

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 3 September 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Maurice Billington (Chairman)
Councillor David Hughes (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Hannah Banfield
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor John Broad
Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Sean Gaul
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Shaida Hussain
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Tony Mephram
Councillor Richard Mould
Councillor Cassi Perry
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Dan Sames
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Jason Slaymaker
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Lucinda Wing
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Also Present: Nick Graham, Director of Law and Governance, Oxfordshire County Council

Apologies for absence: Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Tom Wallis
Councillor Bryn Williams

Officers: Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive
Kelly Watson, Assistant Director: Finance and Procurement
Richard Hawtin, Team Leader Property & Contracts
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager

38 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Members and thanked them for their attendance at the Extraordinary Council meeting.

The Chairman introduced Nick Graham, Director of Law and Governance at Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who was attending the meeting as a guest in light of joint working between CDC and OCC, and in particular the item of the agenda for the meeting relating to the establishment of joint committees.

39 **Declarations of Interest**

Members made the following general declarations:

Councillor Barry Richards, Declaration, as a trustee of the Sunshine Centre, Banbury.

Councillor Surinder Dhesi, Declaration, as a trustee of the Sunshine Centre, Banbury.

40 **Communications**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

October Council Meeting – Change of Date

The Chairman referred to an email that had been sent to Members regarding the change of date of the October Council meeting.

The meeting in October would not take place on Monday 15 October. It would take place on Tuesday 30 October instead.

Chairman's Fete in Kidlington

The Chairman advised Council that the Chairman's fete would take place on Saturday 8 September in Kidlington High Street from 10am to 4pm.

There would be various stalls and fundraising activities including the Chairman being locked up in stocks for a short time with people able to pay to throw sponges at him.

All monies raised would go to the Chairman's three charities for the year, Kidlington Youth Football, Garden City Football Club, Evans Lane FC and the St John's Hall Children's Centre in Kidlington

Post

The Chairman reminded Members to collect any post from pigeon holes.

41 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

42 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

43 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44 **Minutes**

a) Minutes of the Executive, Lead Member Decisions and Executive Decisions made under Special Urgency

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Lead Member decisions as set out in the Minute Book be received and that it be noted that since the last meeting of Council on 16 July 2018 no decisions had been taken which were not included in the 28 day notice.

b) Minutes of Committees

Resolved

That the minutes of Committees as set out in the Minute Book be received.

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Questions

a) Written Questions

There were no written questions.

b) Questions to the Leader of the Council

Questions were asked and answers received on the following issues:

Councillor Dhesi: Street cleansing in Banbury

Councillor Richards: Progress regarding empty houses in Banesburie Close, Banbury

c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the Minutes

There were no questions to Committee Chairman on the minutes of meetings.

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Motions

There were no motions.

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Establishment of Joint Committees with Oxfordshire County Council

The Assistant Director Law and Governance submitted a report to establish a Joint Personnel Committee and Joint Appeals Committee with Oxfordshire County Council.

Resolved

- (1) That, subject to Oxfordshire County Council resolving similarly, the terms of reference for the Joint Personnel Committee (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.
- (2) That, subject to Oxfordshire County Council resolving similarly, the terms of reference for the Joint Appeals Committee (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.
- (3) That the membership of the Joint Personnel Committee and Joint Appeals Committee be noted :

Joint Personnel Committee
<i>Proportional 5 CDC Members (4 Conservative, 1 Labour)</i>
Cllr Claire Bell
Cllr Ian Corkin
Cllr Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Cllr George Reynolds

Cllr Barry Wood
<i>Named substitutes (4 Conservative, 1 Labour)</i>
Cllr Colin Clarke
Cllr Tony Ilott
Cllr Cassi Perry
Cllr Lynn Pratt
Cllr Bryn Williams

Joint Appeals Panel
<i>Proportional 3 CDC Members (2 Conservative, 1 Labour)</i>
Cllr Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Cllr Simon Holland
Cllr Barry Richards
<i>Named substitutes (2 Conservative, 1 Labour)</i>
Cllr Andy Beere
Cllr Richard Mould
Cllr Tom Wallis

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Constitutional Amendments: Amendments to Personnel Related Committees

The Assistant Director: Law and Governance submitted a report to amend the terms of reference of the Personnel Committee, Appeals Panel and to re-establish a CDC Council and Employee Joint Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the amended terms of reference for the Personnel Committee (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.
- (2) That the amended terms of reference for the Appeals Panel (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.
- (3) That it be agreed to re-establish the Council and Employee Joint Committee and the terms of reference for the Committee (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.
- (4) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the constitution arising from resolutions (1), (2) and (3).
- (5) That the current membership of the Personnel Committee and Appeals Panel be noted.

- (6) That the current membership of the Council and Employee Joint Committee be noted the following additional representatives to the membership as proposed by Conservative Group Leader and Independent Group Leader: Add Councillor George Reynolds and Councillor Alaric Rose.

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Local Government Ombudsman Annual Report 2017/18

The Assistant Director – Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer submitted a report to provide Council with the Local Government Ombudsman’s annual report on Cherwell District Council for the financial year 2017/18.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Chairman:

Date: