

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

23rd May 2017

Present – The Chairman (Councillor Moorby) and Councillors, Barrett, Baxandall, Brockbank, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Graham, Harbron, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mason, Mercer, Morell, Mulligan, Myers, Pighills, Place, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Thompson, Welch and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Strategic Manager Financial Services (S151 Officer), Director of Services, Strategic Manager Planning and Regeneration and Member Services Manager.

Start: 7pm

Finish: 7.55pm

CL.958

MANCHESTER TERROR ATTACK

In opening the meeting, the Chairman spoke of a cloud having been cast by the terrible atrocity which had occurred in Manchester last evening resulting in the tragic loss of life of men, women and children. The Chairman spoke of our hearts going out to all victims, families, members of public and services who helped in the aftermath and that we would not give in to the people who caused these terrible atrocities.

The Chairman read out a letter that he had written to Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham expressing the sympathy and support of the District and admiration for the work of the emergency services and for the people of Manchester.

The Council stood to observe a minute silence.

CL.959

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2017

The Returning Officer reported on the results of the Council by election held on 4th May 2016. Andy Brown (Green Party) was elected to represent the Airedale with Lothersdale ward and had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved – That the report is noted.

CL.960

NEW MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor Andy Brown to the meeting.

CL.961

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman thanked members and officers for their support over the past 12 months and highlighted some of the memorable occasions which he had attended. These included the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, meeting with Prince Charles when he visited the Court Yard and HM the Queen's 90th birthday celebration at Ripon Cathedral.

During the year he had also visited every Council department including spending a day working on a refuse collection vehicle which he had thoroughly enjoyed. The Chairman thanked the Craven Herald for their coverage of civic events. Particular mention was made of the inspirational people and organisations that he had met at the Community Awards ceremony.

The Chairman also expressed his thanks for the support of his charity Marie Curie and the British Legion. The Chairman concluded that it had been an honour to be the first citizen and that it will be a year which he will cherish for the rest of his life.

CL.962 **OUTGOING CHAIRMAN – THANKS**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Foster, thanked Councillor Moorby on behalf of the Council.

CL.963 **CHAIRMAN – ELECTION**

It was proposed and seconded and unanimously resolved that Councillor Place be elected as Chairman for the 2017-2018 municipal year.

CL.964 **CHAIRMAN'S INSIGNIA OF OFFICE AND
PAST-CHAIRMAN'S BADGE**

At this point the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Moorby, and the new Chairman, Councillor Place, left the meeting room, so that Councillor Place could be invested with the Chairman's Chain of Office.

On returning to the meeting room, Councillor Place presented a Past-Chairman's Badge to Councillor Moorby, who then retired to the body of the meeting.

CL.965 **CHAIRMAN – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The new Chairman, Councillor Place accepted the Office by reading out and signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Place in the Chair

CL.966 **CHAIRMAN'S CONSORT**

Mrs Gail Place, would be the Chairman's Consort for the coming year. Mrs Moorby as outgoing Chairman's consort presented Mrs Place with a bouquet.

CL.967 **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman also expressed his horror at the events in Manchester and expressed his deepest sympathy to all of those bereaved and injured and to the wider community. It was important that terrorists were not allowed to change the way we behave and so after careful consideration he had decided to give the address that he had written before the Manchester attack.

The Chairman gave a humorous speech which he used to highlight some of the serious issues around global warming and climate change. He would use his year in office to raise awareness of the dangers of climate change and particularly how it could impact on rural communities.

CL.968 **VICE-CHAIRMAN – APPOINTMENT**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that Councillor Hull be elected as Deputy Chairman for the 2017/2018 Municipal year.

CL.969 **VICE-CHAIRMAN – INSIGNIA OF OFFICE**

The Chairman invested the newly appointed Vice-Chairman with the Insignia of Office.

CL.970 **VICE-CHAIRMAN – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The new Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hull, accepted the Office by reading out and signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

CL.971 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Resolved – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th April 2017 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CL.972 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

Recommendations of the Selection Committee held on 15th May 2017 were submitted:

(Note: For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded “That the recommendations in the Minute are confirmed”).

i. **Minute SEL.82 – Committees Etc. – Allocation of Places 2016/17**

Amendments were proposed and seconded as follows:

Policy Committee –Councillor Rose to be appointed as the Labour Group’s second appointee:

Planning Committee – Councillor Dawson to be replaced by Councillor Morrell, Councillor Solloway to be appointed as a substitute;

Audit Committee- Councillor Mercer to replace Councillor Rose and Councillor Place replace Councillor Morrell, filling of the remaining vacancy be deferred;
Select Committee- Councillor Brown to be appointed;
Recruitment and Appeals Panel- Councillor Jaquin to be appointed

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.82 as now amended, are confirmed.

ii. Minute SEL.83 – Appointment of Member Office Holders and Champions

Amendments were proposed and seconded that Councillor Dawson be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council and Member Champion for Older People and that Councillor Thompson be appointed as Vice Chairman of Planning Committee.

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.83, as now amended, are confirmed.

iii. Minute SEL.84 – Representatives on Outside Bodies

Amendments were proposed and seconded as follows;

Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - Councillor Brown to be appointed;
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London Joint Committee – Councillor Myers to be appointed;
Craven museums Councillor Rose to replace Councillor Madeley.

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.84 as now amended are confirmed.

CL.973

LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader made a brief statement reminding members of the consultation for Craven Museum and urged members to attend. Skipton Cycle races would be held on 5th July. The café at the leisure centre was now open. The new council website should be in operation before Christmas and that the introduction of Idox was proceeding. Mrs Fairbank had carried out the official opening of the toilets at the bus station. Construction had commenced on the first shared ownership homes.

Councillor Solloway asked a question regarding the indefinite postponement of the weekly planning lists. Councillor Foster reported that this was only during the 10 day change over period until the new system was running. Councillor Sutcliffe added that during the 10 day period planning applications would be unable to be validated.

CL.974

QUESTIONS

Councillor Brown asked "Could we please have an update on the progress of the Local Plan and a commitment that an effective plan will be produced within a reasonable timescale?"

Councillor Foster responded that we are on course and that two meetings would be held in June the second of which would mark the start of informal consultation after which the plan would go to the Planning Inspectorate in September for formal consultation.

Councillor Solloway asked “Given the success of the Community Messaging System elsewhere in North Yorkshire and indeed nationwide , by both the Police, Rescue and Fire Services, would the Leader agree that this facility should be taken up by Craven District Council given the minimal cost and wider community benefit?”

Councillor Foster undertook to circulate a response from the communication manager which showed that there would be a considerable cost involved.

Close of Council Meeting – At this point the new Chairman of the Council invited Members and officers to take refreshments with the Chairman’s Lady and himself.

Chairman.