

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote,
Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 19 May 2010 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards (Chairman)
Councillor George Parish (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Rick Atkinson
Councillor Luke Annaly
Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Victoria Irvine
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Daniel Sames
Councillor Leslie F Sibley
Councillor Chris Smithson
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Patricia Tompson
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Martin Weir
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood

Apologies
for
absence: Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Carol Steward
Councillor Keith Strangwood

Officers: Mary Harpley, Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service
Ian Davies, Strategic Director - Environment and Community
John Hoad, Strategic Director - Planning, Housing and Economy
Liz Howlett, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
James Doble, Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager
Martin Henry, Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Councillor John Wyse**

The Chairman noted the sad passing of Councillor John Wyse who had been as councillor since 1998, representing Kidlington North Ward.

Members of the Council joined the Chairman in remembering Councillor Wyse by observing one minute's silence.

4 **Election of Chairman**

The outgoing Chairman of the Council Councillor Edwards presided for the consideration of this matter.

It was moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor Cotter, that Councillor Parish be elected Chairman of the Council for 2010/11. There were no other nominations.

Resolved

That Councillor Parish be elected Chairman of the Council for 2010/11.

(Councillor Parish made his declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair).

5 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

It was moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor Macnamara, that Councillor Hallchurch be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2010/11. There were no other nominations.

Resolved

That Councillor Hallchurch be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2010/11.

(Councillor Hallchurch made his declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair).

6 **Communications**

Outgoing Chairman

The Chairman of the Council presented Councillor Edwards with her past Chairman's badge as a token of the Council's appreciation of her term of office.

Chairman's Consort

The Chairman of the Council named his granddaughter Rosie and his daughter in law Maria as his consorts for the year.

Chairman's Charities

The Chairman named the children's ward and the special care baby unit in the maternity ward at the Horton Hospital and the Friends of Bicester Hospital as his charities for the year.

7 **Annual Business**

Results of District Election

The Chief Executive reported that 17 council seats were up for election this year. The seats in Kirtlington and Otmoor wards were unopposed. Councillors returned following the election were as follows:

Astons and Heyfords – Councillor James Macnamara
Banbury Calthorpe – Councillor Colin Clarke
Banbury Easington – Councillor Kieron Mallon
Banbury Grimsbury and Castle – Councillor Margaret Cullip
Banbury Hardwick – Councillor Tony Ilott
Banbury Neithrop – Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Banbury Ruscote – Councillor George Parish
Bicester West – Councillor Norman Bolster
Bloxham and Bodicote – Councillor Chris Heath
Deddington – Councillor Paul O'Sullivan

Fringford – Councillor Barry Wood
Kidlington North – Councillor Douglas Williamson
Kidlington South – Councillor Tim Emptage
Kirtlington – Councillor Simon Holland
Otmoor – Councillor Timothy Hallchurch
Sibford – Councillor George Reynolds
Wroxton – Councillor Douglas Webb

Constitution of Political Groups

The Chief Executive reported that there was one vacancy and that at present there were 44 members of the Conservative Group, 3 members of the Liberal Democrat Group and 2 members of the Labour Group.

Leader of the Council

The Chief Executive reported that, as there had been no change in the political control of the Council or to the leadership of the controlling political group therefore Councillor Wood continued to hold the office of Leader of the Council.

Deputy Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council reported that he had reappointed Councillor Reynolds as Deputy Leader of the Council.

Executive 2010/11

Policy, Community Planning and Community Development	Cllr Barry Wood
Resources and Communications	Cllr James Macnamara
Breaking the Cycle of Deprivation	Cllr Colin Clarke
Performance Management, Improvement and Organisational Development	Cllr Ken Atack
Customer Service and ICT	Cllr Nicholas Turner
Economic Development and Estates	Cllr Norman
Bolster	
Planning and Housing	Cllr Michael
Gibbard	
Environment, Recreation and Health	Cllr George
Reynolds	
Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural	Cllr Nigel Morris
Democratic Services and Member Development	Cllr Miss
Pickford	

Allocation of Seats to Proportional Committees

Committees	Con	Lab	LD	TOTAL
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	0	1	12

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Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board	11	0	1	12
Planning Committee	16	1	1	18
Licensing Committee	11	0	1	12
Personnel Committee	11	1	0	12
Appeals Panel	9	1	0	10
Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee	7	0	1	8
Proportional Total by Committee	76	1	7	84
Aggregate Entitlement Totals	76	3	5	84
Adjustment Required		+ 2	- 2	

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group has informed the Chief Executive that the seats to be offered to the Labour Group are on the Personnel Committee and Appeals Panel. The above figures marked by an asterisk take account of this adjustment.

Allocation of Seats to Non-Proportional Committees

	Con	Lab	LD	TOTAL
Standards Committee	6	1	1	8
Council and Employee Joint Committee	11	0	1	12

Committee Membership

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Conservative (11)

Councillors Bonner, Donaldson, A Fulljames, Milne-Home, Sames, Smithson, Stevens, Strangwood, L Stratford and Thirzie Smart

1 Vacancy

Substitutes: Councillors Holland, Hallchurch and R Stratford

Labour (0)

None

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Cotter

Substitutes: Councillors Emptage and Williamson

Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board

Conservative (11)

Councillors Ahmed, Atkinson, Billington, Cullip, Hughes, Mawer, Prestidge, Steward, Tompson, Webb and Weir

Substitutes: Councillors Edwards and L Stratford

Labour (0)

None

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Emptage

Substitutes: Councillor Cotter and Williamson

Planning Committee

Conservative (16)

Councillors Atack, Billington, Blackwell, Clarke, Edwards, C Fulljames, Gibbard, Heath, Macnamara, Milne-Home, Pickford, Reynolds, Smithson, Stevens, L Stratford and R Stratford

Substitutes: Councillors Annally, Bolster, A Fulljames, Hallchurch, Hughes, Hurle, Mallon, O'Sullivan, Turner and Wood

Labour (1)

Councillor Sibley

Substitute: Councillor Parish

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Cotter

Substitute: Councillor Williamson

Licensing Committee

Conservative (11)

Councillors Blackwell, Gibbard, Hallchurch, Ilott, Mallon, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, L Stratford, R Stratford and Webb

1 Vacancy

Substitutes: Councillors Cullip, Edwards and Pickford

Labour (0)

None

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Cotter

Substitutes: Councillor Williamson

Personnel Committee

Conservative (11)

Councillors Atack, Atkinson, Bolster, Hurle, Irvine, Reynolds, Smithson, L Stratford, R Stratford Thirzie Smart and Wood

Substitutes: Any member of the Conservative Group except members of the Appeals Panel

Labour (1)

Councillor Parish

Liberal Democrats (0)

None

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Conservative (7)

Councillors Atack, Donaldson, Mawer, L Stratford, R Stratford, Stevens, and Wood

Substitutes: Any member of the Conservative Group

Labour (0)

None

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Emptage

Substitutes: Any member of the Liberal Democrat Group

Appeals Panel

Conservative (9)

Councillors Annaly, Blackwell, Clarke, Edwards, Holland, Ilott, Macnamara O'Sullivan and Webb

Labour (1)

Councillor Sibley

Liberal Democrats (0)

None

Standards Committee

Conservative (6)

Councillors Blackwell, Hallchurch, Heath, Hurle, Macnamara and R Stratford

Substitutes: Councillors Atack, Clarke, Cullip, Edwards, O'Sullivan and L Stratford

Labour (1)

Councillor Parish

Substitute: Councillor: Sibley

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Williamson

Substitute: Councillor Cotter

Council and Employee Joint Committee

Conservative (11)

Councillors Annaly, Cullip, Hurle, Ilott, Mallon, Mawer, Steward, Strangwood, Ilott, Tompson, Weir and Wood

Substitutes: Any member of the Conservative Group

Labour (0)

None

Liberal Democrats (1)

Councillor Williamson

Substitutes: Any member of the Liberal Democrat Group

Appointment of Representative to Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Sames and seconded by Councillor Thirzie Smart that Councillor Rose Stratford represents the Council on the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2010/11.

Meeting Attendance

The Council received and noted a report showing the attendances of Members at meetings during 2009/10.

Resolved

- 1) That the Executive portfolios as set out in the above minute be agreed.
- 2) That the appointments to committees as set out in the above minute be approved.
- 3) That Councillor Rose Stratford be appointed as the representative to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4) That the meeting attendance for 2009/10 be noted.

8 **Appointment of New Independent Member to Standards Committee**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report to confirm the appointment of Derek Bacon as the new Independent Member of the Standards Committee and to confirm the remaining terms of the other three Independent members.

Resolved

- (1) That Derek Bacon be approved as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for an initial two year term
- (2) That the continued appointment of Dr Sadie Reynolds for a further two years be approved, at the end of which Dr Reynolds will no longer be able to serve having completed eight years
- (3) That the continued appointment of Mr James McBeth for a further four years be approved.

- (4) That it be confirmed that the initial two year appointment of Mr Ken Hawtin will end at the end of the 2010/2011 municipal year.

(Note: at the conclusion of the Council meeting, committees met to appoint their Chairman and Vice-Chairman).

The meeting ended at 7.22 pm

Chairman:

Date: