

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 5th April, 2017.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Ken Dixon), Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Philip Dennis, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Gardner, 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 Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Allan 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 Stephen Richardson, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Neil Schneider (CE) Julie Danks, Margaret Waggott, Peter Bell (DCE), Garry Cummings (F&BS), Martin Gray (CHS), Jamie McCann (CS), Ann Workman (AH); David Bond (Proper Officer), Reuben Kench (CL&E), Richard McGuckin (EG&D).

Also in attendance: Invited guests and dignitaries.

Apologies: Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Andrew Stephenson, Cllr Tracey Stott and Cllr Sylvia Walmsley.

C Evacuation Procedure

1/17

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

C Civic Welcome

2/17

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

C Mayor's Civic Awards Scheme

3/17

The Civic Awards scheme provided an opportunity for 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 6th year of the Awards Scheme recognising the contribution nominees within the categories had made to the community.

The quality of nominations, across all categories, had been exceptional.

The winners had been invited to the meeting and it was the Worshipful the Mayor's great pleasure to present each in turn with a certificate and their award as a thank you for their achievements.

- Young Persons Award - Liani Weston

The winner of The Young Persons Award went to Liani Weston.

Liani had been part of the Lets Take Action group for several years and over that time had really shone. Liani had won this award due to her commitment to the project and her endless motivation to shape and add to the service which was offered to Looked After Children.

- Services to the Community Award – Individual - Victor Manjero

Victor Manjero had always been extending his hand to every person he had met. Without prejudice, discrimination or expecting anything in return, this award winner eagerly and constantly helped the community through serving the church, being the voice of many, and somebody whom anyone could lean on.

- Services to the Community Award – Groups and Organisations - Blood-Run Emergency Volunteers

Blood-Run Emergency Volunteers did a tremendous job, ferrying essential blood supplies by motor cycle between local hospitals and Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary. They operated from 5pm to 7am on weekdays and covered 24hrs at weekends. The volunteers rode in all weather conditions, to help save others.

- Special Services to the Community Award – Individual Award – Posthumous Award to Martin Dixon

Martin Dixon rode a motorcycle for the Blood Run Emergency Volunteer Service for Cleveland and North Yorkshire from 2011 until he tragically died in a road traffic accident in Hartlepool whilst carrying blood supplies from Hartlepool General Hospital on Monday November 28th 2016. He was on call for an average of 120 hours each month and sadly he lost his own life whilst helping others.

All these volunteers did marvellous work in their spare time and The Worshipful the Mayor felt an award would honour Martin's work as well as highlighting their contribution to the community.

- Services to the Community Award – Business - Axiom Engineering

Axiom Engineering had grown successfully and consistently, and ran a global operation from offices in Stockton-On-Tees. From inspection and preventative maintenance, through to understanding failure or problems in the structure of assets, Axiom combined expertise in mechanical and materials engineering. The company was enjoying a period of expansion and job creation.

- Health & Wellbeing Award – Green Links

Green Links was a community project which provided a lifeline to people living with Dementia, with a free programme of outdoor activities which were shown to improve the lives of those living with Dementia.

The programme focused on connecting people with Dementia to the outdoors and gave sufferers the opportunity to practice gardening skills, grow their own fruit and vegetables, and be more active.

- The Green Award – Billingham Beck Valley Country Park Volunteer Rangers

Billingham Beck Valley Country Park Volunteer Rangers had assisted in the management of the popular Council owned site for over 25 years.

There were 12 active volunteers who met at the site every Thursday throughout the year to undertake practical conservation work. They were happy to work outside whatever the weather conditions and made a vital contribution to both the public who used the site and the wildlife there.

- Carer / Foster Carer Award - Damon and Lisa Zadrozny

Damon and Lisa Zadrozny were parents of three daughters, who had all played a significant role in the family's commitment to fostering.

Since being approved as foster carers in 2012, they had provided excellent care for seven children. They were completely dedicated to each child they cared for, and the family were hoping to adopt one child who was placed with them at just a few weeks old.

C **Customer Services Awards – Civic Recognition**

4/17

The Worshipful the Mayor reminded Members that at a recent Council meeting Members had unanimously supported a motion supporting Council staff. The Customer Service Awards was for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council staff who had been a shining example of outstanding customer service.

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the winners of the Customer Services Awards within the following categories:-

- Pride of Stockton Award Winner

This was a joint nomination with 3 winners for demonstrating on a daily basis that the welfare of residents, business and visitors to Stockton were of paramount importance to them. They were passionate about Stockton Town Centre and were committed to the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour and had increased the feeling of safety for business, residents and visitors to the Borough making Stockton a better, cleaner place to live, work and visit. The winners were:-

- Richard Beddard - Markets and Town Centre Manager
- Tony Roach – Town Centre Enforcement Officer
- Chris Dunwell - Town Centre Enforcement Officer

Extra Mile Award Winner

This award was introduced to recognise those employees who through hard work and determination went significantly beyond the requirements of their job and the expectations of those they served. This category was judged by the Customer Service Excellence Assessors who were overwhelmed with the nominations they had received and had found it very difficult to make a decision.

Anthony Slee was the chosen Winner for his drive and support he gave to Stockton Library, Customer Services and the public. Taking on roles that were above and beyond his duties.

Team Award Winners

This fantastic team provided support to the group of young people who were looked after at Tilery House under the leadership of Homes Manager Gillian Mitchell. The passion they had shown in their roles on a daily basis to get the best outcome for looked after children was amazing.

The winners were Tilery House Looked After Children's Team and the representatives to receive this award were:-

- Jo Lee - Service Manager
- Gillian Mitchell - Home Manager
- Garth Illingworth - Residential Care Officer

Star Employee

The winner of this award was Scott Martin. Scott joined his new team just a few months ago and had shown an outstanding effort getting up to speed with systems and projects. His enthusiastic approach had been highly commended by a number of teams and staff over the whole Council.

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5/17 **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 2016/17.

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6/17 **Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/2018**

Moved by Councillor Bill Woodhead MBE, seconded by Councillor Ben Houchen, that Councillor Maurice Perry be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

RESOLVED that Councillor Maurice Perry be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

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7/17 **Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

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

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8/17 **Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor**

Moved by Councillor David Harrington, seconded by Councillor Ross Patterson, 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 their terms 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 terms of office.

C **Presentation of Medallions and Commemorative Album to the Retired**

9/17 Mayor and Mayoress

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

C Address by the Retired Mayor
10/17

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

C Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year
11/17 2017/2018

Moved by Councillor Mrs Jean O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Bob Cook, that Councillor Eileen Johnson be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

RESOLVED that Councillor Eileen Johnson be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

C Return of Thanks for Appointment by the Deputy Mayor
12/17

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for her appointment.

C Presentation of Floral Arrangements
13/17

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

C Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain
14/17

Reverend Martin Anderson presented the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor.

C Meetings of Council
15/17

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held at 7.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year 2017/2018 on the following dates:-

3 May 2017
21 June 2017
19 July 2017
20 September 2017
22 November 2017
20 December 2017
31 January 2018
28 February 2018 (Special - Budget)
14 March 2018
28 March 2018 (Special - Council Plan)
4 April 2018 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

C Announcement of Cabinet Members for 2017 - 2018
16/17

The Leader of the Council had distributed a copy of his Annual Report that detailed the achievements of the Council during 2016/17.

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 2017 - 2018:-

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health - Councillor Jim Beall

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

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing - Councillor Nigel Cooke

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

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

Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport - Councillor Mike Smith

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17/17** **Announcement of Assistant Cabinet Members for 2017 - 2018**

The Leader of the Council announced his Assistant Cabinet Members for the Municipal Years 2017 - 2018:-

Assistant Cabinet Member for Children and Young People - Councillor Lauriane Povey

Assistant Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing - Councillor Lisa Grainge

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18/17** **Select Committee Name Change, Amendments to Committees and Outside Body, Appointments to the Licensing Committees and Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs for the 2017 - 2019 Municipal Years**

RESOLVED that the following Select Committee Name Change, Amendments to Committees and Outside Body, Appointments to the Licensing Committees and Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs for the 2017 - 2019 Municipal Years be approved:-

1. Change of Select Committee name

The name of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee be changed to Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

2. Amendments

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee:-

Councillor Sonia Bailey be removed from the membership
Councillor Lauriane Povey be added to the membership

People Select Committee:-

Councillor Lisa Grainge be removed from the membership
Councillor Sonia Bailey be added to the membership

Children and Young People Select Committee:-

Councillor Lauriane Povey be removed from the membership
Councillor Paul Rowling be added to the membership

Executive Scrutiny Committee:-

Councillor Mohammed Javed be removed from the membership
Councillor Lisa Grainge be added to the membership
Councillor Maurice Perry be removed from the membership
Councillor Ben Houchen be added to the membership

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Councillor Sonia Bailey be removed from the membership
Councillor Mrs Norma Wilburn be added to the membership

3. A Statutory Licensing Committee be established under the Licensing Act 2003 responsible for Licensing Act and the Gambling Act.

4. A Other Licensing Committee be established under the Local Government Act 1972 responsible for all other Licensing matters.

5. The following nominations be agreed:-

Statutory Licensing Committee - established under the Licensing Act 2003:-

Councillors Derrick Brown, Chris Clough, Evaline Cunningham, Phil Dennis, Eileen Johnson, Paul Kirton, Kathryn Nelson, Jean O'Donnell, Stephen Parry, Maurice Perry, Julia Whitehill, David Wilburn, Norma Wilburn and Bill Woodhead.

Other Licensing Committee - established under the Local Government Act 1972:-

Councillors Derrick Brown, Chris Clough, Evaline Cunningham, Phil Dennis, Eileen Johnson, Paul Kirton, Kathryn Nelson, Jean O'Donnell, Stephen Parry, Maurice Perry, Julia Whitehill, David Wilburn, Norma Wilburn and Bill Woodhead.

6. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee:-

Councillor Mohammed Javed be removed as Chair

Councillor Lisa Grainge be appointed as Chair
Councillor Lisa Grainge be removed as Vice Chair
Councillor Lauriane Povey be appointed as Vice Chair

Children and Young People Select Committee:-

Councillor Tracy Stott be removed as Vice Chair
Councillor Barbara Inman be appointed as Vice Chair

C **Councillors' Corporate Parenting Pledge**

19/17

The Worshipful the Mayor signed his pledge accepting his role as Corporate Parent and urged all other Members to do the same.

C **To agree the Council's Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegation**
20/17 **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 **The Mayor will close the Meeting**

21/17

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