

# Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014.

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Kathryn Nelson); Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Michael Clark, Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Phillip Dennis, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Terry Laing, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Ray McCall, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr David Rose, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Andrew Stephenson, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey, Cllr Mick Womphrey and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

**Officers:** N Schneider (CE); D E Bond, M Waggott, N Hart, M Henderson, P K Bell (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Invited guests and dignitaries.

**Apologies:** Cllr Mark Chatburn, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Elliot Kennedy, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Tracey Stott and Cllr Bill Woodhead.

## **C**      **Evacuation Procedure** **1/14**

The Chief Executive advised all present of the premises evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency.

## **C**      **Civic Welcome** **2/14**

The Worshipful the Mayor addressed the meeting by way of civic welcome.

## **C**      **Mayor's Civic Awards Scheme** **3/14**

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the achievements of individuals that had been successfully nominated for a Mayor's Civic Award for people, organisations and businesses who had made a real difference to the community.

The following winners were presented with the Mayor's Civic Award:-

The Young Persons Award - Grace Franklin was the daughter of a former serving officer in the regular army and on her father's tour of duty in Afghanistan, came up with the idea to tell each other jokes at the end of their Skype conversations to cheer each other up and help with the pain of being separated.

On her father's return, and at the age of just seven years old, Grace wrote a children's joke book called "Little Book of Jokes", to raise money for the Royal British Legion. The book was published in time for the 2013 Poppy Appeal and raised over £700.

Grace was in attendance at the meeting to collect the award.

#### The Services to the Community Award - Individuals

There were three winners for the award.

The first was Kubra Aziz, a volunteer from the Children's Urdu Project and founding Member of Stockton BME Network, who had been teaching children and adults in the community for 35 years as well being involved in a wide range of other volunteering activities.

The second and third winners were Kathleen Morgan and Ronald Nicholas, who had been volunteering at the Council's Mental Health Day Service for more than 25 years. They had supported hundreds of people, taking them out into the community for various activities and day trips, as well as simply sitting with them and listening to them.

Kubra Aziz, Kathleen Morgan and Ronald Nicholas were in attendance at the meeting to collect the awards.

#### The Services to the Community Award - Organisations

The Community Award for organisations was awarded to SNAPS.

SNAPS (Special Needs Activities with Parent Support) started life as a community group in 1999 and became a registered charity in 2012.

All the staff at SNAPS were volunteers who organised activities for families that had children or young people who had a disability or special or additional needs.

As the children and young peoples' parents or carers accompany them, it enabled everyone to share quality time together.

The group also provided both practical and emotional support for parents and carers, and had set up SNAPS Plus to organise activities for Adults.

Ruth Benson, the founder of SNAPS was in attendance at the meeting to collect the award on behalf of the group.

#### The Green Award

The Green Award went to David Kitchen who, in his role of Chairman of Teesside Environmental Trust, had worked tirelessly for over a decade to develop Saltholme Nature Reserve.

He had done this by forging partnerships with local industry, the RSPB, local authorities and others as well as raising millions of pounds of funds. In 2014 Saltholme celebrated its fifth birthday and was established as one of Stockton's biggest visitor attractions.

David Kitchen was in attendance at the meeting to collect his award.

#### Carer / Foster Carer Award

The Carer / Foster Award went to a couple who had been foster carers since 2002 and in this time had cared for many children, including children with special needs, and given them a positive family life whilst working with the child's birth family.

They had demonstrated what excellent and committed carers they were, putting the needs of the children first and ensuring the best outcomes for them.

Martin and Ellen Wright were in attendance at the meeting to collect the award.

#### Stockton Medal

The Worshipful the Mayor had the honour of awarding a Stockton Medal on behalf of the Council to Joe Maloney, the Director of Billingham International Folklore Festival, or BIFF for short.

In 2014 BIFF would celebrate its 50th Anniversary and, as Director, Joe had responsibility of providing leadership for the festival.

His dedication and commitment to BIFF showed in its success, attracting thousands of visitors from outside the Borough, and bringing the best of folklore, dance and song from across the world, both of which impacted positively of the local economy.

Joe's hard work had enhanced BIFF's profile not only regionally but on a national and international level too.

Unfortunately Joe was unable to be at the meeting, but he would receive his medal at a future Council meeting.

#### Business Award

The Business Award went to Mike Mathews the MD of NIFCO, who had taken a loss - making business based in Stockton and turned it round into a highly successful, profitable, UK division of a Japanese owned company, manufacturing automotive parts and employing around 450 local people.

NIFCO had committed to expanding their business which would bring a further 170 jobs to the borough.

As well as turning the company around, he was a passionate advocate of Stockton as a place to do business, along with the strengths of the North East as a whole.

He was committed to helping young people both through employing apprentices

and visiting schools to enthuse and excite young people about future opportunities for careers in manufacturing.

Mike Mathews was in attendance at the meeting to receive his award.

**C**  
**4/14**      **Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor**

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor presented a silver salver to the retiring Deputy Mayor for her services during 2013/2014.

**C**  
**5/14**      **Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/2015**

Moved by Councillor Beall, seconded by Councillor Cook, that Councillor Inman be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

RESOLVED that Councillor Inman be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

**C**  
**6/14**      **Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Inman, returned thanks for her appointment and addressed the meeting regarding her ambitions for the year ahead.

**C**  
**7/14**      **Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor**

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Johnson, that a vote of thanks be extended to the retired Mayor for the admirable way in which she had discharged her duties during her term of office.

RESOLVED that thanks be extended to the retired Mayor for the admirable way in which she had discharged her duties during her term of office.

**C**  
**8/14**      **Presentation of Medallion and Commemorative Album to the Retired Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor presented the Retired Mayor with a Medallion and Commemorative Album.

**C**  
**9/14**      **Address by the Retired Mayor**

The retired Mayor addressed the meeting to reflect on her year in office and the

charities she had supported.

**C  
10/14 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year  
2014/2015**

Moved by Councillor Walmsley, seconded by Councillor Apedaile, that Councillor Dalgarno be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dalgarno be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

**C  
11/14 Return of Thanks for Appointment by Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for his appointment.

**C  
12/14 Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

Floral arrangements were presented to the Mayor, Deputy Mayoress and the retired Mayor.

**C  
13/14 Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain**

Reverend Colin Offer on behalf of the Mayor's Chaplain Reverend Canon Alan Farish presented a copy of the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor.

**C  
14/14 Announcement of Cabinet**

The Leader of the Council had distributed a copy of his Annual Report that outlined the achievements of the Council during 2013/14.

The Leader of the Council outlined that Members and Officers could be proud of what had been achieved.

The Leader of the Council announced his Cabinet for the Municipal Years 2014-2015:-

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health - Councillor Beall

The Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture - Councillor Dixon

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport - Councillor Smith

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People - Councillor Mrs McCoy

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Finance - Councillor Harrington

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety - Councillor Nelson

The Cabinet Member for Environment - Councillor Rose

The Cabinet Member for Access and Communities - Councillor Coleman

**C**            **Amendments to Outside Bodies for the 2014-2015 Municipal Year**  
**15/14**

RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the Outside Bodies for the Municipal Years 2014-2015:-

Cleveland Fire Authority

Remove – Councillor Evaline Cunningham

Add – Councillor Paul Kirton

Teesside Pension Fund

Remove – Councillor Bob Gibson

Add Councillor - Jim Beall

**C**            **Meetings of Council**  
**16/14**

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held at 7.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year 2014/2015 on the following dates:-

30th April 2014

18th June 2014

23rd July 2014

17th September 2014

22nd October 2014

26th November 2014

21st January 2015

25th February 2015 (Special Budget)

4th March 2015

3rd June 2015 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

**C**            **To agree the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Council's**  
**17/14**            **Constitution**

RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be agreed.

**C**            **Councillors' Corporate Parenting Pledge**  
**18/14**

The Mayor signed her pledge accepting her role as a Corporate Parent. She reminded all Members of their responsibility as a Corporate Parent and encouraged each of them also to sign the pledge, if they had not already done so.

**C**      **The Mayor will close the Meeting**  
**19/14**

The Mayor closed the meeting and invited guests to the civic reception.