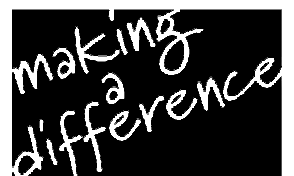


Annual Meeting Of the Council

Monday 23rd May
2011
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch



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Welcome to today's meeting.

Guidance for the Public

Agenda Papers

The **Agenda List** at the front of the Agenda summarises the issues to be discussed and is followed by the Officers' full supporting **Reports**.

Chair

The Chair is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting. Generally to one side of the Chair is the Committee Support Officer who gives advice on the proper conduct of the meeting and ensures that the debate and the decisions are properly recorded. On the Chair's other side are the relevant Council Officers. The Councillors ("Members") of the Committee occupy the remaining seats around the table.

Running Order

Items will normally be taken in the order printed but, in particular circumstances, the Chair may agree to vary the order.

Refreshments : tea, coffee and water are normally available at meetings - please serve yourself.

Decisions

Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are the democratically elected representatives. They are advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals and do not have a vote.

Members of the Public

Members of the public may, by prior arrangement, speak at meetings of the Council or its Committees. Specific procedures exist for Appeals Hearings or for meetings involving Licence or Planning Applications. For further information on this point, please speak to the Committee Support Officer.

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Do Not stop to collect personal belongings.

Do Not use lifts.

Do Not re-enter the building until told to do so.

The emergency **Assembly Area** is on **Walter Stranz Square**.

Declaration of Interests: Guidance for Councillors

DO I HAVE A "PERSONAL INTEREST" ?

- Where the item relates or is likely to affect your **registered interests** (what you have declared on the formal Register of Interests)

OR

- Where a decision in relation to the item might reasonably be regarded as affecting **your own** well-being or financial position, or that of your **family**, or your **close associates** more than most other people affected by the issue,

you have a personal interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare the existence, and nature, of your interest and stay**

- The declaration must relate to specific business being decided - a general scattergun approach is not needed
- **Exception** - where interest arises only because of your membership of another **public body**, there is no need to declare unless you **speak** on the matter.
- You **can vote** on the matter.

IS IT A "PREJUDICIAL INTEREST" ?

In general only if:-

- It is a personal interest **and**
- The item affects your **financial position** (or conveys other benefits), or the position of your **family, close associates** or bodies through which you have a **registered interest** (or relates to the exercise of **regulatory functions** in relation to these groups)

and

- A member of public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably believe the interest was likely to **prejudice** your judgement of the public interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare and Withdraw**

BUT you may make representations to the meeting before withdrawing, **if** the public have similar rights (such as the right to speak at Planning Committee).



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7.00 pm

Council Chamber Town Hall

Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Kath Banks (Mayor)	Malcolm Hall
	Peter Anderson	Bill Hartnett
	Rebecca Blake	Roger Hill
	Michael Braley	Gay Hopkins
	Andrew Brazier	Robin King
	Juliet Brunner	Wanda King
	David Bush	Phil Mould
	Michael Chalk	William Norton
	Simon Chalk	Jinny Pearce
	Greg Chance	Brenda Quinney
	Anita Clayton	Mark Shurmer
	Brandon Clayton	Luke Stephens
	Andrew Fry	Debbie Taylor
	Carole Gandy	Derek Taylor
	Adam Griffin	

1. Welcome	<p>The Mayor will open the meeting and welcome all present.</p> <p>The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Jo Musson, will lead the Council in prayer.</p>
2. Apologies	<p>To receive any apologies for absence on behalf of Council members.</p>
3. Declarations of Interest	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.</p>
4. Mayor's opening remarks	<p>To receive the Mayor's opening remarks and report on the mayoral year.</p> <p>To give notice of any items of "Urgent Business" accepted by the Mayor for consideration at the meeting.</p> <p>(No separate report)</p>
5. Election of Mayor	<p>To elect the Mayor for the ensuing municipal year and to take his/her declaration of acceptance of office.</p>

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<p>6. Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>To appoint the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year and to take his/her declaration of acceptance of office.</p>
<p>7. Communications and Mayor's Announcements</p>	<p>To receive the new Mayor's communications and announcements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new Mayor's Chaplain / Mayor's Charity (-ies).
<p>8. Minutes (Pages 1 - 10) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th March 2011.</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p>
<p>9. Leader of the Council</p>	<p>To appoint a member of the Council to hold the office of Leader</p> <p>(No separate report)</p>
<p>10. Executive Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Sub-Committees, Panels etc. - Chairs and Vice Chairs - Appointment</p>	<p>To resolve, in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Standing Orders 1.1h, 1.2 and 25.1, that the Council appoint Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels, Working Parties, etc.; and their memberships, Chairs and Vice-Chairs (as indicated in the Appendix to the separate Order of Business report).</p> <p>(Detailed Order of Business to follow)</p>
<p>11. Outside Bodies</p>	<p>A. To appoint Council representatives to serve on outside bodies on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>B. To nominate Council Members for appointment to outside bodies, but <u>not to formally represent the Council</u>.</p> <p>(Detailed Order of Business to follow)</p>
<p>12. Constitution - Annual Review</p>	<p>To confirm the Council's revised Constitutional arrangements.</p> <p>(Papers under separate cover – to follow)</p>

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<p>13. Members' Allowances (Pages 11 - 12) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To receive a report on expenses and allowances paid to Members during the financial year 2010/11 under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance);</p>
<p>14. Exclusion of the Public</p>	<p>Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to consider excluding the public from the meeting in relation to any items of business on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged it may be necessary to move the following resolution:</p> <p>“that, under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the rounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs <i>(to be specified)</i> of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.”</p>

Notes:

- (i) A detailed Order of Business will be circulated separately.
- (ii) At the conclusion of the meeting, all Council Members, Officers, Guests and members of the press and public are invited to join the Mayor in a reception in the Civic Suite.



Council

28th March 2011

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Kath Banks (Mayor), Councillor Anita Clayton (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Peter Anderson, Michael Braley, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, Michael Chalk, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Jack Cookson, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Malcolm Hall, Bill Hartnett, Nigel Hicks, Roger Hill, Gay Hopkins, Robin King, Wanda King, Jinny Pearce, Mark Shurmer, Debbie Taylor, Derek Taylor and Diane Thomas

Also Present:

Mrs Deborah Andrews (Chair, Standards Committee), Mr Michael Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee)

Officers:

M Craggs, C Felton, J Godwin, S Hanley, J Pickering, J Staniland and A Walsh

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

107. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Jo Musson, led the Council in prayer.

108. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Simon Chalk, William Norton and Brenda Quinney.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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MAYOR, in the Chair

110. MINUTES**RESOLVED that**

subject to the inclusion of Councillor Diane Thomas in the list of those abstaining in the vote on Minute 105 (Council Tax – Year ending 31st March 2012), the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 7th and 21st February 2011 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Mayor.

111. COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's communications and announcements were considered under the following headings:

a) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that since the last meeting of the Council she had attended various functions, including: the Wyre Forest District Council Chairman's Charity Dinner, a Valentine Dinner with the Mayor of Evesham, a meeting with the Asian Women's Community, the installation of the Reverend Richard Harding at Matchborough, an Older People's Forum event, the Redditch One World Link AGM, a street collection which raised approximately £170 for her charities, a Chinese New Year celebration, a Charity Concert by the Bel Canto Singers, to whom she extended her grateful thanks, the Student Council AGM, a lunch with the Inner Wheel Club, a lecture at Worcester University and the Droitwich Spa Mayor's Charity Ball. The Mayor thanked Councillors Juliet Brunner and Malcolm Hall for stepping in to attend a number of functions at which she had been unable to be present.

b) Forthcoming Events

The Mayor advised that forthcoming events included: the launch of the new website for Woodrow Library, a production of Fiddler on the Roof at the Palace Theatre and, that coming Saturday, her own Civic Charity Dinner.

c) Urgent Business

The Mayor advised that she had accepted one item of urgent business, an urgent Notice of Motion in respect of a Bus Service Consultation being undertaken by the County Council. She also advised that she had accepted one set of late papers, Item 10, the minutes for the meeting of the Shared Services Board on 22nd March 2011.

112. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were advised that the Council's Lifeline Service had successfully gained accreditation to the Code of Practice of the Telecare Services Association. Members congratulated the staff concerned.

113. NOTICE OF MOTION - BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

An urgent Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillor Carole Gandy too late to meet Standing Order deadlines but had been accepted by the Mayor for consideration at the meeting on the basis of its broad public interest and in view of the time constraints pertaining to the review which was the subject of the Motion. The Motion was in respect of a Bus Service Consultation being undertaken by the County Council. This was seconded by both Councillors Malcolm Hall and Bill Hartnett.

The Council was advised that there were a number of issues which were particular to Redditch and which the County Council should be strongly encouraged to take into account when taking decisions on the future configuration of the bus service across the County. Amongst these was the design of the new town which had been developed very much with public transport in mind, a number of areas of significant deprivation in the town, lower than average rates of car ownership and much greater rates of bus use as a means of travelling to and from work. In addition, the needs of elderly and disabled travellers were raised as key issues, as was the need for the County Council to support measures that would enhance the creation of an environmentally sustainable transport system.

The Notice of Motion was the subject of the following named vote in accordance with Standing Order 16:

Members voting FOR the motion:

Councillors Peter Anderson, Kath Banks, Michael Braley, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, Michael Chalk, Greg Chance, Anita Clayton, Brandon Clayton, Jack Cookson, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Malcolm Hall, Bill Hartnett, Nigel Hicks, Roger Hill, Gay Hopkins, Robin King, Wanda King, Jinny Pearce, Mark Shurmer, Debbie Taylor, Derek Taylor and Diane Thomas.
(25 votes)

Members voting AGAINST the motion:

None.

Members abstaining from voting:

None.

Accordingly, the Motion was approved in the following terms:

“We call on members to join with me and the [Leader of the Labour Group](#) and the [Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group](#) in calling on the County Council to acknowledge the needs of the residents of Redditch. Redditch is a town that was designed very specifically around the transportation needs of its communities and the vision that public transport would play a pivotal role in the day to day lives of its residents. We have dedicated bus-only routes serving our communities which were all designed on the basis that this would remain a dedicated and exclusive bus infrastructure that services district centres within the Borough and provide a lifeline to those persons who reside there.

The removal of the bus services that operate within these areas would significantly undermine both the purpose of this vision and the independence of the residents who live there, particularly those with disabilities.

Both the residents and elected members of Redditch Borough acknowledge the challenge that all Councils are facing in these very difficult financial times – indeed we have been forced to examine difficult decisions ourselves – but I would ask for all Members to support us in calling on the County Council to consider, when making their decision on the bus services, the very special character and history of Redditch Borough and the disproportionate impact that these proposals will have on our residents. We would also ask them to meet with representatives of this authority to discuss how these changes can be minimised and that they make the impact assessments that have been carried out on these reduced services available for public inspection.”

114. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 21st February and 15th March 2011.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 21st February 2011 be received and adopted; and**
- 2) the minutes of the Executive Committee held on 15th March 2011 be received and all recommendations approved.**

115. REGULATORY COMMITTEES

The Council received the minutes of recent meetings of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 2nd February and 1st March 2011 be received and adopted.

116. SHARED SERVICES BOARD

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Shared Services Board on 22nd March 2011.

Members considered a proposal to shorten the overall Programme timeline for shared services and the transformation of services from three years to eighteen months. In response to concerns that the Councils might be over-reaching themselves it was stressed that the timelines did allow for a degree of flexibility in order that significant developing issues might be addressed.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the revised Programme timeline for the delivery of Shared Services and Transformation between the two Councils be approved.**

(During consideration of this item Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relation matters arising between the authority and employees of the authority.)

117. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT

The Council received the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Diane Thomas, provided an overview of the contents of the report. The gaining of a commendation in the Centre for Public Scrutiny Good Scrutiny Awards 2010 for the Neighbourhood Groups review had been a significant achievement. Public attendance at scrutiny meetings had increased and had been complemented by a massive increase in press coverage.

The numbers of recommendations to the Executive Committee which had subsequently been approved was highlighted in demonstrating the effectiveness of the Scrutiny process. Continued improvement was also demonstrated through the addressing of those areas for development which had been identified in the previous year's report. The Chair listed those areas which were to be focussed upon during the coming year to make them more effective still, including constructive pre-scrutiny and budget scrutiny. Members and Officers involved in the Scrutiny process were thanked, as were a number of other individuals and bodies who had contributed to the successful operation of the Committee during the course of the year.

The Leader of the Council commended the Committee for their report and the work that had been carried out in 2010/11. The Chair of the Committee received praise for her efforts and for marshalling the resources at the Committee's disposal to an effective end. Consequently it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

118. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

The Council noted an Urgent Business decision which had been approved in accordance with Standing Order 36, namely:

Housing Act 2004 – Delegated Authority to Officers to Act
(UB Reference 489)

RESOLVED that

the matter be noted.

119. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)

There were no separate items of Urgent Business for consideration at this meeting, other than the Notice of Motion which had been considered previously under Minute item 113.

120. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that

under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter on the grounds that it involves the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended:

Shared Services Board (Item 5 – Business Case for a shared Leisure and Cultural Service between Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council)

The Meeting commenced at 7.01 pm
and closed at 9.23 pm

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MAYOR, in the Chair

By virtue of paragraph(s) 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**COUNCIL****23rd May 2011**

Forename 1	Surname	Date of Leaving	Tax Year	Pay Code	Year To Date
Peter	Anderson		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Peter	Anderson		10-Nov	MSRA	1100.45
Kathleen	Banks		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Kathleen	Banks		10-Nov	MDMY	168
Kathleen	Banks		10-Nov	MMAY	2993.3
Kathleen	Banks		10-Nov	MSRA	749.69
Michael	Braley		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Michael	Braley		10-Nov	MSRA	7551.96
Andrew	Brazier		10-Nov	MBAS	2604.62
Juliet	Brunner		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Juliet	Brunner		10-Nov	MSRA	1500
Michael	Chalk		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Michael	Chalk		10-Nov	MMAY	0
Michael	Chalk		10-Nov	MSRA	3348
Simon	Chalk		10-Nov	MBAS	2604.62
Greg	Chance		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Greg	Chance		10-Nov	MSRA	1029.96
Brandon	Clayton		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Brandon	Clayton		10-Nov	MSRA	1500
Anita	Clayton		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Anita	Clayton		10-Nov	MDMY	840
Anita	Clayton		10-Nov	MSRA	1073.3
Jack	Cookson		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Jack	Cookson		10-Nov	MSRA	0
David	Enderby	09-May-10	10-Nov	MBAS	552.66
Andrew	Fry		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Andrew	Fry		10-Nov	MSRA	0
Carole	Gandy		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Carole	Gandy		10-Nov	MSRA	8454
Adam	Griffin		10-Nov	MBAS	2604.62
Malcolm	Hall		10-Nov	MBAS	3312
Malcolm	Hall		10-Nov	MDMY	0
Malcolm	Hall		10-Nov	MMAY	598.66
Malcolm	Hall		10-Nov	MSRA	1888.36
William	Hartnett		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
William	Hartnett		10-Nov	MSRA	2201.7
Nigel	Hicks		10-Nov	MBAS	3312
Nigel	Hicks		10-Nov	MSRA	1060.96
Roger	Hill		10-Nov	MBAS	2604.62
Gay	Hopkins		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Gay	Hopkins		10-Nov	MSRA	939.51
David	Hunt	09-May-10	10-Nov	MBAS	536.5
David	Hunt	09-May-10	10-Nov	MDMY	0
David	Hunt	09-May-10	10-Nov	MMAY	0

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**COUNCIL****23rd May 2011**

David	Hunt	09-May-10	10-Nov	MSRA	0
Robin	King		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Robin	King		10-Nov	MSRA	1029.96
Wanda	King		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Colin	MacMillan	09-May-10	10-Nov	MBAS	536.5
Colin	MacMillan	09-May-10	10-Nov	MSRA	250
Phillip	Mould	09-May-10	10-Nov	MBAS	536.5
Phillip	Mould	09-May-10	10-Nov	MSRA	321.84
William	Norton		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
William	Norton		10-Nov	MSRA	1029.96
Jane	Pearce		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Jane	Pearce		10-Nov	MSRA	1421.66
Brenda	Quinney		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Brenda	Quinney		10-Nov	MSRA	858.3
Mark	Shurmer		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Mark	Shurmer		10-Nov	MSRA	1029.96
David	Smith	09-May-10	10-Nov	MBAS	536.5
David	Smith	09-May-10	10-Nov	MSRA	0
Debbie	Taylor		10-Nov	MBAS	3219
Debbie	Taylor		10-Nov	MSRA	1029.96
Derek	Taylor		10-Nov	MBAS	2604.62
Diane	Thomas		10-Nov	MBAS	3312
Diane	Thomas		10-Nov	MSRA	1811.86
Graham	Vickery	14-Mar-11	10-Nov	MBAS	2604.62
Graham	Vickery	14-Mar-11	10-Nov	MSRA	833.38

MBAS = Basic Allowance

MDMY = Deputy Mayoral Allowance

MSRA = Special Responsibility Allowance