

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful The Mayor and Cllrs Bushkes, Chappell, Dykes, Edwards, Hey, Michael, Tillett and Wilcox.

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs Baker, Butler, Griffiths, Mansell and Rone.

C2019/20.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs Kenyon, Lloyd-Hayes, Stevens and Tawn.

C2019/20.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

C2019/20.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from members of the public present.

C2019/20.04 MINUTES

Members considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 12th March 2019.

Cllr Tillett identified two grammatical errors in the minutes – page two curbs should read kerbs, Page four 15 km should read 1.5 km.

Members noted these amendments and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the 12 March 2019 and Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the City Council held on the 28 February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and be duly signed by the Chair.

C2019/20.05 FREQUENCY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members received and considered a report from the Town Clerk regarding the frequency of full Council meetings.

The Town Clerk gave an overview of his report and recommendations. He also highlighted to Members that having just agreed the calendar of meetings for 2019/2020 it was for them to decide if they now wished to change this.

Cllr Wilcox informed Members that his suggestion was to reduce the number of meetings for all committee's as well as Council. He stated the number of meetings there were to attend in a year, that the whole process needs looking at and that Members spend too much time discussing and not achieving.

Cllr Wilcox proposed no decision is made tonight and that this item goes to G & P committee for consideration.

Cllr Hey informed Members she was in favour of the new process for the planning committee but with regards to other council and committee meetings Members should not be rushing into a decision as this needs great considerations of the process and implications. This process should wait until the new administration is in place and proposed 7.4 of the Town Clerk's recommendations. Members concurred with Cllr Hey.

Cllr Michael highlighted to Members that no one councillor sits on every committee, so the number of meetings stated by Cllr Wilcox that Members attend is vastly reduced. Members concurred with Cllr Michael.

Cllr Edwards proposed there was no need for 7.6 as this was part of Councillor training and should be removed and seconded 7.4.

7.4 was put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

7.5 was put to the vote – 5 voted in favour

7.6 was put to the vote – 5 voted in favour.

RESOLVED:

Council authorise Governance and Procedures Committee to postpone a final decision until after the new committee is elected by Council on 21st May to enable new members to be involved in the decision.

Council agree that Mayor's and Clerk's communication shall in any case take place through their respective offices by email between meetings of council.

Council agree that as a matter of normal business, members will not repeat points already made but indicate their agreement to a point at the end of a speech by saying "hear hear".

C2019/20.06 ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Members received and considered a report from the Town Clerk regarding renewing the Council's commitment to signing the Armed Forces Covenant.

The Town Clerk gave an overview of his report.

Cllr Wilcox informed Members that they should fully support the covenant, it mustn't just be words and that he meets up with registered organisations once a year. That rather than just signing the covenant, Members should work on a programme showing support.

Members discussions covered the following:

- What the City Council does already
- City Council support via community groups and charities and funding support

- Finding a way the City Council can be more active in supporting former service personnel.

Members were asked to vote on the recommendations in the Town Clerk's report.

Cllr Wilcox requested an amendment to 3.2 adding the words to the end "and actively put words in to action".

Members voted on 3.1 and 3.2 and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Council renews its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant

That the Mayor signs the covenant on behalf of the Council to signify this renewal of commitment and that the Clerk ensures that the Council is added to the list of bodies held nationally who have supported the covenant and the council actively puts the words in to action.

C2019/20.07 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

Members received communications from The Right Worshipful the Mayor as follows:

- Mayor's Thanksgiving Service on Sunday – reminder for all Councillors to arrive for 2.15pm
- Arrival of Polish Delegation. Timetable should have been circulated to Members.

Cllr Edwards informed Members that he would be showing the delegation round the Belmont and Heywood Country Park on the Thursday.

C2019/20.08 DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES:

To note the draft minutes of the meetings, as laid out below:

Community Development Committee:

5th March 2019 - Noted

Finance & Policy Committee:

Not included

Governance & Procedures Committee:

26th March 2019 – Circulated during meeting

Planning & Highways Committee:

14th March 2019 - Noted

C2019/20.09 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Members received reports from members who represent the City Council on the following bodies:

- Municipal Charities (x 2 Members) Cllrs Boulter and Hey**
The number of HCC representatives has been reduced to 2.

- b) **Herefordshire Market Towns Forum (x 1 Member - Cllr Wilcox to attend ad hoc meetings)**
There are mixed feelings as to whether this group will continue due to the successful delivery of the Parish Summits.
- c) **HALC Executive Committee (x 3 Members) Cllr Griffiths** (plus two outstanding vacancies)
Not Present. From April HCC will no longer be members of HALC so this outside body and the one below should be removed from the list.
- d) **HALC Southern Area Meeting (x 2 Members) Cllr Griffiths** (plus one outstanding vacancy)
Not Present
- e) **The Enterprise Zone Stakeholder Group (x 1 Member) Cllr Griffiths**
Not Present
- f) **Three Choirs Festival (x 3 Members) Cllrs Chappell, Lloyd-Hayes and Tillet**
No Meeting
- g) **Hereford Twinning Association** (x 1 Member who is always the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford as President of the Twinning Association)
A delegation from Vierzon coming over in May
- h) **Hereford City Tourism Group (x 1 Member) Cllr Lloyd-Hayes**
Not Present
- i) **Hereford in Bloom (x 1 Member) Cllr Boulter**
No Meeting
- j) **New Hereford University Working Group (x 2 Members) Cllrs Lloyd-Hayes and Stevens**
Not Present
- k) **Close House (x 1 Member) Cllr Kenyon**
Not Present
- l) **The BID group (x 1 Member) Cllr Stevens**
Not Present
- m) **Hereford Area Plan (x 2 Members) Cllrs Griffiths and Lloyd-Hayes**
Not Present
- n) **Community Land Trust (x 1 Member) Cllr Michael**
Summary to be emailed to members.

Cllr Edwards informed members that NMite may be rebranding. He attended the launch event at Blackfriars. The university is oversubscribed for the first cohort and there are over 400 enquiries for 2020 already.

C2019/20.10 TOWN CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

As circulated with the agenda.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Cllrs Chappell and Edwards on behalf of the City Council for all their years of service and they were presented with a gift of thanks as acknowledgment of this.

C2019/20.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next meeting is TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019, at 6 PM

There being no further business the Mayor called the meeting to a close at 18.45hrs

Signed.....

Dated.....