

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

22 May 2018

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

Officers – Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Chief Finance Officer, Director of Services, Strategic Manager Planning and Regeneration and Democratic Services Manager.

Apologies – Councillors Barrett, Graham, Pighills, Thompson and Welch.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.00pm

CL.1036

STEPHEN BUTCHER

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking Members to join him in observing a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor, Stephen Butcher, who sadly died on 1 May 2018.

CL.1037

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1038

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2018

The Returning Officer reported on the results of the District Council elections held on 3 May 2018.

The Chairman thanked the Returning Officer and election staff for their hard work in conducting a well organised election.

Resolved – That the report is noted.

CL.1039

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman stated that it had been a privilege to represent the district and thanked members and officers for their support over the past 12 months.

CL.1040

THANKS TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

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

CL.1041

ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2018-19 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Resolved – That Councillor Hull be elected Chair for the 2018-2019 municipal year.

CL.1042 **CHAIR'S INSIGNIA OF OFFICE AND
PAST-CHAIRMAN'S BADGE**

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

On returning to the meeting room, Councillor Hull presented a Past-Chairman's Badge to Councillor Place.

CL.1043 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEW CHAIR**

The new Chair, Councillor Hull read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(Councillor Hull in the Chair)

CL.1044 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR'S CONSORT**

Ms Claire Lindblom, was confirmed as the Chair's Consort for the 2018/19 municipal year. The Leader of the Council presented Ms Lindblom with a bouquet of flowers.

CL.1045 **CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH**

The Chair stated that she was honoured to have been elected and was very much looking forward to her year in office.

CL.1046 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Resolved – That Councillor Whitaker be elected Deputy Chair for the 2018/2019 Municipal year.

CL.1047 **VICE-CHAIRMAN – INSIGNIA OF OFFICE**

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

CL.1048 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEW
VICE-CHAIR**

The new Vice-Chair, Councillor Whitaker, read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

CL.1049 **MINUTES**

Resolved – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 April 2018 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CL.1050 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1051

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that a list of engagements attended by the Chairman together with some future engagements was included within the agenda.

CL.1052

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

Recommendations of Selection Committee held on 14 May 2018 were submitted:

Note: For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the Minute are confirmed".

- a) Minute SEL.88 – Allocation of Committee Places for Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels 2018/19

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.88 are confirmed.

- b) Minute SEL.89 – Appointment of Office Holders, Lead Members and Member Champions 2018-19

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.89 are confirmed.

- c) Minute SEL.90 – Appointments to Outside Bodies

The following amendments were discussed:

- **Yorkshire Dales National Park** – Clarification in relation to continuing appointments for Councillors Foster and Heseltine and that Councillor Lis had been appointed as the Council's third representative. These appointments were until the term of office ended or there was a relevant change in the political proportionality on the Council.
- **North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) – Craven Area Committee** – It was advised that following changes to the committees structure at NYCC, there was no longer an appointment to be made to NYCC – Craven Area Committee.

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.90, as amended, are confirmed.

CL.1053

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

Recommendations of Licensing Committee held on 17 May 2018 were submitted:

Note: For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the Minute are confirmed".

- LIC. 202 – Review of Taxi Licensing Policy

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute LIC. 202 are confirmed.

CL.1054 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON TO THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Solicitor of the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report regarding the appointment of an Independent Person to Standards Committee.

Resolved – That Roger Millin be appointed as an Independent Person to the Standards Committee for a four year term (to Annual Council 2022).

CL.1055 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council congratulated Welcome to Yorkshire for its sponsorship of a Yorkshire Dales themed garden, which won gold at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

In relation to a query regarding the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's decision to withdraw its objection to the planning application at Hellifield Flashes, the Leader of the Council undertook to contact the National Park and report back with an explanation.

CL.1056 **GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME**

Councillor Solloway provided a brief update on his role since his recent appointment as Leader of the Independent Group. He particularly thanked his predecessor, Councillor Barrett and the support he had received from Members.

In relation to the question submitted to Councillor Dawson, Chairman of Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee at the Council meeting on 24 April 2018, it was reported that a detailed response had been provided to all Members. Councillor Dawson thanked officers in Planning for their hard work in putting together the information for Members.

A question was submitted by Councillor Brown to Councillor Foster, Leader of the Council, as follows:

“Is the Leader of the Council aware that the Council is selling high sugar content drinks in single use plastic bottles in our Leisure Centres? Is this an intentional policy or something the Council might seek to change in the light of the obesity epidemic and our stated aim of cutting plastic waste?”

Councillor Foster advised that Craven Leisure Centre provided a variety of products and only 3 of these were covered by the sugar tax. Its products were sold in plastic bottles, glass bottles and aluminium cans and all of these were recyclable.

In addition, the Council's vending supplier was undertaking a review, which was focussed on making its vending services healthier and to reduce the percentage of sugar in its vending machines. Its links with Skipton Triathlon also supported its focus on healthy eating.

Chairman