



# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6th JUNE 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Thurgood (Chair), Councillors R Kingstone, M Bailey, J Chesworth, D Cook, C Cooke, S Doyle, J Faulkner, R Ford, M Gant, S Goodall, M Greatorex, A James, T Jay, J Oates, M Oates, Dr S Peale, S Peale, B Price, R Pritchard, P Standen, M Summers and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Anica Goodwin (Executive Director Organisation) and Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer) Jodie Small (Democratic Services Assistant)

## **18 THE MAYOR MOVED A MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE IN TERMS OF RULE 4.13 (C)**

To change the order of business in the agenda, Proposing that item 6 be heard after items 7, 8 and 9, and to re number the items accordingly.

*(Moved by Councillor P Thurgood and seconded by Councillor Dr.S Peale)*

## **19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Claymore, R Claymore, T Clements, R Rogers, K Norchi, A Bishop and R Bilcliff.

## **20 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>ND</sup> May 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor Dr.S Peale)*

## **21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**22 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Councillor Dr. S People made the following announcements;**

“First of all Mr Mayor can I ask the council’s indulgence to make a small announcement on behalf of councillor Ken Norchi who cannot be here today to make it himself which is to recognise that we have Gary Hunt who is one of the key people who organised the carnival that was so successful at the weekend. I’m sure they are grateful for the judging of the best float not entirely sure Councillor Clements agreed but that’s another matter, and can I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to Councillor Clements who came and told us all about the injury and so one can only hope everything goes smoothly today and she’s back on her feet in good time.

Gary is here Mr Mayor and Councillor Norchi has asked me to say that he is very grateful to Gary for his leadership and to Dave Bradley. Ken Gordon is with him who is one of the key people who was getting everything ready and one of my former colleagues and your current colleague, former Councillor Dennis Powick who all played a key role in Achieving what was a fantastic community event at the weekend. I understand that subject to pennies finally been counted we raised £4,000 for the charity itself and in addition to that there is the money that was raised by the community groups and others, so Councillor Norchi said he booked his holiday before he knew any of this and therefore would like to say Mr Mayor thank you for coming along and to Gary and his colleagues for the tremendous work they did and also thank you to the council for their tremendous support and that he is feeling on the back of this success to look forward to a conversation with you as to continuing it next year.

So that’s the first announcement Mr Mayor I’m sure we would all agree Gary deserves a massive thank you.”

**Councillor Mayor P Thurgood made the following comment**

“I would endorse everything you have said it was a proud moment that I was able to go with the parade and see the people of the town enjoying themselves, everyone done a cracking job and I really do hope we see it again next year, Thank you.”

**Councillor Dr. S People went on to announce**

“Mr Mayor I have been asked by my Colleagues to be the leader of the Labour group and can I announce the committee allocations which we have agreed following the recounting of the numbers of the people of the council, I have a copy for the controlling group and for the officers and one for the leader of the council, I also need to announce I have asked for Councillor Bishop to Shadow Councillor Doyle I understand they like going for drinks so would give them something to talk about. The work that is done in communities is very important therefore it can continue to be very important to both of you.

I am very privileged it isn’t often I get to make these decisions that councillor S People continues to shadow Councillor Thurgood with regards to housing and related matters and I’m absolutely delighted to have the strength of someone like Councillor Faulkner to shadow the deputy leader of accounts and his portfolio of assets and finance . John brings 20 years of experience to the council.

I've asked Councillor Standen to continue to shadow Councillor Claymore with some input from myself because of circumstances of particular interest overlap. In addition to that to shadow the IT part of councillor Chatsworth's role in which we will deal with between us.

Thankyou Mr Mayor for that one other thing I should announce is that of next time because it wasn't needed this time we will be sat slightly differently. Councillor Norchi asked me last January if he could sit where Councillor Seekings use to sit because Councillor Seeking s has been his mentor and brought him in to politics, I asked him to delay that whilst we were running the election.

I have kept my promise so I will be asking them to do that, so we will be sitting 3 and 3 because I can't really put him there on his own and it means an awful lot to him. Thank you."

**Councillor D Cook made the Following announcements;**

"Thank you Mr Mayor couple of points from me, firstly I'm hoping to email all Councillors tomorrow we are hoping the secretary of state will release the judgement on Arkall Farm tomorrow hopefully it's in our favour either way I would like to thank all my colleagues across all sides of the chamber for the energy that's gone in I'm sure we are all on the same page, the speed in which we all signed a letter a couple of months ago gave me great heart we are all on the same page. As soon as I see the judgment I will send it round.

Can't go in to too much detail at the moment but let's just say monies have been placed with a solicitor for a certain purchase that I won't go in to many details for and I hope for confirmation in the morning that the purchase has finally been done.

Final one for me before I do the committee I would like to echo Councillor People's point about the work of Gary Hunt and the committee. Gary has driven me absolutely mental for the last couple of months with emails to resolve some issues; it's been a pleasure to help resolve those. You do a fantastic job and thank you.

As Councillor People raised Mr Mayor the adjusted committee structure one for yourself Mr Mayor, one for the monitoring officer and one for each of the opposition group as per tradition and that's me done Mr Mayor Thank you."

**23 QUESTION TIME:**

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Dr S People will ask the Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Growth, Councillor S Claymore, the following question:-**

"Would the Portfolio holder agree that it is important to do all we can to raise educational attainment in Glascote?"

**Councillor S Claymore gave the following reply:-**

Councillor S Claymore will provide a written response.

**24 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That members of the press and public be now excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor Dr. S Peaple)*

**25 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

Report of The Leader of the Council and Chair of Appointments & Staffing Committee to seek formal approval to Appoint to the statutory posts of Chief Executive & Returning Officer and the Executive Director Organisation (Head of Paid Service & Deputy Chief Executive) in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Local Authority (Standing Orders) Reg 2001.

- RESOLVED** That Members:
- 1) Approved the appointment of Andrew Barratt to the post of Chief Executive & Returning Officer; and
  - 2) Approved the appointment of Anica Goodwin to the post of Executive Director Organisation (Head of Paid Service & Deputy Chief Executive).

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and Seconded by Councillor Dr. S Peaple)*

**26 APPOINTMENT STATUTORY POSITIONS INCLUDING SENIOR MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

Report of the The Leader of the Council and Chair of Appointments & Staffing Committee to seek formal approval to appoint to the statutory posts of Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Local Authority (Standing Orders) Reg 2001

**RESOLVED** That Members:

- 1) Approved the appointment of Stefan Garner to the post of Executive Director Finance (Section 151 Officer); and
- 2) Angela Struthers to the post of Head of Audit and Governance (Monitoring Officer and Deputy Returning Officer).

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and Seconded by Councillor Dr. S Peale)*

**27 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Leader of the Council and Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer ensures lawfulness and operational functionality of the Governance Process of the Council, as required by the endorsement and approval of the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation as required by Local Government Legislation

**RESOLVED** That Members

- 1) Endorsed the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation as presented in Appendix 1;
- 2) Adopted and approved the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation; and
- 3) Agree to the Constitution Review Group, organising a review of the business items for Council and report to Audit and Governance Committee to consider and review the proposals prior to a report back to Council with all additional recommendations

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

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The Mayor

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