

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting of **MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Monday, 21 May 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor: Derrick Haley (Chair)
 John Levantis (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:	Roy Barker	Gerard Brewster
	Michael Burke	David Burn
	James Caston	Rachel Eburne
	Paul Ekpenyong	John Field
	Julie Flatman	Jessica Fleming
	Elizabeth Gibson-Harries	Nick Gowrley
	Kathie Guthrie	Lavinia Hadingham
	Matthew Hicks	Glen Horn
	Esther Jewson	Diana Kearsley
	Anne Killett	Sarah Mansel
	Wendy Marchant	John Matthissen
	Lesley Mayes	Suzie Morley
	Dave Muller	Mike Norris
	Derek Osborne	Penny Otton
	Timothy Passmore	Jane Storey
	Andrew Stringer	Keith Welham
	Kevin Welsby	John Whitehead
	Jill Wilshaw	

1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor Gowrley and seconded by Councillor Whitehead

It was Resolved:-

That Councillor Derrick Haley be appointed Chairman of the Council for 2018/19

Note: Councillor Haley duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman and took the chair.

Councillor Haley thanked Members for giving him the opportunity to Chair the Council for the second year running which he considered to be a great honour. He looked forward to again representing the Council at civic functions and raising money for his chosen charity Suffolk MIND.

2 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor Haley and seconded by Councillor Morley

It was Resolved:-

That Councillor John Levantis be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2018/19

Note: Councillor Levantis duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Levantis thanked Members and said that he would do his best to support Councillor Haley and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Green, Humphreys and Whybrow.

4 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

5 MC/18/1 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2018

5.1 Councillor Wilshaw clarified that on page 23 of the Minutes her response to the question relating to decreasing housing stock should read "Mid Suffolk's housing stock had increased by 38 new builds and 44 acquisitions, this included three additional units provided for Mid Suffolk on the development at Woolpit over three years which meant that the housing stock had increased by 82. Whilst the Council was showing an overall decrease in stock by 7 the Council was acquiring more properties all the time to try to make up the shortfall".

It was Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2018 be approved as a true record.

6 MC/18/2 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 The report was received.

6.2 Councillor Haley stated that he was very grateful for all the contributions that were made at his function at the Museum of East Anglian Life. He had presented one cheque to Suffolk Family Carers of £960 and would be presenting a cheque for the same amount to the Museum of East Anglian Life. Since then further money had been donated and he was hoping that the final amounts would be £1000 which was excellent.

7 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 Councillor Gowrley congratulated Councillor Hicks on his appointment as the Leader Elect of Suffolk County Council.

8 APPOINTMENTS

8a DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES

It was Resolved:-

That the following Committees be appointed:-

- **Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
- **Development Control Committee A**
- **Development Control Committee B**
- **Planning Referrals Committee**
- **Mid Suffolk Licensing and Regulatory Committee**
- **Joint Audit and Standards Committee**
- **Joint Appointments Committee**

8b MC/18/3 - POLITICAL BALANCE AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 8.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, a Local Authority was under a duty to review the allocation of seats to Political Groups at every annual meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting. In addition, the composition of Committees must be approved at Annual Council each year.
- 8.2 Appendix A to Paper MC/18/3 detailing the allocation of seats to Committees was tabled for Members' consideration.
- 8.3 The Monitoring Officer advised Council that for recommendation 2.3 in the report there was no Appendix C and that the Terms of Reference should be amended to read "that the Constitution working Group would consist of three Members, one from each political group".

It was Resolved:-

- (i) That the Committees' size and numerical allocation of seats be approved as detailed in the revised Appendix A to the report as tabled.**
- (ii) That Committee seats be allocated as set out in Appendix B to the report subject to Councillor Jewson standing down from Licensing and Regulatory Committee and that the proposal for named substitutes was removed.**

- (iii) That a Joint Constitution Working Group be established, that the scope of the review detailed in section 3 of the report be agreed subject to the Terms of Reference being amended to read “that the Constitution working Group would consist of three Members, one from each political group”.
- (iv) That the amendments recommended by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee to its Terms of Reference be agreed.

8c ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

- 8.4 As he was standing down from being Leader of the Green Group, Councillor Stringer made a short speech about his term of office and said that it had been privilege to have worked with some extraordinary people over the past twelve years.
- 8.5 The Chairman in response stated that Councillor Stringer had always had the interests of the community at heart and thanked him for his hard work and contribution to the Council.

It was Resolved:-

That the following Councillors be appointed as Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Committees as detailed below:

Mid Suffolk Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Chair: Vice-Chair:	Keith Welham Derek Osborne
Development Control Committee A	Chair: Vice-Chair:	Matthew Hicks Lesley Mayes
Development Control Committee B	Chair: Vice-Chair:	Kathie Guthrie Roy Barker
Mid Suffolk Licensing & Regulatory Committee	Chair: Vice-Chair:	Kathie Guthrie Kevin Welsby
Joint Audit & Standards Committee	Chair: Vice-Chair:	Suzie Morley Dave Muller
Joint Appointments Committee	Chair: Vice-Chair:	Nick Gowrley John Whitehead

8d MC/18/4 - APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2018/19

- 8.6 The Assistant Director for Law and Governance presented report MC/18/4 with a revised Appendix C with the addition of Councillor Marchant to be appointed to the East Suffolk Drainage Board.

8.7 Councillor Gowrley announced that the Ipswich City Deal Board was no longer sitting and requested that it be removed from the list of Outside Bodies. He also nominated Councillor Michael Burke to be a substitute on the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel.

8.8 Councillor Eburne requested that an additional recommendation was added to the report as follows:-

“That each Councillor appointed to an outside body report back to Council on an annual basis detailing their work and their responsibilities on the Outside Body”.

8.9 Councillor Gowrley accepted the amendment.

It was Resolved:-

(i) That Councillors be appointed to Outside Bodies as detailed in the revised Appendix A to paper MC/18/4 with the addition of Councillor Michael Burke to be appointed as substitute to the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel.

(ii) That each Councillor appointed to an outside body report back to Council on an annual basis detailing their work and their responsibilities on the Outside Body”.

8e APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE SHARED REVENUES PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

8.10 The Assistant Director – Law and Governance reported that, in accordance with the joint arrangements established with Babergh District Council and Ipswich Borough Council, Council was asked to appoint two Councillors and two substitutes to serve on the Committee for the Current municipal year.

The political balance rules did not apply to Mid Suffolk’s appointees.

It was Resolved:-

That Councillors Derrick Haley and John Whitehead be appointed as Members of the Shared Revenues Partnership and that Councillors Diana Kearsley and Kathie Guthrie be appointed as substitute Members for the Municipal year 2018/19.

8f APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUFFOLK JOINT STANDARDS BOARD

8.11 The Assistant Director – Law and Governance reported that, in accordance with the joint arrangements established with Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council, Council was asked to appoint three Councillors to serve on the Board for the current municipal year.

8.12 The political balance rules did not apply to Mid Suffolk's appointees who could not be:

- The Chairman of the Council
- Members of the Cabinet

8.13 The Group Leaders had been asked to put forward names to be considered for these positions. Appointments will be made for the ensuing year, unless one of the circumstances in Section 5 of the Board's Terms of Reference relating to resignations, removal/replacement of members, changes to the constitutional arrangements took effect.

It was Resolved:-

That Councillors Barry Humphreys, Suzie Morley and John Matthissen be appointed as Members of the Suffolk Joint Standards Board for the Municipal year 2018/19.

8g APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT GYPSY AND TRAVELLER STEERING GROUP

It was Resolved:-

That Councillors Jessica Fleming, Kevin Welsby, Andrew Stringer and Derrick Haley be appointed to the Joint Gypsy and Traveller Steering Group for the Municipal year 2018/19.

9 MC/18/5 - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2017/18

9.1 Councillor Rachel Eburne, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2017/18.

9.2 She highlighted the key points in the report including the change to a Cabinet System and thanked the Committee for their hard work on questioning the various topics that had come before them. She also thanked the Committee for being non-political and for supporting her throughout her Chairmanship.

9.3 The Chairman thanked Councillor Eburne for all her hard work over the years and for the exceptional way she had Chaired the Committee.

It was Resolved:-

- (i) That the Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report for 2017/18 be noted.**
- (ii) That the Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan 2018/19 be approved.**

10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

It was Resolved:-

That under section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act in the paragraph registered against the item.

11 TO CONFIRM THE EXEMPT MINUTE OF THE 26 APRIL MEETING

It was Resolved:-

That the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2018 be approved as a true record.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6.26 p.m.

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Chair