

Minutes of the meeting of the COUNCIL held at 2.00 pm
on Tuesday, 13th September, 2016 at Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor J Noone (in the Chair)

Councillor	D Hugill	Councillor	C A Les
	R A Baker		Ms C Palmer
	M A Barningham		C Patmore
	D M Blades		B Phillips
	Mrs C S Cookman		M S Robson
	G W Dadd		C Rooke
	C A Dickinson		Mrs I Sanderson
	G W Ellis		A Wake
	Mrs B S Fortune		Mrs J Watson
	K G Hardisty		S Watson
	R W Hudson		D A Webster
	R Kirk		P R Wilkinson
	N A Knapton		

Also in Attendance

Honorary Alderman M J Prest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bardon and S P Dickins

C.11 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016 (C.6 - C.10), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

C.12 **VERBAL STATEMENT OF THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET**

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.22 – CA.25 and CA.27 – CA.31. The Leader reported that Cabinet minute CA.26 would be referred to the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee for consideration prior to a decision being ratified by Council in December 2016. The Leader made a statement to the Council on the following matters:-

- Demolition of the Prison was expected to commence at the end of September and be demolished by Christmas.
- Para-rower Laurence Whiteley took the gold medal in Rio for the trunks and arms mixed double sculls, rowing in the British team with Lauren Rowles. The 25 year old from Northallerton had been the latest to achieve success for the District. In order to honour their success, along with those who had won previous medals, such as Nicola Wilson who took a silver for equestrian team eventing and Kat Copeland of Stokesley won a gold in the rowing in the 2012 Olympics, Northallerton's Town Square was to be renamed 'Olympic Square' in honour of the District's Olympians and Paralympians.

A number of questions were asked based on the statement. The main issues which the Leader responded to were in relation to:-

- The renaming of Northallerton's Town Square.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meetings of the Cabinet be received, approved and adopted:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Minute Nos</u>
Cabinet	6 September 2016	CA.22 – CA.25 CA.27 – CA.31

- (2) Minute CA.26, Sector Led Body for the Appointment of External Auditors – Opt-in 2016/17, be referred back to Audit, Governance and Standards Committee for consideration at their next meeting prior to making a recommendation to Council in December 2016.

Note: Councillor G Dadd wished it to be recorded that he voted against Minute CA.31.

C.13 **CABINET PORTFOLIO STATEMENTS**

- (a) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance made a statement on the Members' Seminar held on the Financial Strategy. A copy of the presentation was to be circulated to all Members and any questions were to be forwarded to the Head of Finance – s151 Officer, Louise Branford-White. The Dalton Bridge scheme would commence in February 2017. One business had already made enquiries regarding expansion and also a number of other businesses had made enquiries regarding relocation. With regard to Vibrant Market Towns, two additional members of staff would be recruited to lead this initiative.
- (b) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune, Portfolio Holder for Leisure made a statement on Laurence Whiteley's recent Gold medal in Rio and other sporting achievements such as Doug Roberts success in the Scottish Open Triathlon and Sessay Cricket Club who won the 2016 Davidstow Village Cup trophy at Lord's. Councillor Fortune reminded Members that nominations for the Sports Awards could be submitted up to 22 September and also reported on the Perfect10 loyalty reward scheme that had been running within the sports centres which had been very successful.
- (c) Councillor N Knapton, Portfolio Holder for Governance made a statement on developments within the old canteen in the Civic Centre which would be turned into a laboratory for Environmental Health. Also, that the new IT Server Room was expected to be complete and operational by the end of September. Councillor Knapton reported that issues around ICT security continued to be monitored and systems were upgraded to deal with problems such as phishing emails. A report would be submitted to Cabinet in October regarding Car Park Improvements. Improvements had been made to the card payment system used

to pay for Council services. New District boundary signs were being manufactured to replace the existing signs. Freedom of Information requests were being managed more efficiently now that Veritau had taken over responsibility for dealing with the management of requests.

- (d) Councillor B Phillips, Portfolio Holder for Planning made a statement on the current progress with the signing of the S106 Agreements for the North Northallerton Development and that there would be a report to Cabinet in October on the Preferred Options for consultation for the new Local Plan.
- (e) Councillor S Watson, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health, Waste and Recycling made a statement regarding the introduction of charging for collection of green waste. Information regarding the introduction of the scheme had been published on the Council's website and further briefings would be held for Members in due course. A Stray Dogs Policy had recently been approved which was available on the Council's website. Also, this week in September was National Recycling Week. Councillor Watson, on behalf of the Council, wished to thank the residents of Hambleton as there had been a significant increase in the recycling collected.

C.14 **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

All Wards

The Chief Executive asked Council to approve a request from the Conservative Group to change the membership of Scrutiny Committee.

THE DECISION:

That Councillor N Knapton be replaced by Councillor A Wake on the Scrutiny Committee.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm

Chairman of the Council