

## **BOROUGH OF KETTERING**

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kettering held at the Kettering Conference Centre, Thurston Drive, Kettering on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Present:

Councillor	Scott Edwards (Mayor)	Councillor	David Howes
"	Linda Adams	"	Ian Jelley
"	Duncan Bain	"	Shirley Lynch
"	Cedwien Brown	"	Paul Marks
"	Lloyd Bunday	"	Clark Mitchell
"	James Burton	"	Cliff Moreton
"	John Currall	"	Russell Roberts
"	Ashley Davies	"	Mark Rowley
"	Mark Dearing	"	Mick Scrimshaw
"	June Derbyshire	"	David Soans
"	Andrew Dutton	"	Margaret Talbot
"	Maggie Don	"	Michael Tebbutt
"	Ruth Groome	"	Lesley Thurland
"	James Hakewill	"	Greg Titcombe
"	Jenny Henson	"	Keli Watts
"	Philip Hollobone	"	Jonathan West

### **17.C.01 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anne Lee and Jan Smith.

### **17.C.02 VOTE OF THANKS**

The Mayor proposed a Vote of Thanks to Mrs Dianne Miles-Zanger for her year of office as Deputy Mayoress and paid tribute to former Councillor Derek Zanger for his service to the Borough as Deputy Mayor before he sadly passed away in March this year. The Vote of Thanks was seconded by Councillor Russell Roberts.

Councillor Philip Hollobone proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their year of office, making particular reference to the money they had raised for good causes and the large number of local events they had attended on behalf of the Borough of Kettering. The Vote of Thanks was seconded by Councillor Keli Watts who praised the Mayor for his use of Social Media to

promote local events and the excellent relationships built with local people and organisations during his year of office..

### **17.C.03 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councillor Philip Hollobone proposed, Councillor Keli Watts seconded and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Scott Edwards be elected Mayor of the Borough of Kettering for a second year of office.

Councillor Scott Edwards read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Chief Executive.

The Mayor then thanked Council for his re-election for a second term of office. He informed Council that he had attended 210 civic events in 2016/17 and had welcomed 400 children from various uniformed organisations into the Parlour. After summarising some of the events he had attended during 2016/17, he expressed thanks to the Mayoress, the Newlands Centre, his Secretary and Attendants for their support over the past year. Over £4,000 had been raised for his two charities, Homestart and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

### **17.C.04 APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS**

The Mayor announced that he had appointed Mrs Eve Edwards as Mayoress and invested Mrs Edwards with the Chain of Office.

### **17.C.05 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Lesley Thurland proposed, Councillor Mick Scrimshaw seconded and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that Councillor James Burton be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Kettering for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Burton read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Chief Executive.

**17.C.06 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORESS**

The Deputy Mayor announced that he had appointed Mrs Lorraine Burton to be Deputy Mayoress for the ensuing Municipal Year, and invested Mrs Burton with the Chain of Office.

**17.C.07 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced that he had appointed Reverend Canon Neil Clarke to be the Mayor's Chaplain for a second year of office and congratulated him on his appointment.

**17.C.08 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Maddie Faulke of the Sea Cadets as his Mayor's Cadet for 2017/18 and thanked the Sea Cadets for providing a guard of honour.

**17.C.09 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to the addition of Councillor Linda Adams to the list of those present.

**17.C.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mick Scrimshaw and Maggie Don declared a personal interest as Council-appointed trustees of Accommodation Concern.

**17.C.11 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were advised that the date of the Civic Service would be circulated in due course.

The Civic Ball would take place on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at Kettering Conference Centre and further details would be circulated at a later date.

**17.C.12 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

None.

**17.C.13 NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

Councillor Jonathan West advised Council that Councillor Mick Scrimshaw had been appointed Leader of the Opposition.

**17.C.14 ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND SUBSTITUTES TO COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** that members be appointed to committees, sub-committees and forums as notified, including chairs and deputy chairs where indicated (attached as Appendix 'A'), and that any subsequent amendments be approved by the Head of Democratic and Legal Services under delegated powers.

**17.C.15 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that the programme of meetings be approved (attached as Appendix 'B')

**17.C.16 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED** that the Council's appointments to Outside Bodies be approved (attached as Appendix 'C')

**17.C.17 CHIEF EXECUTIVE – DAVID COOK MBE – RECOGNITION FOR BEING KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS**

The Chief Executive addressed Council, indicating that this was his last Council meeting after 17 years' service. He paid tribute to the following people and gave thanks for their help and support, stating that it had been a privilege and honour to serve the Borough alongside them over the past 17 years:-

- Councillor Philip Hollobone, MP
- Phil Sawford - former Councillor and MP
- Rikki Todd and Roy Mayhew - former Councillors and Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council
- Terry Freer, Bob Civil, Bill Parker, Alison Wiley and Mary Malin - former Councillors and Leaders/Deputy Leaders
- Councillor Jim Hakewill – former Leader
- Councillor Russell Roberts – Leader of the Council

The Chief Executive also paid tribute to the following Leaders of the Opposition:-

- David Bishop
- Councillor Jonathan West
- Councillor Mick Scrimshaw

The Chief Executive then thanked the Strategic Management Team and Heads of Service for their support.

He thanked his wife, Karen, and four children. He also thanked his father, Walter, and his father's wife, Lesley for travelling to the meeting.

Finally, the Chief Executive thanked his PA, Kellie West, and also Jackie Hallam and Claire Davies for their work and support to himself and the Strategic Management Team. He stated that it had been a privilege and honour to serve the Council, colleagues and front-line staff, thanking everyone for their commitment and dedication. He offered some closing thoughts on the Council's wider contribution to the wellbeing of society and said he would most miss doing clever things with clever people.

The Leader of the Council then welcomed visitors to the meeting, including Shaun Golder from Pennsylvania.

The Leader paid tribute to the Chief Executive, highlighting David's achievements over the past 17 years, both personally and on behalf of the Council, and how he had made a positive difference to the profile, effectiveness, financial stability and morale of the organisation.

The Mayor then presented Karen Cook with flowers and The Chief Executive with a gift to mark the occasion.

Members of the Council then gave their individual thanks to the Chief Executive for his service to the Borough, highlighting particular events and outcomes which marked out his contribution, style and personality.

Mr Rikki Tod addressed Council under the Right to Speak Policy, commending the Chief Executive for his leadership qualities.

*(The meeting began at 6.30pm and ended at 7.54 pm)*

Signed: .....

The Mayor

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