



Council

Monday, 20 May 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Alan Mason (Mayor), Councillor Wanda King (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Joe Baker, Roger Bennett, Rebecca Blake, Michael Braley, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, David Bush, Michael Chalk, Simon Chalk, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, John Fisher, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Bill Hartnett, Pattie Hill, Roger Hill, Gay Hopkins, Phil Mould, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Yvonne Smith, Luke Stephens, Debbie Taylor, Derek Taylor and Pat Witherspoon

Also Present:

Officers:

A Darroch, Chief Executive, C Felton, C Flanagan, S Hanley and J Pickering

Committee Services Officer:

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1. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

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Chair

a) General Remarks

The Mayor commented that the past year had been both memorable and special, involving his attendance at numerous events amongst the most memorable of which included attending a lunch with the Queen. He added that the position of Mayor was above politics and had an importance in promoting the town and raising money for local and national charities.

The Mayor gave his sincere thanks to his wife and consort, Nina, to the Mayor's Cadets who had supported him throughout the year and also to his Personal Assistants for the help they had given during his period of office. The Mayor also thanked his Deputy Mayor, Councillor Wanda King, for standing in at engagements that he was unable to attend.

b) Award for Outstanding Service to the Community

The Mayor's Annual Award for outstanding contribution to the community which had been instituted in 2010 was awarded to Mrs Annette Crompton in recognition of the work she had undertaken at the Batchley Community Centre Cafe.

c) Mayoral Charities

The Mayor informed the Council that a sum of £2,388.86 had been raised throughout the year for his charities, the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Child Alert UK and cheques for £1911.09 and £477.77 respectively were to be posted to both organisations.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2013-14

Councillor Wanda King was elected Mayor of the Borough for the forthcoming year, following which she made the statutory declaration of Acceptance of Office and was then invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Alan Mason. Councillor King thanked the outgoing Mayor and, on behalf of the Council, expressed gratitude for the work he had carried out as an ambassador for the town.

Councillor King informed the Council that she was privileged to be taking on the role of Mayor and undertook to do her best to serve the community throughout the coming year. The Mayor announced that her charities for the year would be Redditch Special Olympics, Myeloma UK and the Primrose Hospice, noting that the latter two were close to the hearts of both her and her children and she dedicated her support to these charities over the coming year to the memory of her late husband, Robin.

The Mayor was pleased to be able to announce that the Army Cadets would be supporting her during her mayoral year and presented cadet badges to Corporal Joshua Fell of Redditch Troop and Corporal Ashley Woodfield of Church Hill Troop.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **Councillor Wanda King be, and hereby is, elected Mayor of the Borough of Redditch to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council; and**
- 2) **the Council formally express, and record, its gratitude to Councillor Alan Mason for his excellent service to the town over the last 12 months as Mayor.**

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Pat Witherspoon was elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Redditch for the forthcoming year, following which she made the statutory declaration of Acceptance of Office and was then invested with the Deputy Mayor's Badge of Office by the Mayor, Councillor Wanda King.

RESOLVED that

Councillor Pat Witherspoon be, and hereby is, appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Redditch to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Mayor

The Mayor's communications and announcements were as follows:

i) Announcements

The Mayor began by expressing her appreciation to Councillor Pat Witherspoon who would be supporting her during her Mayoral Year as her Deputy Mayor.

ii) Forthcoming engagements

The Council was advised of several forthcoming engagements, including Astwood Bank Carnival, Britain in Bloom and the Scarecrow Day and Competition at Forge Mill Museum.

b) Leader

The Leader had no announcements.

c) Chief Executive

The Chief Executive informed the Council that Councillor Carole Gandy was stepping down after many years as Leader of the Conservative Group on the Council. He thanked her on behalf of Senior Management for the way she had conducted herself as Leader of both the Council and her Group. For her part, Councillor Gandy thanked her Group and Officers for their support and commented that the Leaders of the Labour Group to whom she been in opposition had all treated her with the utmost respect. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bill Hartnett noted that Councillor Gandy had been a significant figure in the life of the town for many years and had always had the best interests of the town at heart. He presented Councillor Gandy with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Council.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th March 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

9. LEADER'S APPOINTMENTS

The Leader announced his appointments as set out in the detailed nominations paper tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED that

the appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader, of Members to the Executive Committee and to the individual Portfolios as detailed in Appendix A attached to these Minutes be noted.

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, PANELS ETC. AND THEIR CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

RESOLVED that

- 1) the Political balance of the Committees of the Council be agreed as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report submitted;**
- 2) the arrangement where the seats on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are not allocated in accordance with the political balance requirements be continued;**

- 3) the arrangement where the seats on the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel are not allocated in accordance with the political balance requirements be continued;
- 4) appointments by political group leaders to the places on each Committee etc. as detailed in Appendix B attached to these Minutes be noted; and
- 5) appointments to Working Groups and other bodies listed in Appendix B be agreed.

11. OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that

- 1) appointments by political group leaders to the places on each of the Outside Bodies as detailed in Appendix C attached to these Minutes be noted; and
- 2) appointments to other bodies continue until the first ordinary meeting of the Council.

12. CONSTITUTION - ANNUAL REVIEW

It was reported that the annual review of the Constitution would be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that

the current Constitution be reconfirmed until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

13. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

The Council discussed the decision that had been taken under its urgency procedures in respect of the budget for the Police and Crime Panel. Members were reassured that this decision did not require any expenditure on behalf of this or other neighbouring authorities.

RESOLVED that

the decision be noted.

14. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL

There were no additional items of urgent business.

Nominations by the Leader

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.36 pm

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APPENDIX A

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Nominations by the Leader, to Committees, Sub-Committees etc. and to Outside Bodies

Nominations by the Leader

Committee / Sub-Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Labour	Conservative	Other
Executive Committee	9	7 Members Cllr Bill Hartnett (Leader) Cllr Greg Chance (Deputy Leader) Cllr Rebecca Blake Cllr John Fisher Cllr Phil Mould Cllr Mark Shurmer Cllr Debbie Taylor	2 Members nominated by the Opposition Cllr Juliet Brunner Cllr Brandon Clayton	

Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership & Partnership – Cllr Bill Hartnett
 (Shadow – Cllr Juliet Brunner)

Portfolio Holder for Community Safety & Regulatory Services – Cllr Rebecca Blake (Shadow – Cllr Roger Hill)

Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management – Cllr John Fisher (Shadow – Cllr Derek Taylor)

Portfolio Holder for Housing – Cllr Mark Shurmer (Shadow – Cllr Brandon Clayton)

Portfolio Holder for Local Environment – Cllr Debbie Taylor (Shadow – Cllr Gay Hopkins)

Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism – Cllr Phil Mould (Shadow – Cllr David Bush)

Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development & Transport and Deputy Leader – Cllr Greg Chance (Shadow – Cllr Michael Chalk)

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Committee / Sub- Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Labour	Conservative	Other
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	9	4 Members Cllr Andrew Fry Cllr Alan Mason Cllr Yvonne Smith Cllr Pat Witherspoon	5 Members Cllr David Bush (Chair) Cllr Gay Hopkins (Vice Chair) Cllr Andrew Brazier Cllr Simon Chalk Cllr Carole Gandy	
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel	5	2 Members Cllr Andrew Fry Cllr Pattie Hill	3 Members Cllr Andrew Brazier (Chair) Cllr Adam Griffin Cllr Roger Hill	
Audit and Governance Committee	7	4 Members Cllr John Fisher (Fraud Lead) Cllr Mark Shurmer Cllr Yvonne Smith (Risk Lead) Cllr Pat Witherspoon	3 Members Cllr Derek Taylor (Chair) Cllr Roger Bennett Cllr Roger Hill	
Employment Appeals Committee	5	3 Members Cllr Greg Chance (Chair) Cllr Pat Witherspoon (Vice-Chair) Cllr Pattie Hill	2 Members (any 2 from Cllrs Juliet Brunner, Brandon Clayton, Carole Gandy, Roger Hill, Gay Hopkins)	

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Committee / Sub- Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Labour	Conservative	Other
Corporate Health and Safety Committee	1	1 Member Cllr Yvonne Smith		
Licensing Committee	11	6 Members Cllr Phil Mould (Chair) Cllr Alan Mason (Vice- Chair) Cllr Joe Baker Cllr Andrew Fry Cllr Pattie Hill Cllr Wanda King	4 Members Cllr Roger Bennett Cllr Michael Chalk Cllr Gay Hopkins Cllr Brenda Quinney	1 Member Cllr Michael Braley (place given up by Opposition)
Licensing Sub- Committee A	3 Terms of reference require Panels to be made up of 3 Members to be selected from the Licensing Committee	From: Cllr Phil Mould (Chair) Cllr Alan Mason (Vice- Chair) Cllr Joe Baker Cllr Andrew Fry Cllr Pattie Hill Cllr Wanda King	From: Cllr Roger Bennett Cllr Michael Chalk Cllr Gay Hopkins Cllr Brenda Quinney	From: Cllr Michael Braley (place given up by Opposition)
Licensing Sub- Committee B	5	3 Members Cllr Phil Mould (Chair) Cllr Alan Mason (Vice- Chair) Cllr Pattie Hill	2 Members Cllr Roger Hill Cllr Gay Hopkins	

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Committee / Sub- Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Labour	Conservative	Other
Planning Committee	9	5 Members Cllr Andrew Fry (Chair) Cllr Alan Mason (Vice- Chair) Cllr Joe Baker Cllr Wanda King Cllr Yvonne Smith	4 Members Cllr Roger Bennett Cllr Michael Chalk Cllr Roger Hill Cllr Brenda Quinney	
Standards Committee	9	5 Members Cllr Pat Witherspoon (Chair) Cllr Joe Baker Cllr Andrew Fry Cllr Phil Mould Cllr Luke Stephens	3 Members Cllr Michael Chalk Cllr Brenda Quinney Cllr Derek Taylor	1 Member Cllr Michael Braley (place given up by Opposition)
Shared Services Board	4	3 Members Cllr Bill Hartnett Cllr Greg Chance Cllr Debbie Taylor (Cllr Phil Mould and Cllr Mark Shurmer – substitutes)	1 Member Cllr Juliet Brunner	

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Committee / Sub- Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Labour	Conservative	Other
Members' Support Steering Group	5	3 Members Cllr John Fisher (Chair) Cllr Greg Chance Cllr Phil Mould (Vice-Chair)	2 Members Cllr Roger Bennett Cllr Andrew Brazier	
Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee	2 (+ 2 subs)	1 Member Cllr John Fisher (Cllr Phil Mould – Substitute)	1 Member Cllr Brandon Clayton (Cllr - Gay Hopkins - Substitute)	
Climate Change Advisory Panel	5	3 Members Cllr Debbie Taylor (Chair) Cllr Andrew Fry (Vice-Chair) Cllr Yvonne Smith	2 Members Cllr Simon Chalk Cllr Gay Hopkins	
Economic Advisory Panel	5	3 Members Cllr Greg Chance (Chair) Cllr Rebecca Blake (Vice- Chair) Cllr Bill Hartnett	2 Members Cllr David Bush Cllr Michael Chalk	
Housing Advisory Panel	5	3 Members Cllr Mark Shurmer (Chair) Cllr Pat Witherspoon (Vice-Chair) Cllr Luke Stephens	2 Members Cllr Brandon Clayton Cllr Brenda Quinney	

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Planning Advisory Panel	5	3 Members Cllr Greg Chance (Chair) Cllr Bill Hartnett (Vice- Chair) Cllr Debbie Taylor	2 Members Cllr David Bush Cllr Carole Gandy	
Borough Tenants' Forum	3	2 Members Cllr Mark Shurmer Cllr Luke Stephens	1 Member Cllr Brenda Quinney	
Constitutional Review Working Party	5	3 Members Cllr Bill Hartnett (Chair) Cllr Greg Chance (Vice- Chair) Cllr John Fisher	2 Members Cllr Juliet Brunner Cllr Brandon Clayton	
Grants Assessment Panel	5	3 Members Cllr Greg Chance (Vice- Chair) Cllr Mark Shurmer Cllr Yvonne Smith	2 Members Cllr Andrew Brazier Cllr David Bush (Chair)	
Holocaust Memorial Steering Group	5	3 Members Cllr Bill Hartnett (Chair) Cllr Rebecca Blake Cllr Pat Witherspoon (Vice-Chair)	2 Members Cllr Carole Gandy Cllr Juliet Brunner	

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Procurement Steering Group	5	3 Members Cllr Bill Hartnett (Chair) Cllr Greg Chance (Vice- Chair) Cllr John Fisher	2 Members Cllr Juliet Brunner Cllr Brandon Clayton	
Redditch Matters Editorial Panel	3	2 Members Cllr Bill Hartnett (Chair) Cllr Debbie Taylor (Vice- Chair)	1 Member Cllr Simon Chalk	

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Body	Size (No. of Members)	Nominees
Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)	1	Cllr John Fisher
LGA General Assembly	1	Cllr Bill Hartnett
LGA – Rural Commission	1	Cllr Michael Chalk
LGA – Urban Commission	1 (plus 1 Officer)	Cllr Greg Chance (Plus John Staniland – Executive Director)
West Mercia Police and Crime Panel	1	Cllr Rebecca Blake
West Midlands Employers	1	Cllr Pat Witherspoon
Assembly of the District Councils' Network	1	Cllr Bill Hartnett

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Body	Size (No. of Members)	Nominees
Corporate Parenting Steering Group	1	Cllr Phil Mould
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1	Cllr Pat Witherspoon
Redditch Highways and Transportation Forum Members' Discussion Group	2	Cllr Roger Bennett Cllr Alan Mason
Worcestershire Customer Strategic Board	1	Cllr John Fisher
Worcestershire Local Access Forum	1	Cllr Alan Mason

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Body	Size (No. of Members)	Nominees
Worcestershire Care and Repair Performance Board	1	Cllr Mark Shurmer
Redditch Children's Centres Advisory Board	1	Cllr Pattie Hill
North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership	1	Cllr Rebecca Blake
Town Centre Partnership	2	Cllr Gay Hopkins Cllr Alan Mason
Waste Management Board	1	Cllr Debbie Taylor
Local Strategic Partnership	3	Cllr Bill Hartnett Cllr Greg Chance (Substitute – Cllr Rebecca Blake) Cllr Juliet Brunner
Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP	1 (plus 1 substitute)	Cllr R Hollingworth (Substitute – Cllr Bill Hartnett)
Worcestershire partnership – Place Shaping Board	1 (for three northern Districts)	Cllr Phil Mould
Worcestershire Local Transport Board	1 (for three northern Districts plus one substitute)	Cllr John Champion (Substitute – Cllr Phil Mould)
Redditch Co-operative Homes	5	Cllr Adam Griffin Cllr Bill Hartnett Cllr Roger Hill Cllr Pat Witherspoon (One vacancy)

