

Minutes of the meeting of Council held at The Council Chamber - The Shire Hall, St. Peter's Square, Hereford, HR1 2HX on Friday 24 May 2019 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillors: Graham Andrews, Paul Andrews, Polly Andrews, Jenny Bartlett, Christy Bolderson, Sebastian Bowen, Tracy Bowes, Ellie Chowns, Pauline Crockett, Gemma Davies, Barry Durkin, Toni Fagan, Elizabeth Foxton, Carole Gandy, Kema Guthrie, John Hardwick, John Harrington, Liz Harvey, Jennie, Kath Hey, David Hitchiner, Phillip Howells, Bernard Hunt, Helen I'Anson, Terry James, Peter Jinman, Tony Johnson, 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, John Stone, David Summers, Elissa Swinglehurst, Paul Symonds, Kevin Tillet, Diana Toynbee, Ange Tyler, Yolande Watson and William Wilding

Officers: Chris Baird, Richard Ball, Annie Brookes, John Coleman, Matthew Evans, Andrew Lovegrove, Caroline Marshall, Alistair Neill, Stephen Vickers and Claire Ward and Karen Wright

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Bob Matthews proposed and Councillor Tony Johnson 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 and signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

(Councillor Sebastian Bowen as the Chairman)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Councillor John Stone proposed and Councillor David Summers 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 and signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Jones.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations at this stage of the meeting please see minute 1 above and minute 7 below.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

7. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Peter Jinman proposed and Councillor Bernard Hunt 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. Council was informed of the supplement published following the agenda which provided the tables for allocations of seats on committees and outside bodies to political groups.

Members who had been nominated for positions which attracted a special responsibility allowance under the councillors' allowances scheme had a schedule 1 interest in that item. Following a written request the solicitor to the Council had granted a dispensation and therefore those members who were affected could participate in the discussion, remain in the room and vote on all of the recommendations in agenda item 8. It was advised, however, that members should refrain from voting in respect of recommendation (f) where they were nominated for an individual appointment.

Council considered the recommendations in the report as follows:

Recommendation (a)

Councillor Trish Marsh proposed and Councillor Gemma Davies seconded recommendation (a) which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

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 Alan Seldon proposed and Councillor Pauline Crockett seconded recommendation (b) which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

Following the allocation of seats based on political proportionality, five seats remained unallocated and Council determined that ungrouped members should be nominated.

Councillor John Hardwick proposed and Councillor John Harrington seconded the appointment of Councillor Yolande Watson to the Audit and Governance Committee which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

Councillor Gemma Davies proposed and Councillor Toni Fagan seconded the appointment of Councillor Jennie Hewitt to the Employment Panel which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

Councillor John Harrington proposed and Councillor Alan Seldon seconded the appointment of Councillor Jim Kenyon to the Employment Panel which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

Councillor Alan Seldon proposed and Councillor David Summers seconded the appointment of Councillor Jim Kenyon to the Planning and Regulatory Committee which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

Councillor Gemma Davies proposed and Councillor John Harrington seconded the appointment of Councillor Yolande Watson to the Planning and Regulatory Committee which was carried by a simple majority of the Council.

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 2 are approved and the allocation of seats to ungrouped members are agreed as below;

Committee	Councillor
Audit and Governance	Councillor Yolande Watson
Employment Panel	Councillor Jennie Hewitt
Employment Panel	Councillor Jim Kenyon
Planning and Regulatory	Councillor Jim Kenyon
Planning and Regulatory	Councillor Yolande Watson

Recommendation (c)

Councillor Barry Durkin proposed and Councillor Ellie Chowns seconded recommendation (c) which was carried by a simple majority of Council.

Following the allocation of seats based on political proportionality, one seat remained unallocated and Council determined that ungrouped members should be nominated.

Councillor John Harrington proposed and Councillor Yolande Watson seconded the appointment of Councillor Jennie Watson to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) which was carried by a simple majority of Council.

RESOLVED: That the allocation of seats on outside bodies to political groups as set out at appendix 3 are approved and the allocation of seats to ungrouped

members are agreed as below;

Outside Body	Councillor
SACRE	Councillor Jennie Hewitt

Recommendation (d)

Councillor Jim Kenyon proposed and Councillor Jonathan Lester 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 Alan Seldon proposed and Councillor Nigel Shaw seconded recommendation (e) which was carried unanimously by Council.

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 Barry Durkin proposed and Councillor John Stone seconded the nomination of Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst as Chairperson of the Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Vice Chairperson of the Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Councillor John Harrington proposed and Councillor Kath Hey 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 was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee

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

There were no other nominations.

Councillor Nigel Shaw was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Vice Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Mark Millmore proposed and Councillor Jonathan Lester seconded the nomination of Councillor Christy Bolderson as Vice Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee.

There were no other nominations.

Councillor Christy Bolderson was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Chairperson of the Children and Young People and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst proposed and Councillor David Summers seconded the nomination of Councillor Carol Gandy as Chairperson of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations.

Councillor Carol Gandy was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Vice Chairperson of the Children and Young People and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Liz Harvey proposed and Councillor Alan Seldon 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 was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Chairperson of the Employment Panel

Councillor Gemma Davies 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 was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Vice Chairperson of the Employment Panel

Councillor Jonathan Lester proposed and Councillor David Summers seconded the nomination of Councillor Tony Johnson as Vice Chairperson of the Employment Panel.

There were no other nominations

Councillor Tony Johnson was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Barry Durkin proposed and Councillor Carol Gandy seconded the nomination of Councillor Jonathan Lester as Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee.

There were no other nominations

Councillor Jonathan Lester was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Vice Chairperson of the General Scrutiny Committee

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

There were no other nominations.

Councillor Tracy Bowes was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Chairperson of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

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

There were no other nominations.

Councillor John Hardwick was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

Councillor Ellie Chowns 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 was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

Chairperson of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Councillor Ellie Chowns proposed and Councillor Felicity Norman seconded the nomination of Councillor Alan Seldon as Chairperson of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

There were no other nominations.

Councillor Alan Seldon was appointed by a simple majority of Council.

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 Tony Johnson
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. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council would take place on 12 July 2019.

The meeting ended at 11.26 am

Chairperson