HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough

20 May 2013

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:
Councillor Everett (outgoing Chairman)
Cllr Robinson (incoming Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs. Ackerley, Bannister, Beaty, Beesley-Reynolds, Birch, Bremner, Brodrick, Mrs. Burrell, Callis, Charlish, Dann, Dewes, Elliott,, Evans, Galton, Graves Hall, Hallam, Dr. S. Hill, Holyoak, Johnson, King, Knowles, Liquorish, McHugo, Mrs Page Pain, Rook ,Mrs Simpson, Smith, Spendlove-Mason and Mrs. Wood.

Officer: A. Graves, B. Jolly, B. Murgatroyd, N. Proudfoot, V.Wenham

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dunton, Golding and Tomlin

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2013/14

Nominations were invited for the election of the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Robinson was nominated by Cllr Rook ,seconded by Cllr Ackerley There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that: Councillor Mrs Robinson be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2013/14.

2 INVESTITURE OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Mrs Robinson was invested by the retiring Chairman with the Chain of Office. She then made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Office and thanked Members for her appointment.

Councillor Mrs Robinson took the Chair.

3 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Councillor Rook gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Everett, the outgoing Chairman of the Council, for his work and service to the District during his year of Office.

Councillor Ackerley added words of thanks to the outgoing Chairman.

The ex-Chairman's consort, Mrs. Everett, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

4 RESPONSE BY RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Councillor Everett commented on the many enjoyable experiences he had had during his year as Chairman of the Council and praised the work of his chosen charity, Street Pastors. The Chairman had raised £2000 for this charity during the year and he presented Mr Phil Jones , Chairman of Street Pastors with a cheque.

Councillor Everett thanked his consort, the Vice-Chairman and his PA for their support during his year of office.

5 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2013/14

Nominations were invited for the appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Neville Hall was nominated by Councillor Liquorish and seconded by Councillor Ackerley .There being no further nominations, it was

> RESOLVED that: Councillor Hall be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2013/14

6 INVESTITURE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Hall was invested by the Chairman with the Vice-Chairman's Chain of Office. He then made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Office and thanked Members for his appointment.

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced:

- The Revd. Charlie Styles would be invested at St. Mary's Church, Lutterworth on 12th June, and from that date would be her chaplain
- Her Congratulations to Cllr Hall on being appointed as Vice- Chairman
- Her congratulations to Cllr Page on being elected as Chairman of the County Council
- the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 8th September at Lutterworth
- the Civic Carol Service would be held on Wednesday 4th December at Lutterworth.
- Any monies raised from her Civic Service would be donated to the Lutterworth Churchyard Fund; and she was looking for another small local charity which would benefit from a donation from any other monies raised during her year.

8 ROTA OF MEETINGS FROM MAY 2013 TO MAY 2014

Members received and considered the draft rota of Meeting for the 2013/14 Council year.

It was moved by Councillor Bannister, seconded by Councillor Beaty and

RESOLVED that the rota of Meetings for the 2013/14 Council year be adopted and implemented subject to the group meeting date in June 2013 being moved to 12 June.

9 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

Councillor Rook, Leader of the Executive, presented his report as set out in Appendix A:

10 ELECTION OF LEADER FOR THE YEARS 2013-2015

Nominations were invited for the election of the Leader for 2013-2015.

Councillor Pain was nominated. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that: Councillor Pain be elected as Leader for 2013-2015

11 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None received.

12 COUNCIL MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Rook, seconded by Councillor Spendlove-Mason and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 April 2013 be received and adopted.

13 ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS FOR THE YEAR 2013/14

Members received and noted Committee allocations made in line with the overall political balance of Harborough District Council for the 2013/14 year.

Members noted that the Council was composed of 27 Conservative Councillors, nine Liberal Democrat Councillors and one Independent Councillor.

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14 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2013/14

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Beesley-Reynolds and

> RESOLVED: that the Scrutiny Commission be appointed and include the following Members:
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> Councillors Ackerley Bannister, Beaty, Birch, Beesley-Reynolds, Brodrick, Mrs. Burrell, Dewes, Elliott, Evans, Graves, Hall,, Holyoak, Johnson,, Knowles, McHugo, Mrs. Page, Rook Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Simpson, Smith, Spendlove-Mason and Mrs. Wood.

15 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Nominations were invited for the election of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission for the ensuing year.

Councillor Brodrick nominated Cllr Ackerley which was seconded by Cllr Beesley-Reynolds There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr Ackerley be Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission for the year 2013-2014

16 APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES/PANELS

Members received a document setting out appointments to Council Committees for the 2013/14 year.

It was moved by Councillor Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Beesley-Reynolds and

RESOLVED: that the appointments to the Council Committees be adopted and implemented

17 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Cllr Rook, seconded by Cllr Spendlove-Mason and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 22 April 2013 be received and adopted

18 REPORT OF OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Members received the report of the outgoing Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission, as set out below:

'I would like to thank all Commission members (all members not on Executive) for their input into the task groups and the two standing panels over the year. The work of the task groups has been particularly rewarding, with members being prepared and engaging in debate, creating reports and putting recommendations to the Executive.
We need to develop a more outward-facing approach and focus on big ideas for Scrutiny agendas. This has begun and I look forward to the next year with anticipation of what members, as community leaders, may bring to the Scrutiny Commission meetings.
Thank you all for the last year and looking forward to the next.

19 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16 April 2013 be received and adopted

20 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Brodrick, seconded by Councillor Wood and

RESOLVED that: the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to the documents set out below be ratified:

i) Agreement between the Council and Linstock Communications Limited in relation to Strategic Communications Advice and Support.

ii) Tree Preservation Order relating to The Laurels, Poultney, Kimcote

iii) Section 106 Agreement Re development at Broughton Astley (Crowfoot Way) between Ivan Peter Crane, Harborough Innovation Centre, Leicestershire County Council

21 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Beesley-Reynolds and

RESOLVED that:

(i) those representing the Council on outside bodies over the past year be thanked for their work on behalf of the Council;

(ii) the nominations to outside bodies tabled at the meeting be agreed

(iii) the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to fill the vacancies, for the representatives on outside bodies, in consultation with the Group Whips.

The Meeting ended at 7.15p.m.

.... **Chairman**

24/06/13 **Date**