

Minutes of the meeting of the COUNCIL held at
2.00 pm on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019 at Council
Chamber, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Rotary Way,
Northallerton, DL6 2UU

Present

Councillor K G Hardisty (in the Chair)

Councillor	P Atkin	Councillor	J Noone
	P Bardon		A Robinson
	M A Barningham		M S Robson
	G W Dadd		Mrs I Sanderson
	C A Dickinson		M Taylor
	D B Elders		P Thompson
	Mrs B S Fortune		A Wake
	B Griffiths		D Watkins
	R W Hudson		S Watson
	D Hugill		D A Webster
	R Kirk		P R Wilkinson
	C A Les		

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N A Knapton, Mrs J W Mortimer, B Phillips and G Ramsden

C.7 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2019 (C.35 - C.36) and the Annual Meeting held on 21 May 2019 (C.1 – C.6), previously circulated, be signed as correct records.

C.8 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN - PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

The Chairman referred to a number of engagements he had recently attended. The Chairman wished to thank all those Members and Officers for attending the Armed Forces Day 'Flying the Flag' ceremony which was held on Monday, 24 June 2019 and for the support from RAF Leeming, Councillor Mrs B S Fortune and Mrs L A Hancock, Democratic Services Officer, for their organisation and support in making this a successful event.

The Chairman announced that Councillor M S Robson and former Councillors R A Baker, D M Blades and Mrs C S Cookman had completed 20 years' service for the Council. The Chairman presented awards to Councillor M S Robson and to former Councillors D Blades and Mrs C S Cookman. Former Councillor R A Baker was unable to attend the meeting to receive his award as he was on holiday.

C.9 **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET**

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.1 – CA.3 and CA.6 to CA.8 and made a statement to the Council on the following matters:-

- Council Plan 2019 – 2023
- Members' seminars regarding the Commercial Property Investment Strategy and review of the Planning service.

The Leader announced that, since July 2018, investigations had been underway regarding the provision of a crematorium within the District. This work had been undertaken in strictest confidence because of the commercial sensitivity of the scheme. It was envisaged that a report would be submitted to Cabinet and Council seeking approval for the scheme in September 2019.

THE DECISION:

That 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	4 June 2019	CA.1 – CA.3
	2 July 2019	CA.6 – CA.8

C.10 **CABINET PORTFOLIO STATEMENTS**

- (a) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance made a statement regarding C4Di, Vibrant Market Towns, graduates and apprentices, business support, capital outturn and annual treasury management review and the 2018/19 revenue outturn and position on reserves. A number of comments were made by Members on the statement regarding support to local businesses and Vibrant Market Towns.
- (b) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune, Portfolio Holder for Leisure made a statement regarding the Easingwold sports facilities, GovRadio, toning suite open morning, Disney inspired swim sessions, leisure centre Quest success, Sowerby Sports Village – phases 1 and 2 and celebrating inclusive sport. Councillor Mrs Fortune also reported on a recent incident which saw the Leisure Centre Managers at Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre first to respond with the defibrillator. Councillor Mrs Fortune presented Fiona Wilson (Centre Manager) and Tom Stuart (Assistant Manager) with a token in recognition of their professionalism and efforts in dealing with this situation.
- (c) Councillor Mrs I Sanderson, Portfolio Holder for Governance made a statement regarding the 2019 Elections, electric bollards, update of Northallerton Leisure Centre car park and ICT. A number of questions were asked regarding electric bollards, rapid vehicle charging points and markets which were responded to at the meeting.

- (d) Councillor D Webster, Portfolio Holder for Planning made a statement regarding the Local Plan, Development Management and housing. A number of questions were asked regarding licenses for caravan parks of five pitches or less, specifically the consultation process regarding these applications and issues around enforcement. Councillor Webster gave an undertaking to look into the issues raised.
- (e) Councillor S Watson, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health, Waste and Recycling made a statement regarding Waste and Street Scene which included green waste; recycling, kerbside collections, the new DEFRA Waste Strategy and fly-tipping. A number of questions were asked regarding recycling and fly-tipping which were responded to at the meeting. Councillor Watson also gave an undertaking to look into the issues raised.

C.11 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

All Wards

Councillor A Robinson withdrew the Motion.

C.12 **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

All Wards

The Council currently designated polling districts and polling places for use at all elections taking place within its area, i.e., Parliamentary, County and Parish elections. The Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) required the Council to undertake a review of the polling districts and polling places used within its area for Parliamentary elections. The next review had to take place by 31 January 2020.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) a review be undertaken of polling districts and polling places within the Council's area;
- (2) the publication of the notice of the review as detailed in Annex C of the report and the proposed changes as detailed in Annex B of the report be approved; and
- (3) the Director of Law and Governance be authorised to conduct the review on the Council's behalf and take all reasonable actions to comply with the Council's statutory obligations in that regard.

C.13 **APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, STANDARDS HEARINGS PANEL**

All Wards

This report sought approval of the appointment of Parish Councillor Peter Hull of Tanfield Parish Council to the vacancy of Parish Council representative on the District Council's Standards Hearings Panel.

THE DECISION:

That the appointment of Parish Councillor Peter Hull of Tanfield Parish Council onto the District Council's Standards Hearings Panel be approved.

C.14 **APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMEN**

All Wards

The Council's Constitution made provision for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen which normally took place following the election of a new Council. This report sought consideration of the recommendations of the Member Working Group and arrangements for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the recommendations of the Working Group for the appointment of Honorary Alderman be approved; and
- (2) a special meeting of the Council be arranged to confer the title of Honorary Alderman of the District of Hambleton upon former Councillor Geoff Ellis.

The meeting closed at 2.40 pm

Chairman of the Council