

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 6th April, 2016.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Ian Dalgarno); Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Michael Clark, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Philip Dennis, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Di Hewitt, Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Alan Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Kathryn Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Stephen Parry, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Rachael Proud, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Tracey Stott, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Neil Schneider (CE), Julie Danks, Margaret Waggott, Nigel Hart, Michael Henderson, Peter Bell, Jenna McDonald (ACE), Richard McGuckin (EG&D), Beccy Brown, Jonathan Nertney (HR,L&C), Jane Humphreys (CS), Garry Cummings (F&BS), Jamie McCann (CS), Reuben Kench (C,L&E), Martin Gray (CS), Peter Kelly (A&H).

Also in attendance: Invited guests and dignitaries.

Apologies: Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Andrew Stephenson and Cllr Bill Woodhead.

C Evacuation Procedure

1/16

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

C Civic Welcome

2/16

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

C Presentation of the Honorary Alderman of the Borough

3/16

It gave the Worshipful the Mayor great pleasure to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on two former Councillors who had given many years' service to the Borough.

The Recipients for Honorary Alderman were called forward and signed the Honorary Alderman Roll and received their Alderman Medal, with a framed certificate:-

- Marjorie Galloway MBE
- Keith Leonard

The Worshipful the Mayor and the Chief Executive witnessed each declaration and added their signature to the Honorary Alderman Roll.

C Mayor's Civic Awards Scheme

4/16

The Civic Awards scheme provided an opportunity for the Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Borough, to recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations who had made a real difference to the community.

This was the 5th year of the Awards Scheme recognising the contribution

nominees within the categories make to the community.

Yet again, the quality of nominations, across all categories, had been exceptional and as a member of the Awards Panel tasked with choosing an overall winner for each of the categories, the Mayor could testify to how difficult it was to choose the winners.

Those winners had been invited to this meeting and it was great pleasure for the Worshipful the Mayor to present each in turn with a certificate and their award as a thank you for their achievements. In addition, as an added gesture of appreciation, on behalf of the Council, the Mayor extended an invitation to each winner (and a guest) to attend as a VIP at Stockton's Community Lunch to be held on 12th June in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.

- Young Persons Award

Firstly, the winner of The Young Persons Award went to Adam Bell

Adam had been involved in an anti - bullying working group for a number of years and in 2015 was successful in becoming 1 of 15 national Anti - Bullying Youth Ambassadors. He had met other national ambassadors and had spent time at Facebook headquarters in England and Ireland to look at ways of reducing cyber bullying and providing support to victims. Adam also received a Diana Award (Anti Bullying Campaign – for Giving Time to Improve the Lives of Others).

The Civic Award recognised the contribution Adam had made to raising awareness of and tackling bullying in his school and the local community.

Adam was in attendance at the meeting to receive his award.

- The Services to the Community Award - Individuals

There were joint winners for the Service to the Community Award for individuals. The first recipient was Joyce Chesney who started her working life in Stockton Library when it was in Wellington Street, moving to the library in Church Road where she established the Reference Library. Many people using the Reference Library would be aware of Joyce who had helped to provide essential information to many people particularly during the pre-internet days when Joyce was the font of knowledge in many subjects.

After taking a well-earned retirement, Joyce now fundraises in Stockton and works as a volunteer at the Butterwick Hospice and supports blind and partially sighted people not only in Stockton, but across the UK.

Joyce was in attendance at the meeting to receive her award.

It was with sadness that the Mayor announced that Norman Alderton, the other joint winner of the Award, had sadly passed away since the Panel met and overwhelmingly endorsed his commendation.

Norman spent a number of years training youngsters to play badminton, one of whom, Gareth Johns, went on to play for England. Norman also served the local

church as Church Warden and was very involved with both the Wolviston Cricket and Football clubs over the years and sang in the Billingham Synthonia Choir helping them to raise thousands of pounds through their concerts for charities.

The Panel were delighted to honour his devotion to local community service over a prolonged period of time and on behalf of the Panel, the Worshipful the Mayor passed on the Council's condolences to his family for their loss.

Gareth was in attendance at the meeting he received the award on behalf of Norman's family.

- The Services to the Community Award – Groups and Organisations

The winner of this award went to Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association (SRCGA). SRCGA had been delivering services within the borough of Stockton-on-Tees for more than 25 years and had established links that were deeply embedded in supporting local communities across Stockton.

Feedback from residents and others who had used their services had spoken about the personalised, commitment and additional support they always received.

They had made a positive contribution to Stockton over the last 25 years by delivering services to communities such as developing community groups, supporting development of action plans, providing one to one support for individuals, support community hubs / centres etc. the list was endless.

Julie Derbyshire and Jim Scollen from the organisation were in attendance at the meeting to receive their award.

- Services to Community Award-Businesses

The winner of the Business Award went to Nortech Solutions Group Limited.

Nortech Group was one of the UK's fastest growing and most respected specialist engineering service providers. The growing engineering business employed several apprentices and had also raised money for local charities. The business had launched a new initiative to deliver its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities called Nortech Cares. The new programme would support Nortech's charitable and community work, including existing initiatives and good causes. It also opened the door for future projects and fundraising for Nortech staff, friends and family.

Nortech Cares aimed to support two fundraising campaigns every year, one in spring and one in winter, alongside regular charity events. Over the last two years, Nortech had raised over £10,000 for charities in the Teesside area alone.

Two of the Managing Directors of the company, Bryan and Eileen Bunn were in attendance at the meeting to receive their award.

- Health & Wellbeing Award

The Health & Wellbeing Award went to husband and wife, Ian and Mary Mackie.

A former Army Gunner Warrant Officer and Ian Ramsey School Maths Teacher, Ian was diagnosed with dementia in 2011. Since then he and his wife Mary had demonstrated a commitment to increasing awareness about the condition, improving service provision across the borough and showing that it was possible to live well with dementia.

Both Ian and Mary were leading members of the Steering Group established to oversee the development of the Live Well Dementia Hub. Ian and Mary were passionate advocates of the need for integrated services across the health and social care sector and with voluntary and community based organisations; and work tirelessly to promote understanding and awareness of dementia.

Ian and Mary were in attendance at the meeting to receive their award.

- Green Award

The Green Award went to the Wynyard Ranger Volunteers who worked in all weathers keeping paths, drainage ditches clear, tree felling, gardening, pruning, fixing fences, gates and steps. They do this in their own time and are always cheerful despite it being hard physical demanding work.

They were unsung heroes and their work was very much appreciated by the communities they served particularly those in Stillington, Thornaby, Ingleby Barwick, Whitton and other areas.

Alec McDonald from the Wynyard Ranger Volunteers was in attendance at the meeting to receive the award.

- Carer / Foster Carer Award

The Panel chose to recognise two people within the Carer / Foster Carer category.

Margaret Wren had been a foster carer for Stockton Borough Council since 1977 and in that time had cared for numerous children and young people, providing them with a stable, loving family environment for as long as they needed it. Some of the children and young people had stayed with Margaret for many years, moving on only when they were ready to live independently. Many keep in touch with Margaret and still visited. Her satisfaction came from seeing her children do well in their lives and she was proud of them all.

Unfortunately, Margaret was not able to attend the meeting but on behalf of the Panel the Worshipful the Mayor congratulated her on her award which would be presented to her personally by the Director of Children's Services in due course.

The Panel chose to give a Special Carer Award to Robert Turner, a former steelworker and coalminer, who had worked in Stockton Borough Council's children's homes for the last 15 years. Robert had worked with some of the most vulnerable young people very often at a time when their lives were in crisis. His consistent calm and patient approach had gained success in improving the attendance and attainment of countless young people who had

required long term residential care in the borough.

As Robert approached his retirement, he could be confident that he would continue to be an inspirational figure to the looked after children in the borough and also to his colleagues.

**C
5/16** **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 his services during 2015/16.

**C
6/16** **Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2016/2017**

Moved by Councillor Harrington, seconded by Councillor Patterson, that Councillor Dixon be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dixon be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

**C
7/16** **Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

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

**C
8/16** **Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Walmsley, seconded by Councillor Faulks, that a vote of thanks be extended to the retired Mayor and Mayoress for the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties during the term of office.

RESOLVED that thanks be extended to the retired Mayor and Mayoress for the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties during their term of office.

**C
9/16** **Presentation of Medallion and Commemorative Album to the Retired Mayor**

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

**C
10/16** **Address by the Retired Mayor**

The retired Mayor addressed the meeting to reflect on his year in office and the charities he had supported.

**C
11/16** **Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2016/2017**

Moved by Councillor Houchen, seconded by Councillor Dennis, that Councillor

Perry be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

Moved by Councillor Mrs Walmsley, seconded by Councillor Dalgarno, that Councillor Mrs Walmsley be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

A vote took place and Councillor Perry was elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

RESOLVED that Councillor Perry be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

C
12/16 **Return of Thanks for Appointment by the Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for his appointment.

C
13/16 **Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

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

C
14/16 **Meetings of Council**

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held at 7.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year 2016/2017 on the following dates:-

27th April 2016
28th June 2016
20th July 2016
14th September 2016
19th October 2016
14th December 2016
25th January 2017
22nd February 2017 (Special - Budget)
8th March 2017
29th March 2017 (Special - Council Plan)
5th April 2017 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

C
15/16 **Announcement of Cabinet for 2016 - 2017**

The Leader of the Council had distributed a copy of his Annual Report that detailed the achievements of the Council during 2015/16.

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 2016 - 2017:-

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

The Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture - Councillor Norma Wilburn

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport - Councillor Nigel Cooke

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

The Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety - Councillor Steve Nelson

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Housing - Councillor Mike Smith

**C
16/16** **Appointments to Committees and Joint Bodies and Amendments to Committees for the 2016 - 2019 Municipal Years**

RESOLVED that the following appointments / amendments be made to the Committees and Panels for the Municipal Years 2015 - 2019:-

Committee

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

Remove Councillor Paul Baker as Chair

Appoint Councillor David Wilburn as Chair

Appoint Councillor Paul Rowling as Vice Chair

Joint Bodies

Cleveland Fire Authority

There would now only be 5 Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Members instead of 7, therefore:-

Remove – Councillor John Gardner

Remove – Councillor Stephen Parry

The above is effect from 10th June 2016

Tees Valley Combined Authority

Tees Valley Combined Authority - Audit and Governance Committee (1) – Councillor Barry Woodhouse

Tees Valley Combined Authority - Transport Committee (1) – Councillor Nigel Cooke

Tees Valley Combined Authority - Overview and Scrutiny Committee (2 Labour, 1 Conservative) – Councillor Norma Stephenson, Councillor Derrick Brown and Councillor Phil Dennis

Tees Valley Combined Authority Board – Named Substitute (1) – Councillor Jim Beall

Committees

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Remove Councillor Tracey Stott
Add Councillor Allan Mitchell
Remove – Councillor Mick Moore
Add – Councillor Sylvia Walmsley

Children & Young People Select Committee

Remove – Councillor Rachael Proud
Add – Councillor Barbara Inman

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

Remove Councillor Norma Stephenson
Add Councillor Allan Mitchell

People Select Committee

Remove Councillor Barbara Inman
Add Councillor Rachael Proud

**C
17/16 To agree the Council’s Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegation
as set out in Part 3**

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

**C
18/16 The Mayor will close the Meeting**

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