

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough

19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor Hall (outgoing Chairman)

Councillor Rook (incoming Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Ackerley, Bannister, Bilbie, Bowles, Brodrick, Mrs Burrell, Champion Chapman, Dann, Elliott, Evans, Everett, Galton, Graves Hadkiss, , Hallam, Hammond. Dr Hill, Holyoak, King, Knowles, Liquorish, Modha, Nunn, Mrs Page, Pain, Rickman, Mrs Simpson, Spendlove-Mason, Tomlin & Mrs Wood.

Officers: B. Jolly, N. Proudfoot, V. Wenham, S. Riley, A Hawkins, B. Murgatroyd & G. Keeping

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beesley –Reynolds Callis , Dunton, and Mrs Robinson

#### 1 TABLED DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled at the Meeting:

- i) Political balance calculation
- ii) Committees and Membership (Conservative)
- (i) Committees and Membership (Liberal Democrat)

#### 2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2015/16 YEAR

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

Councillor Rook was nominated by Councillor Pain and seconded by Councillor King. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that: Councillor Rook be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2015/16 year.

#### 3. INVESTITURE OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Rook was invested by the retiring Chairman with the Chain of Office. He then made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Office and thanked Members for his appointment.

Councillor Rook took the Chair.

#### 4 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Councillor Knowles proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Hall, the outgoing Chairman of the Council, for his work and service to the District during his year in office; this was seconded by Councillor Mrs Hallam.

The ex-Chairman's consort, Mrs Hall was presented with a gift.

## 5. RESPONSE BY RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hall commented on the many enjoyable and memorable experiences during his year as Chairman and expressed thanks to his Chaplain, Rev. Liz Bickley Councillor Hall also thanked his consort, the Vice-Chairman and his PA for their support during his year in office. He announced that he would be giving £650 to LOROS and £500 to the Air Ambulance

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2015/16 YEAR

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

Councillor Mrs Ackerley was nominated by Councillor Liquorish and seconded by Councillor Spendlove-Mason There being no further nominations ,it was

RESOLVED that: Councillor Mrs Ackerley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2015/16 year.

## 7. INVESTITURE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Mrs Ackerley was invested with the Vice-Chairman's Chain of Office. She then made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Office and thanked Members for her appointment.

## 8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Mrs Ackerley on her appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Council and announced that:

- o he did not intend to appoint a chaplain, but will have a 'thought for the day' before Council meetings.
- o he will be hosting a Civic Dinner at Launde Abbey on 22nd September
- o the Civic Service/Carol Service will be combined –and held in the first week of December at Market Harborough The details will be confirmed nearer the time
- o Any monies raised from these civic events will be donated to Hope Against Cancer.

He would be holding a charity golf tournament in the summer . Details to be confirmed nearer the time

- o Past Chairmen were invited to wear their past-chair badges to full council meetings.

## 9 ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEARS 2015-2019

Cllr Pain was nominated by Cllr King ,and seconded by Councillor Everett . There being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED that Cllr Pain be elected Leader of the Executive for the years 2015-2019

## 10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY LEADER

The newly elected Leader announced that he would be appointing Portfolio Holders to the Executive . They were:

Strategy/ Economic Development: Cllr Pain  
Corporate Planning and Performance Cllr Liquorish  
Financial and Commercialisation Cllr King  
Planning and Regeneration Cllr King  
Corporate Services Cllr Hallam  
Environment and Regulation Cllr Bannister  
Communities Cllr Mrs Page

He thanked Cllr Dann for his hard work and achievements as portfolio holder .

#### 11. ROTA OF MEETING FOR THE 2015/16 YEAR

Members received and considered the draft rota of Meetings for the 2015/16 year.

It was moved by Councillor Pain, seconded by Councillor King and

RESOLVED that: the rota of Meetings for the 2015/16 year be adopted and implemented,

#### 12. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None received.

#### 13. ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS FOR THE 2015/16 YEAR

Members received and noted Committee allocations made in line with the overall political balance of Harborough District Council for the 2015/16 year.( attached at Appendix A)

Members noted that the Council was composed of 29 Conservative Councillors, 8 Liberal Democrat Councillors

#### 14. APPOINTMENT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR THE 2015/16 YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Bowles, seconded by Councillor Burrell and

RESOLVED that: the Scrutiny Commission be appointed and include the following Members:

Cllrs Ackerley , Beesley-Reynolds, Bilbie, Bowles, Brodrick, Mrs Burrell , Callis, Champion, Chapman, Dann, Dunton, Elliott, Evans,, Everett , Galton, Graves, Hadkiss, Hall, Hammond, Dr Hill, Holyoak,, Knowles, Modha, Nunn, Rickman, Mrs Robinson, Rook, Mrs Simpson, Spendlove-Mason, Tomlin and Wood

#### 15. APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES/ PANELS

Members received a document setting out appointments to Council Committees/ Panels for the 2015/2016 year.

It was moved by Councillor Bowles, seconded by Councillor Burrell and

RESOLVED that: the appointments to the Council Committees/ Panels be adopted and implemented as set out in the document, subject to confirmation of remaining Liberal Democrat appointments to Shadow Portfolios

#### 16. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

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

Cllr Dann was nominated by Councillor Pain and seconded by Councillor King . There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that: Councillor Dann be appointed Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission for the 2015/2016 year.

#### 17. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Knowles, seconded by Councillor Pain and

RESOLVED that: in the absence of nominations the Corporate Director –Resources be given delegated authority to fill the vacancies in consultation with the Group Whips

#### 18 WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS

There were none received

The meeting closed at 7.10pm