

## **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Buckinghamshire County Council convened and held on Thursday 17 May 2018 in Oculus, commencing at 11.55 am and concluding at 12.40 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Mrs P Birchley in the Chair;

Mr M Appleyard, Mr R Bagge, Mr W Bendyshe-Brown, Ms J Blake, Mr S Bowles, Mr N Brown, Mr T Butcher, Mr D Carroll, Mr W Chapple OBE, Mr J Chilver, Mr C Clare, Mrs A Cranmer, Mrs I Darby, Mr D Dhillon, Mr C Ditta, Mr M Farrow, Mrs B Gibbs, Ms N Glover, Mr C Harriss, Mr D Hayday, Lin Hazell, Mr A Hussain, Mr M Hussain, Mr N Hussain, Mr P Irwin, Mr R Khan, Mr S Lambert, Ms A Macpherson, Mrs W Mallen, Mr D Martin, Mr P Martin, Mr R Reed, Mr B Roberts, Mr D Shakespeare OBE, Mr M Shaw, Mrs L Sullivan, Mrs J Teesdale, Mr M Tett, Ms J Ward, Julia Wassell, Mr D Watson, Mr W Whyte, Ms A Wight and Mr G Williams

### **DIGNITARIES AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Sir H Aubrey-Fletcher

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs L Clarke OBE, Mr A Collingwood, Mr C Etholen, Ms K Wood, Mrs C Aston, Mrs M Aston, Mr M Colston, Mrs A Davies, Mr P Lawrence, Mr D Polhill, Mr K Ross MBE DL and Ms R Farwell

### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Mrs P Birchley provided Council with a brief overview of her work over the past year, and highlighted the positive work around her focus on supporting mental health charities.

Mrs Birchley thanked Council, the Chief Executive and the Civic and Ceremonial Team for the support received during her year as Chairman.

Mrs Birchley called for nominations for Chairman.

Mrs N Glover was nominated by Mr S Lambert and seconded by Mr D Dhillon.

### **RESOLVED**

**That Mrs N Glover be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

Mrs Glover read and signed the Declaration and Acceptance of Office, and presented Mrs Birchley with a commemorative photo book of her year in office together with a past Chairman's badge.

Mrs Glover thanked Council for her appointment and pledged her commitment to

representing Buckinghamshire over the coming year.

**Mrs Glover in the Chair.**

## **2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr R Reed nominated Mr B Roberts as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Mr B Chapple.

### **RESOLVED**

That Mr B Roberts be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr Roberts read and signed the Declaration and Acceptance of Office.

Mrs Glover voiced her personal thanks to the outgoing chairman for all her work and highlighted the charities she had chosen to support for the ensuing year, which were the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and SSAFA (Armed Forces charity).

## **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record subject to the amendment that Mr M Farrow was present at the last meeting; the minutes had him as not present.

## **4 COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman announced two awards to be presented and invited the respective Cabinet Members to present the awards.

### Award to Transport for Bucks

The first award was presented to Transport for Bucks who were successful in meeting the international standards for Asset Management in how our highway assets have been managed efficiently and effectively.

The Chairman invited Mr M Shaw to present the award to Mr S Dando and Mr M Averill.

### Award to Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch and Mr Geoff Pegg

The second award announced by the Chairman was to celebrate the work of Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association and recognise the contribution of Mr G Pegg. The award provided national recognition of their work and commitment to training volunteers to help raise awareness of scams and prevent them.

Dr. Stan Jones, Chairman of the High Wycombe and District Neighbourhood Watch Association received the award on behalf of Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **6 REPORT OF THE LEADER - ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET**

Mr Tett congratulated Mrs Glover on her election as Chairman of the Council and thanked Mrs P Birchley, the outgoing Chairman, for all her outstanding work on behalf of Buckinghamshire and the pleasure he has had in working with her. In particular her donations at Halton House and to the charities she has supported.

Mr Tett referred Members to the Annual Report 2017/18. He highlighted the outstanding year the County Council had had in light of the pressures the Council has faced. Mr Tett thanked the Councillors for their achievements over the last 12 months.

**The Leader announced the reappointment of his Cabinet as follows:**

Portfolio	Name
Deputy Leader and Transportation	Mark Shaw
Health and Wellbeing	Lin Hazell
Resources	John Chilver
Communities	Noel Brown
Education	Mike Appleyard
Children's	Warren Whyte
Environment	Bill Chapple OBE

**The Leader also reconfirmed appointments to Deputy Cabinet Member positions:**

Portfolio	Name
Transportation	Paul Irwin
Health and Wellbeing	Wendy Mallen
Resources	Arif Hussein
Communities	Jean Teesdale
Education	Anne Wight
Children's	Gareth Williams
Environment	Clive Harriss

### **RESOLVED**

**Council noted the report of the Leader.**

## **7 SELECT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Council considered and agreed the report of the Chief Executive.

### **RESOLVED**

**Council AGREED the proposed structure and remit for Select Committees for the municipal year 2018/19 in order to discharge the Council's statutory overview and scrutiny functions.**

## **8 REPORT ON COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY, SUBSTITUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Council considered the report and recommendations

### **RESOLVED**

- 1. Council CONFIRMED the political balance in the distribution of seats across Committees be as set out in Tables 1 and 2, to accord with the rules on proportionality.**
- 2. Council AGREED the appointments to Council Committees in accordance with the rules on political proportionality, in line with the proposals put forward by each of the political group leaders for the municipal year 2018/19.**
- 3. Council AGREED to delegate to the Monitoring Officer powers to vary the membership of a Committee at any point on a permanent or casual basis upon the written nomination of a Group Leader.**

## **9 REPORT ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES 2017-18**

Mr M Shaw thanked all Members who had participated in the varied roles of outside bodies and referred Members to the report in Appendix 1 to see the names and responsibilities for these.

Mr Shaw confirmed that he would be making appointments to the various positions over the coming months.

Mr B Bendyshe-Brown provided an overview of his work with the Chiltern Conservation Board and the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel and referred Members to the report in their packs for further information.

A Member asked about the extent to which the Conservation Board was consulted on around the work taking place at Wendover Woods. Mr Bendyshe-Brown said he would supply a response after the meeting.

## **10 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

Mr B Bendyshe-Brown presented his annual report to Council and highlighted the following successful and upcoming events:

- Remembrance Day in November 2017
- Armed Forces Day at the Aylesbury Rugby Club in June 2017
- A reception was held on 22 Feb with the business community where local businesses were awarded the Queens Award for Enterprise.
- Upcoming there would be the commemorative events with RAF and the 100

years of cessation of the First World War on 11 November. The programme was being worked up and Mr Bendyshe-Brown would advise Members of details in due course.

Mr Bendyshe-Brown gave his best wishes to Clive Parker who would be leaving this year and thanked him and Joe Bradshaw for their help and support.

#### **11 NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

#### **12 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS - INFORMATION ONLY**

Information was noted.

#### **13 DECISIONS REPORT - INFORMATION ONLY**

The report was noted.

#### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the County Council will take place on 26 July 2018.

**CHAIRMAN**