

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful The Mayor Cllr Hey and Cllrs Andrews, Boulter, Butler, Dykes, Foxton, Hornsey, Hunt, Kenyon, Milln, Oliver, Powell, Stevens, Tillett, Toynbee, Tyler and Williams.

NOT PRESENT: None.

C2019/20.12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllr Wilcox.

C2019/20.13 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.

Members were advised that prior knowledge or friendship with any of the co-option applicants need only be declared if it was such a close relationship as to give rise to a concern about pre-determination.

C2019/20.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from members of the public present.

C2019/20.15 MINUTES

Members considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 09th April 2019.

Cllr Oliver raised a number of points, of which one was actioned – point 05 on page 2 was missing an ‘a’ and should read “...their agreement to a point at the end of a speech by saying...”

Members noted this amendment and it was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the 09th April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and be duly signed by the Chair.

C2019/20.16 CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER TO REPRESENT RACECOURSE WARD

The four applicants, in alphabetical order, were asked to present their case for three minutes and Members were given the opportunity to ask any questions after all applicants had spoken.

Presentations

Frank Cornthwaite

Mr Cornthwaite spoke about his past history and achievements, including his time as a Parish Councillor in Lincolnshire where he was involved in many projects. Since moving to Hereford, he has been involved with a number of groups including Bus Community Transport, Street Pastors, served as Chair on Hope for Herefordshire and was awarded a Queen's Medal for Voluntary Service in 2018. As a councillor, Frank would like to see Hereford High Town as a thriving community and work towards Hereford City Council's ABC Values.

Patricia Hales

Mrs Hales informed the Council that her 42 years' experience of working on projects in the City meant that she had been involved with raising £4M for local charities. She helped to set up, and is still involved with, Dial-a-Ride, works with Horizon Training and Hereford River Carnival and is on the Wye River Group advisory board. Patricia would like to bring her energy and enthusiasm to the City Council and uphold the heritage and traditions of Hereford City.

Robert Owens

Mr Owens informed Members that having grown up in Holmer he knows the Racecourse Ward well and that his experience working at the RNC signposting students has increased his local knowledge. Robert has been involved with a number of community groups to make improvements to the local area including Cycle Hereford, the Wildlife Trust (and their Wildplay Sessions), restoring the flower beds at the train station and litter picking schemes. As a keen cyclist, he would like to promote active travel as well as recycling and composting.

Paul Stevens

Mr Stevens spoke about his previous experience as a City Councillor for Widemarsh Ward and what he achieved in this time. He is passionate about community development and has worked on projects such as the Skate Park plinths, the allotments, the Town Hall asset transfer, the Sculpture Trail and the Holmer War Memorial. Paul told Members that as Chair of the Finance & Policy Committee, he has helped to ensure a 0% increase in the precept for the last two years and that if co-opted, as a councillor he would like to focus on youth projects and community cohesion.

Questions

Members were then asked if they had any questions. No questions were asked but Cllr Kenyon stated that he felt that all four were excellent candidates and that the already elected councillors have a lot to live up to.

Results

Three rounds of votes took place with one co-optee being eliminated after each round. Voting results can be seen in the table below.

Name	Round 1 Votes	Round 2 Votes	Round 3 Votes	Result
Frank Cornthwaite	1	-	-	-
Patricia Hales	4	6	6	-
Robert Owens	2	1	-	-
Paul Stevens	9	9	10	Elected

RESOLVED:

Council resolved that Paul Stevens be elected to the position of Councillor for the Racecourse Ward on Hereford City Council. Mr Stevens then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

C2019/20.17 STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were asked to vote on whether to re-adopt the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct for the municipal year.

It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Council re-adopts the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct for the municipal year 2019/20.

C2019/20.18 APPOINTMENT OF SIGNATORIES

Members were asked to agree two new cheque signatories to replace retired councillors and to agree a member to counter-sign bank reconciliations.

Cheque Signatories

It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon and seconded by Cllr Stevens and

RESOLVED:

That Council approves Cllr Andrews and Cllr Hornsey to act as cheque signatories.

Bank Reconciliation Counter-Signatory

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Boulter and

RESOLVED:

That Council approves Cllr Wilcox to counter-sign bank reconciliations.

C2019/20.19 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor, Cllr Kath Hey welcomed new Members to the City Council, thanked all for attending the training day and said she was looking forward to the next training evening. Cllr Hey said it is very important that all councillors are involved with all civic events, especially Historical Hereford Day.

She informed members about the twinning visit to Vierzon in June and the Blackfriars Rose Gardens event and finished by saying she was looking forward to meeting the new Chairs and Vice-Chairs at committee meetings after the appointment of members.

C2019/20.20 DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES:

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

Community Development Committee:

2nd April 2019 - Noted

Finance & Policy Committee:

16th April 2019 - Noted

Governance & Procedures Committee:

30th April 2019 - Noted

Planning & Highways Committee:

4th April 2019 - Noted

25th April 2019 - Noted

C2019/20.21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Members were asked to express interest in sitting on the four committees below.

Cllr Kenyon proposed and Cllr Hey seconded that the Finance and Policy Committee be reduced from 10 members to 8 members and the Planning and Highways Committee be increased from 9 members to 10 members. The Clerk asked for suggestions for each committee, reporting those members who had already indicated an interest and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That membership of the Council committees, with the Mayor, Councillor Kath Hey as an ex-officio member of every committee be:

Community Development Committee (eleven members) - one vacancy

Councillors Boulter, Foxton, Hornsey, Kenyon, Oliver, Powell, Stevens, Tillett, Tyler and Wilcox.

Finance and Policy Committee (eight members)

Councillors Boulter, Butler, Dykes, Hornsey, Oliver, Stevens, Toynbee and Wilcox.

Governance and Procedures Committee (nine members)

Councillors Andrews, Boulter, Dykes, Hunt, Kenyon, Powell, Stevens, and Wilcox and Williams.

Planning and Highways Committee (ten members)

Councillors Andrews, Butler, Boulter, Hornsey, Hunt, Milln, Powell, Stevens, Tyler and Williams.

C2019/20.22 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were asked to express interest in representing the City Council on the bodies below.

b) Two members expressed an interest in attending the Herefordshire Market Towns Forum. Cllr Stevens proposed the number be increased to two and this was agreed unanimously.

i) Both Cllrs Kenyon and Boulter expressed an interest in working with Close House and both received 6 votes each. Cllr Kenyon stood aside.

k) Cllrs Andrews, Dykes, Foxtan, Hornsey, Kenyon and Milln expressed interest in representing the Council at Hereford Area Plan meetings. There was some discussion around: deferring the decision until Herefordshire Council have decided their committees; whether representatives should be single or twin hatted; and delegating to Planning Committee.

It was

RESOLVED:

- a) **Municipal Charities (x 1 Member)** Cllrs Boulter
- b) **Herefordshire Market Towns Forum (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Andrews and Hunt
(for ad hoc meetings)
- c) **The Enterprise Zone Stakeholder Group (x 1 Member)** Cllr Hornsey
- d) **Three Choirs Festival (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Foxtan and Hornsey
- e) **Hereford Twinning Association (x 1 Member)** who is always the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford as President of the Twinning Association
- f) **Hereford City Tourism Group (x 1 Member)** Cllr Hornsey
- g) **Hereford in Bloom (x 1 Member)** Cllr Boulter
- h) **New Hereford University Working Group (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Powell and Stevens
- i) **Close House (x 1 Member)** Cllr Boulter

j) **The BID Group (x 1 Member)** Cllr Stevens

k) **Hereford Area Plan (x 2 Members)** Item deferred until next Council 25th June 2019 or later Council once Herefordshire Council decisions have been made.

l) **Community Land Trust (x 1 Member)** Cllr Milln

C2019/20.23 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Cllr Kenyon proposed Cllr Paul Stevens, stating that he had been committed to the City Council over the past 4 years. This was seconded by Cllr Boulter and went to a vote with 12 in favour and 3 abstentions and it was

RESOLVED:

Cllr Paul Stevens is appointed as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Hereford City Council. Cllr Stevens then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received his Deputy Mayor's Badge from the Mayor.

C2019/20.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members were asked to visit the Parlour directly after the meeting to pull names from a hat to determine the Order of Seniority for the Mayoralty for all new members.

Members noted that the Grants Committee due to take place on Monday 3rd June 2019 had been CANCELLED due to only one grant application which would instead be heard at the next Community Development Committee on TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019, at 6 PM.

Members noted the date of the second training event is MONDAY 3RD JUNE, at 6 PM.

Members noted the first committee meeting to take place would be Planning on THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2019, at 6 PM.

Members noted the date of the next meeting is TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019, at 6 PM.

There being no further business the Mayor called the meeting to a close at 19.26hrs

Signed.....

Dated.....