

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

21 May 2019

Present – The Chair (Councillor Hull) and Councillors, Brockbank, Brown, Foster, Handley, Harbron, Heseltine, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Pighills, Place, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Welch and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer), Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

Apologies – Councillors Barrett, Pringle and Wheeler.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.15pm

CL.1112 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1113 **ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2019**

The Returning Officer reported on the results of the District Council elections held on 2 May 2019.

The Chair thanked the Returning Officer and election staff for their hard work in conducting a well organised election, particularly in terms of the successful Voter ID pilot.

The Leader of the Council also thanked former elected members that had either stepped down or lost their seat at the recent local elections. He also welcomed newly elected members to their first Council meeting.

Resolved – That the report is noted.

CL.1114 **OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chair 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.1115 **THANKS TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN**

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Hull on behalf of the Council.

CL.1116 **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2019-20 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Resolved – That Councillor Whitaker be elected Chair for the 2019-2020 municipal year.

CL.1117

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

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

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

CL.1118 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEW CHAIR**

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

(Councillor Whitaker in the Chair)

CL.1119

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR'S CONSORT

Honorary Alderwoman Marcia Turner was confirmed as the Chair's Consort for the 2019/20 municipal year. The Leader of the Council presented Honorary Alderwoman Marcia Turner with a bouquet of flowers.

CL.1120

CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Chairman stated that he was honoured to have been elected and was very much looking forward to his year in office. His chosen charity for the 2019/20 municipal year was Take Heart, the charity of the Yorkshire Heart Centre.

CL.1121 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL
YEAR**

Resolved – That Councillor Harbron is elected Deputy Chairman for the 2019/2020 municipal year.

CL.1122

VICE-CHAIRMAN – INSIGNIA OF OFFICE

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

CL.1123 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEW
VICE-CHAIR**

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

CL.1124

MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 April 2019 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CL.1125

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1126

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that a list of recent engagements attended by the Chair was included within the agenda pack. The newly elected Chairman reported that he was attending his first engagement on 24 May 2019.

CL.1127

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

Recommendations of Selection Committee held on 13 May 2019 were submitted:

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

- a) Minute SEL.95 – Allocation of Committee Places for Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels 2019/20

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.95 are confirmed.

- b) Minute SEL.96 – Appointment of Office Holders, Lead Members and Member Champions 2019-20

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute SEL.96 are confirmed.

- c) Minute SEL.97 – Appointments to Outside Bodies

The following amendment was proposed:

- **Airedale Internal Drainage Board** – Councillor Morrell was nominated to replace former Councillor Mason on the Airedale Internal Drainage Board.

Resolved – That subject to Councillor Morrell serving as Council representative on the Airedale Internal Drainage Board, the recommendations at Minute SEL.97, as amended, are confirmed.

CL.1128

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

Recommendations of the Honorary Titles Committee held on 16 April 2019 were submitted:

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

- AHT.1 – Freedom of the District

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute AHT.1 are confirmed.

CL.1129

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.1, the Council was asked to consider a motion on notice, which had been moved by Councillor Solloway and seconded by Councillor Heseltine, as follows:

“That this Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6 April 1951, so that these women do not live in hardship due to pension changes that they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.”

Several Members spoke in support of the motion, particularly in terms of the injustice to women born on or after 6 April 1951. It was noted that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) as well as many other local authorities had already passed a motion requesting that the Government reconsidered the current arrangements.

Resolved –That the Council supports the motion on notice as set out above.

CL.1130

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

- An overview of key challenges facing the Council, particularly ongoing uncertainty about the fair funding review and the impact on local authorities.
- The Leader of the Council and several other Members thanked Nicola Chick, Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) as the meeting was likely to be her last before her retirement in June. Members paid tribute to Nicola for her depth of knowledge, as well as her conscientious and professional approach and wished her well in her retirement,
- The need to consider the ‘Close the Door campaign’. It was reported that this was a national campaign which encouraged retailers to keep their doors closed to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions.
- An update on the latest position in relation to the Tour de Yorkshire. It was advised that a meeting had been arranged involving Craven District Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park and Welcome to Yorkshire on 19 June 2019. An extraordinary meeting of Council was likely to be held in late June 2019 to consider the Council’s position. The proposed Council meeting also provided an opportunity to consider Local Plan developments.

CL.1131

GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME

Councillor Solloway provided an update on the positive work undertaken by the Craven Safeguarding Group, particularly in terms of the hard work and professionalism of the staff involved. It was reported that the group was coming to an end as it was to become a Local Safeguarding Partnership.

The Leader of the Council welcomed the update and encouraged more members to address future Council meetings to report on their work as Lead Members or Council representatives on Outside Bodies.

Chairman