



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9th MARCH 2017

PRESENT: Councillors K Norchi (Chair), J Chesworth, R Bilcliff, S Claymore, T Clements, D Cook, C Cooke, A Couchman, S Doyle, R Ford, J Goodall, S Goodall, M Greatorex, R Kingstone, A Lunn, A James, T Madge, J Oates, M Oates, T People, R Pritchard, R Rogers, P Seekings, P Standen, M Summers, M Thurgood and P Thurgood

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Christie Tims (Head of Organisational Development), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer), Natalie Missenden (Public Relations Officer) and Janice Clift (Democratic and Elections Officer)

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Faulkner, M Gant and S People

43 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor P Standen)

44 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The following Announcements were made:-

Councillor T Clements:-

Just in case anybody hasn't seen it just to remind you that Ladybridge is closed from 8 o'clock this evening so if anyone is trying to get home that way you won't be able to cross the bridge.

Councillor P Standen:-

I was very sorry to hear the news from John on the death of his wife Pam. I last saw his wife at the Mayor's Ball less than three weeks ago. I remember thinking at the time how well she looked ironically as it turns out. Events like this really show what is really important in life. My thoughts and prayers and I'm sure everyone present here tonight are with John and his family at this moment.

Councillor P Seekings:-

Just to let you know that I have been to see John today and spent one and a half hours with him. John is a gritty character and he wasn't showing any real emotions today but I'm sure that will come eventually. His brother came on Tuesday night from Derby and one of their children is coming today from Aberdeenshire this afternoon so he will have company and there will be people with him. I know how you all feel and Pam was a wonderful lady and it's a very sad thing as far as this Council is concerned.

Tony Goodwin Chief Executive:-

Those Members that may not of received my e-mail I have had a request from Councillor J Faulkner to ask quite obviously to Members and, indeed I have passed this on to officers not to bother him during this time. As soon as he chooses to return to public life I will let Members and officers know.

45 STATE OF TAMWORTH DEBATE

The Leader of the Council informed Members of the progress made towards the Corporate Priorities and of the Outcomes from the Tamworth Listens Question Time Event. The three themes discussed being Safer Communities, Regeneration and Health and Wellbeing.

Following the debate the following motions were approved

RESOLVED: That Members requested that the Council send a letter to all employees thanking them for all the work that they do to contribute towards the operation of the Council.

(Moved by Councillor P Standen and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

that once a month Scrutiny Committee receive a report from Staffordshire County Council Road Services on the repairs carried out and the repairs outstanding in the Borough.

(Moved by Councillor T Madge and Councillor D Cook)

that this Council challenges the Regional Schools

Commissioner of the West Midlands to look at the performance of all Secondary Schools and Post 16 provision in Tamworth with a view to making them better.

(Moved by Councillor R Kingstone and seconded by Councillor C Cooke)

a proposal to review the Council's Tattoo Licensing Policy.

(Moved by Councillor A Lunn and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

The Mayor