

## **COUNCIL**

**FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2018**

**PRESENT:-** The Worshipful The Mayor in the Chair; Councillors Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Alan Bishop, Emma Bushell, Matthew Courtliff, Claire Crilly, Malcolm Davies, Malcolm Davies, Paul Dixon, Oliver Donachie, Toby Elliott, Claire Ellis, Steph Exell, Emma Faramarzi, Fionuala Foley, Brian Ford, Mary Friend, Jim Grant, John Haines, Dale Heenan, Russell Holland, Janine Howarth, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cathy Martyn, Brian Mattock, Jane Milner-Barry, Des Moffatt, Teresa Page, Stan Pajak, Barbara Parry, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, Garry Perkins, David Renard, James Robbins, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Roger Smith, Gary Sumner, Timothy Swinyard, Rahul Tarar, Vera Tomlinson, Chris Watts, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts, Steve Weisinger, Keith Williams, Robert Wright and Julie Wright and Robert Wright.

### **1. Mayor's Announcements**

(1) The Mayor welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire and other distinguished guests to the meeting.

(2) The Mayor welcomed back all those Councillors re-elected in the Elections held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, and welcomed Councillors Claire Crilly, Janine Howarth, Brian Mattock, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Roger Smith, Andy Spry and Rahul Tarar who were either newly elected or had returned after a period of absence.

### **2. Mr John Gilbert**

The Mayor reported that the Council's Chief Executive, Mr John Gilbert, was attending his last meeting of the Council prior retiring after nearly 40 years in Local Government. The Mayor noted that Mr Gilbert had joined Swindon Borough Council 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 for his work as Chief Executive since 2015 and prior to that in his capacity as Group Director of Children's and Adult Services.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, and supported by Councillors Jim Grant, Stan Pajak and David Renard, on behalf of their respective political groups, thanked Mr John Gilbert for his service to Swindon Borough Council.

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fay Howard, Andy Spry and Carol Sydney-Smith.

### **4. To elect a qualified person to be Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2018/19**

The Mayor (Councillor Maureen Penny) called upon the Councillors to elect a qualified person to be Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year, 2018/19.

Councillor Abdul Amin moved and Councillor Bob Wright seconded and the Council unanimously agreed that Councillor Junab Ali be Mayor of the Borough for

the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillors David Renard, Jim Grant and Stan Pajak offered their support and congratulations to the Mayor, on behalf of their political groups.

Councillor Junab Ali made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Junab Ali) in the Chair.)

The Mayor thanked the Council for her election to the post of Mayor of the Borough.

#### **5. To elect a qualified person to be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2018/19**

The Mayor called upon the Councillors to elect a qualified person to be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year, 2018/19.

Councillor Dale Heenan moved and Councillor David Renard seconded and the Council agreed that Councillor Kevin Parry be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Kevin Parry) thanked the Council for his election to the post of Deputy Mayor of the Borough.

#### **6. Return of Councillors Elected**

The Director of Law and Democratic Services reported the return of Councillors elected on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, to fill vacancies occasioned by the retirement of Councillors under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 namely:-

WARD	NAME OF COUNCILLOR ELECTED
Blunsdon and Highworth	Steve Weisinger
Central	Junab Ali
Covingham and Dorcan	Kevin James Parry
Eastcott	Imtiyaz Shaikh
Gorse Hill and Pinehurst	Carol Shelley
Haydon Wick	Garry John Perkins
Liden, Eldene and Park	Janine Howarth
South	
Lydiard and Freshbrook	Tim Swinyard
Mannington and Western	Jim Robbins
Old Town	Nadine Carol Watts
Penhill and Upper Stratton	Claire Crilly
Priory Vale	Emma Louise Faramarzi
Rodbourne Cheney	Peter Watts

Shaw	Mary Martin
St. Andrews	Rahul Tarar
St. Margaret and South Marston	Roger Arthur Smith
Walcot and Park North	Abdul Amin
Wroughton and Wichelstowe	Andy Spry

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Brian Mattock seconded:

“That the return of Councillors be noted and that those Councillors who have retired from the Council be thanked for their service.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

## **7. Communications**

The Chief Executive reported that (a) correspondence had been received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government responding to a Council Motion on the recording of budget votes, and (b) the Very Reverend Vivienne Faull had been appointed as the new Bishop of Bristol.

## **8. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018, be confirmed and signed.

## **9. Declarations of Interest**

The Worshipful The Mayor reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

## **10. Public Question Time**

There were no Public Questions.

## **11. Adoption of Revisions to Swindon Borough Council's Constitution**

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“(1) That the Swindon Borough Council’s Constitution for the Municipal Year 2018/19 be adopted.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised, in consultation with the members of the Corporate Governance Review Working Group where appropriate, to vary the wording and layout of the Constitution and its associated documentation to reflect legislative and procedural changes should this prove necessary for the efficient discharge of Council business during the course of the Municipal Year.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

## **12. Numbers to Serve on Committees**

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“That the number of Members to serve on Swindon Borough Council’s Committees for the Municipal Year 2017/18, be as follows:

Appeals Committee – 25 Members  
Appointments Committee – 25 Members  
Audit Committee – 7 Members  
Licensing Committee – 15 Members  
Planning Committee – 13 Members  
Special Committee – 11 Members  
Scrutiny Committee – 13 Members  
Adults’ Health, Adults’ Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members  
Children’s Health, Social Care and Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members  
Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members  
Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members  
Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members  
Health and Wellbeing Board – 4 Members  
Standards Committee – 9 Members.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

## **13. Allocations of Seats to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees, Other Bodies and Outside Bodies**

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“(1) That, having carried out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council continues to apply the political balance provisions under the Act.

(2) That Committees and other relevant Council Bodies be reminded of their duty to carry out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989, as appropriate, and recommends that having carried out that review they continue to apply the political balance provisions.

(3) That the Council’s waiving of the political balance arrangements on the Appeals Committee, Appointments Committee, Licensing Committee, Resources and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee, and Special Committee be confirmed.

(4) That Councillors be appointed to serve on the Council’s Committees for the Municipal Year 2018/19, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes.

(5) That the appointments to the Cabinet, the nominations of Councillors serving on Cabinet Project Boards and Cabinet Advisory Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018/19, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes, be noted.

(6) That the arrangements relating to the Council’s Standards Committee, as set out in Paragraph 3.10 of the report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services, be approved.

(7) That Chairs and Vice-Chairs be appointed to the Council's Committees for the Municipal Year 2018/19, as set out in the Appendix 1 to the Minutes, and where no appointment to Vice-Chair positions have been made, that these be determined at the first meeting of the relevant Committees.

(8) That representatives be appointed to serve on Other and Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018/19, be as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes."

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

#### **14. Calendar of Meetings 2018/19**

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

"(1) That, subject to the July meeting of the Audit Committee being rescheduled to meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018, the Timetable of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2018/19, as tabled at the meeting, be approved.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to vary the dates for meetings of the Council, the Cabinet, Committees and Other Swindon Borough Council bodies should this prove necessary for the efficient discharge of Council business."

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

#### **15. Councillors Question Time**

The Director of Law and Democratic Services reported that no Standing Order 15 Questions had been received.