

Minutes of the meeting of Council held at On line meeting only on Friday 11 September 2020 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor Sebastian Bowen (chairman)
Councillor Kema Guthrie (vice-chairwoman)

Councillors: Graham Andrews, Paul Andrews, Polly Andrews, Jenny Bartlett, Chris Bartrum, Christy Bolderson, Dave Boulter, Tracy Bowes, Ellie Chowns, Pauline Crockett, Gemma Davies, Barry Durkin, Toni Fagan, Elizabeth Foxton, Carole Gandy, John Hardwick, John Harrington, Liz Harvey, Jennie Hewitt, Kath Hey, David Hitchiner, Phillip Howells, Bernard Hunt, Helen I'Anson, Terry James, Peter Jinman, Tony Johnson, Graham Jones, Mike Jones, Jim Kenyon, Jonathan Lester, Trish Marsh, Bob Matthews, Mark Millmore, Jeremy Milln, Felicity Norman, Roger Phillips, Tim Price, Paul Rone, Alan Seldon, Nigel Shaw, Louis Stark, David Summers, Elissa Swinglehurst, Paul Symonds, Kevin Tillett, Diana Toynbee, Ange Tyler, Yolande Watson and William Wilding

Officers: Director for children and families, Director for economy and place, Interim Head of Legal Services, Democratic services manager, Chief executive, Director for adults and communities and Solicitor to the council

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Bob Matthews proposed and Councillor Terry James seconded the nomination of Councillor Sebastian Bowen as Chairperson of the Council.

(Councillor Sebastian Bowen declared a schedule 1 interest and left the meeting for the vote)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sebastian Bowen is elected Chairperson of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

Councillor Sebastian Bowen made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

(Councillor Sebastian Bowen as the Chairman)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Johnathan Lester proposed and Councillor John Harrington seconded the nomination of Councillor Kema Guthrie as Vice Chairperson of the Council.

(Councillor Kema Guthrie left the meeting for the vote)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kema Guthrie is appointed Vice Chairperson of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

Councillor Kema Guthrie made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Stone.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 July and 4 August be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council noted the Chairman's and Chief Executive's announcements as printed in the agenda papers.

7. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Ellie Chowns proposed and Councillor Alan Seldon seconded the nomination of Councillor David Hitchiner.

(Councillor David Hitchiner declared a schedule 1 interest and left the meeting for the vote)

RESOLVED: That Councillor David Hitchiner is elected Leader of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Council considered the report attached to the agenda relating to appointments to committees of the council and outside bodies in line with the rules of political proportionality.

Recommendation (a)

Councillor Gemma Davies proposed and Councillor Carole Gandy seconded recommendation (a) which was carried.

RESOLVED: That the list of ordinary committees listed at paragraph 9 are confirmed with their terms of reference as set out in the council's constitution

Recommendation (b)

Councillor Nigel Shaw proposed and Councillor Jonathan Lester seconded recommendation (b) which was carried.

RESOLVED: That the number of seats on each committee as set out at paragraph 9, and the allocation of those seats to political groups as set out at appendix 1 is approved.

Recommendation (c)

Councillor Jonathan Lester proposed and Councillor Alan Seldon seconded recommendation (c) which was carried.

RESOLVED: That the allocation of seats on outside bodies to political groups as set out at appendix 2 is approved.

Recommendation (d)

Councillor Carole Gandy proposed and Councillor Nigel Shaw seconded recommendation (d) which was carried unanimously by Council.

RESOLVED: That the appointment of five co-opted members of children and young people scrutiny committee are approved as follows:

- i. one representative as nominated by the diocese of Hereford**
- ii. one representative as nominated by the archdiocese of Cardiff**
- iii. one parent governor as elected from the primary school sector**
- iv. one parent governor as elected by the secondary school sector**
- v. one parent governor as elected by the special school sector;**

Recommendation (e)

Councillor Jonathan Lester proposed and Councillor Ellie Chowns seconded recommendation (e).

Councillor Jim Kenyon initially voted against the recommendation and explained that his vote was an objection to the lack of committee seats allocated to not aligned members of the Council. Councillor Kenyon agreed to change his vote against to an abstention to allow a nem con vote to be achieved. The recommendation was carried with no votes against.

RESOLVED: That the suspension of the rules of proportionality in respect of the standards panel, the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board, and the Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee is approved;

Recommendation (f)

Council moved to recommendation (f) and the appointment of chairpersons and vice chairpersons to council committees.

The consideration of each appointment was as follows:

Chairperson of the Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Paul Rone proposed and Councillor William Wilding seconded the nomination of Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst as Chairperson of the Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst was appointed.

Vice Chairperson of the Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Felicity Norman proposed and Councillor Jennie Hewitt seconded the nomination of Councillor Jenny Bartlett as Vice Chairperson of the Adults and wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Jenny Bartlett left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Jenny Bartlett was appointed.

Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Jonathan Lester proposed and Councillor Barry Durkin seconded the nomination of Councillor Nigel Shaw as Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Nigel Shaw left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Nigel Shaw was appointed.

Vice Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Liz Harvey proposed and Councillor Yolande Watson seconded the nomination of Councillor Christy Bolderson as Vice Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Christy Bolderson left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Christy Bolderson was appointed.

Chairperson of the Children and Young People and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Jonathan Lester proposed and Councillor Roger Phillips seconded the nomination of Councillor Carole Gandy as Chairperson of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Carole Gandy left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Carol Gandy was appointed.

Vice Chairperson of the Children and Young People and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Carole Gandy proposed and Councillor Graham Andrews seconded the nomination of Councillor Diana Toynbee as Vice Chairperson of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Diana Toynbee left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Diana Toynbee was appointed.

Chairperson of the Employment Panel

Councillor Ellie Chowns proposed and Councillor John Hardwick seconded the nomination of Councillor David Hitchiner as Chairperson of the Employment Panel.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor David Hitchiner left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor David Hitchiner was appointed.

Vice Chairperson of the Employment Panel

Councillor Gemma Davies proposed and Councillor Pauline Crockett seconded the nomination of Councillor Ellie Chowns as Vice Chairperson of the Employment Panel.

There were no other nominations

(Councillor Ellie Chowns left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Ellie Chowns was appointed.

Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Tony Johnson proposed and Councillor Paul Rone seconded the nomination of Councillor Jonathan Lester as Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations

(Councillor Jonathan Lester left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Jonathan Lester was appointed.

Vice Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Gemma Davies proposed and Councillor Jonathan Lester seconded the nomination of Councillor Tracy Bowes as Vice Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Tracey Bowes left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Tracy Bowes was appointed.

Chairperson of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

Councillor John Harrington proposed and Councillor Paul Andrews seconded the nomination of Councillor John Hardwick as Chairperson of the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor John Hardwick left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor John Hardwick was appointed.

Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

Councillor Yolande Watson proposed and Councillor Felicity Norman seconded the nomination of Councillor Alan Seldon as Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

There were no other nominations.

(Councillor Alan Seldon left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Alan Seldon was appointed.

Chairperson of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Councillor John Hardwick proposed and Councillor Jeremy Milln seconded the nomination of Councillor Alan Seldon as Chairperson of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

There were no other nominations

(Councillor Alan Seldon left the meeting for the vote)

Councillor Alan Seldon was appointed.

RESOLVED: That the appointment of committee chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the committees are approved as follows:

Committee	Position	Councillor
Adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee	Chairperson	Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst
	Vice Chairperson	Councillor Jenny Bartlett
Audit and governance committee	Chairperson	Councillor Nigel Shaw
	Vice Chairperson	Councillor Christy Bolderson
Children and young people scrutiny committee	Chairperson	Councillor Carol Gandy
	Vice Chairperson	Councillor Diana Toynbee
Employment panel	Chairperson	Councillor David Hitchiner
	Vice Chairperson	Councillor Ellie Chowns
General scrutiny committee	Chairperson	Councillor Jonathan Lester
	Vice Chairperson	Councillor Tracy Bowes
Planning and regulatory committee	Chairperson	Councillor John Hardwick
	Vice-chairperson	Councillor Alan Seldon
Licensing sub-committee	Chairperson	Councillor Alan Seldon

9. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION - COVID-19 INTERIM STANDING ORDERS

Council considered a report by the Solicitor to the Council which recommended the ratification of changes to the constitution that were introduced to facilitate the hosting of virtual meetings at the Council during the coronavirus pandemic. The report was introduced by the Solicitor to the Council.

The recommendation in the report was proposed by Councillor Liz Harvey and seconded by Councillor Nigel Shaw.

The recommendation was agreed by Council.

Resolved: that the COVID-19 interim standing orders contained in appendix A are approved.

The meeting ended at 12.12 pm

Chairman