



# Council

## Minutes

Tuesday, 25 May 2021 at 19:00

### PRESENT:

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Jeal (in the Chair); Councillors Annison, Bensly, Bird, Borg, Cameron, Candon, G Carpenter, P Carpenter, Cordiner-Achenbach, Fairhead, Flaxman-Taylor, Freeman, Galer, Hacon, D Hammond, P Hammond, Lawn, Martin, Plant, Robinson-Payne, Scott-Greenard, Smith, Smith-Clare, Talbot, Thompson, Wainwright, B Walker, C M Walker, Waters-Bunn, Wells, Williamson, A Wright & B Wright.

Ms S Oxtoby (Chief Executive Officer), Ms K Sly (Finance Director), Ms C Whatling (Monitoring Officer), Mrs P Boyce (Strategic Director), Ms K Watts (Strategic Director), Mrs C Dyble (Head of Marketing & Communications), Mrs L Goodman (Events Manager), Ms B Todd (Civic & Events Co-ordinator) Mrs S Wintle (Corporate Services Manager) & Mrs C Webb (Executive Services Officer).

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Jeal, requested that Council hold a minutes silence as a mark of respect following the recent passing of the Duke of Edinburgh and to remember all those who had lost their lives during the pandemic.

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mogford & Stenhouse.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given at the meeting.

### **3 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE 2021/2022 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Sue Hacon be elected Mayor of the Borough of Great Yarmouth for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Her Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Sue Hacon hereby signed the declaration of office and gave an acceptance speech.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Sue Hacon be elected Mayor of the Borough of Great Yarmouth for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Proposer: Councillor Annison.

Seconder: Councillor Fairhead.

### **4 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Robinson-Payne gave the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael Jeal.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Carl Smith seconded the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael Jeal.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael Jeal, addressed Council and gave a passionate speech as he re-countered his childhood and how he had grown

up to become Mayor of Great Yarmouth. His message to the residents of the Borough was that no matter how humble your beginnings were, this did not define you and you could become anything or anyone you aspired to become, even the Mayor of Great Yarmouth. He wished the new Mayor, Councillor Sue Hacon, the best year ever and assured her that she would have a wonderful time serving the residents of this great Borough.

RESOLVED:

That a vote of thanks be given to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael Jeal.

Proposer: Councillor Robinson-Payne

Seconder: Councillor Smith.

## **5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith proposed that Councillor Adrian Thompson be elected Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. This was seconded by Councillor Plant.

Councillor Wainwright proposed that Councillor Colleen Walker be elected Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. This was seconded by Councillor Robinson-Payne.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Adrian Thompson hereby signed the declaration of office and gave an acceptance speech.

Following a vote, it was RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Adrian Thompson be elected Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Proposer: Councillor Smith

Seconder: Councillor Plant

## **6 APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN - 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Her Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Hacon announced that Canon Simon Ward, would be appointed as her Chaplain for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Canon Simon Ward hereby said prayers to protect the Mayor, Councillors, officers and all the residents of the Borough during the coming year.

RESOLVED:-

That Canon Simon Ward be appointed as Mayor's Chaplain for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

## **7 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February 2021 were confirmed.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Plant.

## **8 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Smith was proposed by Councillor Plant and seconded by Councillor Grant as the Leader of the Council.

Councillor Plant was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Candon as the Deputy Leader of the Council

RESOLVED:-

(i) That Councillor Smith be elected Leader of the Council.

Proposer: Councillor Plant  
Seconder: Councillor Grant.

(ii) That Councillor Plant be elected Deputy leader of the Council

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Candon.

## **9 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE 2021-22**

The Leader of the Council presented the Committee Timetable 2021/22 for approval with one amendment in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Corporate Services Manager that Council be moved from the 8 July to 22 July to allow for business to be undertaken prior to the summer recess during August.

Councillor Wainwright reported that he was unhappy that the meeting timetable was being changed to accommodate "double-hatters" which gave the impression that those Councillors prioritised County Council meetings over Borough Council meetings. The Leader of the Council reminded Councillor Wainwright that he had been a County Councillor and a Borough Councillor in

the past.

Councillor Williamson raised the issue of the cancellation of the Town Centre Member Working Group scheduled for Monday 7 June 2021. The Chief Executive Officer reported that this was an unfortunate error and that the meeting would still go ahead on 7 June 2021 but at the earlier start time of 11:00.

Councillor Waters-Bunn asked that the Appeals Committee revert back to being held on a Friday morning as it had always been in the past as it was now timetabled for a Tuesday which was unacceptable to her as it would mean that she would be unable to attend.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee Timetable for 2021/22 be agreed taking into account the amendments agreed at the meeting.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Plant.

## **10 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2021/22**

The Leader of the Council presented the Committee Memberships 2021/22 for approval.

Councillor Wainwright requested that one alteration to the Appeals Committee be made, that Councillor Robinson-Payne be nominated to the Committee in place of Councillor Martin and that the Corporate Services Manager had been made aware of this change prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee Membership 2021/22 be approved.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Plant.

## **11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR'S AND VICE-CHAIR'S OF COMMITTEE'S 2021/22**

The Leader of the Council presented the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees 2021/22 for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the Appointments of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to Committees for 2021/22 be approved.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Plant.

## **12 WORKING GROUPS MEMBERSHIPS 2021/22**

The Leader of the Council presented the Working Groups Membership 2021/22 for approval.

RESOLVED:-

That the Working Groups Membership 2021/22 be approved.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Plant.

## **13 REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Leader of the Council presented the Review of Outside Bodies List for approval; item numbers 1 to 45 would be taken en bloc but there had been two nominations for item number 46. This motion was seconded by Councillor Plant.

In regard to item no 46, nomination to the Youth Advisory Board, Councillor Smith had nominated Councillor Galer and Councillor Wainwright had nominated Councillor Martin.

Following a vote, it was RESOLVED:-

(i) That item numbers 1-45 were approved en bloc; and

(ii) That Councillor Galer be elected to serve on the Youth Advisory Board.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Seconder: Councillor Plant.

## **15 APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The Leader of the Council reported that Mr Iain Robertson had been appointed to the post of Major Projects and Development Director.

The Leader of the Council requested that the thanks of the Council be recorded in respect of all the hard work which Lindsay Barker, Strategic Director, had carried out whilst she was with us, especially in regard to the new Marina Centre, as she would sadly be leaving the Council on 23 June 2021. This was seconded by Councillors Plant and Wainwright.

## **16 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR, HEAD OF PAID SERVICE AND LEADER**

The Leader of the Council asked that his thanks be recorded to the Corporate Services Manager and all the Council staff for their dedication, hard work and commitment over the last 16 months.

The Leader of the Council thanked all the present Councillors and former Councillors, Cara Walker and Steve Scott-Greenard for their support during the pandemic. The Leader welcomed back Councillor Ron Hanton and welcomed new Councillor Robert Peck.

The Leader of the Council asked that his thanks and those of his fellow Councillors be recorded to David Wiles, Media and Communications Manager, who was leaving the Council at the end of May to take up a new position at Windsor & Maidenhead Council. The Leader thanked David for all his support and wished him well for the future.

Councillor Wainwright echoed the thanks of the Leader of the Council and thanked all the staff for their commitment and for pulling together over the previous, exceptional 16 months.

The Head of Paid Service congratulated Her Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Sue Hacon and wished her a wonderful year in office. She thanked the Leader and Councillor Wainwright for all their support over the last 16 months as this had made her job much easier. She reiterated that it was sad to lose Lindsay and David and she welcomed Iain to the Council. She also gave her heartfelt thanks to all the staff for their sterling work during the last 16 months.

Her Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Sue Hacon gave a short speech and thanked the Councillors who had nominated and supported her for this once in a lifetime opportunity. She vowed to promote the borough to the best of her ability during her year in office. Her two chosen charities for the year would be Dial and the National Coastwatch. The Civic Service would be held on Sunday, 15 August 2021 at the Minister.

The meeting ended at: 21:00