councillor Liz Plant from West Bridgford Methodist Church objecting to residents parking proposals
- (4) Councillor John Knight requesting a safer crossing on Derby Road to Brooklyn Day Nursery
- (5) Councillor John Clarke requesting traffic lights at the top of Breck Hill, Mapperley
- (6) Councillor Jim Creamer requesting on-street parking for Second Avenue, Carlton
- (7) Councillor Jim Creamer requesting no on-street parking on part of Second Avenue, Carlton
- (8) Councillor Helen-Ann Smith from local residents regarding fracking
- (9) Councillor John Handley regarding speeding traffic including HGVs from Moor Green Residents

RESOLVED: 2018/003

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.

7b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2018/004

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

8. QUESTIONS

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

None

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Fourteen questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Samantha Deakin regarding fines for unauthorised absences from school (Councillor Philip Owen replied)
- 2) from Councillor Tom Hollis about seismic surveying of sensitive areas such as Sherwood Forest (Councillor Chris Barnfather replied)
- 3) from Councillor Kevin Greaves concerning cutting of grass verges (Councillor John Cottee replied)

Questions 4 and 5 will be taken together and answered by Councillor Cutts

- 4) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding Carillion impact on services and jobs (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts replied)
- 5) from Councillor Alan Rhodes concerning Carillion contracts (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts replied on behalf of Councillor John Cottee)
- 6) from Councillor Alan Rhodes about unitary status (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts replied)
- 7) from Councillor Rachel Madden regarding pothole repairs –the question fell as Councillor Madden was not at the meeting.
- 8) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding scrutiny of cuts to health services (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 9) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith concerning road safety outside Quarrydale Academy (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 10) from Councillor Muriel Weisz regarding unclaimed benefit payments (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)
- 11) from Councillor David Martin about camera car and Notts Civil Parking Partnership (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 12) from Councillor Michael Payne about plans for former depot at Rolleston Drive (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts replied)

The full responses to the questions above 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 questions were asked. A written response to the questions would be provided to the Councillors who asked the question within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 13) from Councillor Mike Pringle about Ollerton Roundabout (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 14) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning reply from Secretary of State for Transport re electrification of Midland Mainline (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts to reply)

Council adjourned from 12.30 pm to 1.32 pm.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor David Martin:-

“This Council notes with regret the £2.38 million cut in real terms funding for Nottinghamshire Police for 2018/19.

In December, the Government announced that the core funding for police budgets will remain exactly the same as in 2017/2018. For Nottinghamshire Police, this means that the core funding settlement from the Government remains at £76,843,070. Taking into account inflation, this will mean a cut in real terms of £2.38m.

This Council notes that the Government announced in December that they will be investing an additional £270m in police nationally. This Council acknowledges however that this is entirely reliant on local Police and Crime Commissioners raising the police precept in their areas. This amounts to a Council Tax rise by the back door and will not do much to protect the residents of Nottinghamshire.

This Council believes that the Government should be investing in front line policing proportionately across Nottinghamshire not cutting funding. Also notes that overall crime has risen across Nottinghamshire by 12 per cent with a rise in violence against a person, theft crimes, possession of weapons, and public order offences.

This Council further notes with regret that Nottinghamshire Police failed to answer or respond to 36,000 '101' calls from residents in the last year. This Council believes that as a result, the rise in crime in the County could be the tip of the ice-berg. With crime rising, the government should have increased police budgets in real terms not ignoring the alarming rise in serious crime.

This Council calls for an urgent meeting with Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service with the Leaders of the Conservatives, Labour and Ashfield Independents alongside the current Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.”

Following a debate, the motion 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 28 Members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

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

The following 34 Members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion:-

Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
Chris Barnfather	John Longdon
Ben Bradley	John Ogle
Andrew Brown	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Francis Purdue-Horan
Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Quigley MBE
John Cottee	Kevin Rostance
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Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
Richard Jackson	Gordon Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Eric Kerry	Martin Wright

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

MOTION TWO

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

“This Council welcomes the decision of the Children and Young People's Committee to implement shorter summer holidays for pupils in Nottinghamshire in 2019/20. The decision to reduce the summer holidays from six weeks to five weeks and introduce a two week October half term and fixed term break was made after a six week consultation.

This Council notes with concern however, that the increase in fines for unauthorised absence has increased from 1508 during the Summer Term of 2015/16 to 2470 in the Summer Term of 2016/17. Parents fined for taking their children on holiday without permission rose at the same time from 1399 in 2015/16 to 2419 in 2016/17.

This Council believes that the changes in term times across the County was partly a result of the increase in the fines levied and welcomes the proactive decision to tackle this.

This Council notes however, the disgraceful behaviour of holiday companies which force the poorest to take holidays in term time. August prices are often twice those in June, camping holidays quadruple in costs, and flights and ferry fares on peak summer weekends can be up to four times more expensive than at quieter times.

This Council therefore resolves:

- (1) To write to Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and ask them to carry out a review of their member's pricing policies and consider withdrawing membership from those members who persisting in sustaining the 'Great Family Holiday Rip Off.'
- (2) To reduce or suspend any fines for the 2019/20 academic year for parents who take their children on holiday without permission as families get used to the new term time arrangements.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jim Creamer and seconded by Councillor Kate Foale:-

“This Council **notes** ~~welcomes~~ the decision of the Children and Young People's Committee to implement shorter summer holidays for pupils in Nottinghamshire in 2019/20. The decision to reduce the summer holidays from six weeks to five weeks and introduce a two week October half term and fixed term break was made after a six week consultation.

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This Council notes however, the disgraceful behaviour of holiday companies which force the poorest to take holidays in term time. August prices are often twice those in June, camping holidays quadruple in costs, and flights and ferry fares on peak summer weekends can be up to four times more expensive than at quieter times.
Education is the greatest gift, however the council needs to be sympathetic to people who have already booked a holiday.

This Council therefore resolves:

- (1) To write to Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and ask them to carry out a review of their member's pricing policies and consider withdrawing membership from those members who persisting in sustaining the 'Great Family Holiday Rip Off.'
- (2) To **review actions on** ~~reduce or suspend~~ any fines for the 2019/20 academic year for parents who take their children on holiday without permission as families get used to the new term time arrangements."

(3) This Council must continue to support schools in their efforts to improve attendance across Nottinghamshire"

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

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Tracey Taylor
Steve Vickers
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
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Jonathan Wheeler
Martin Wright

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

11. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN