

Councillor Gareth Jones (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

C A Baron	W J Kemp
J A Barron	R Kenney
R J Barron	P A Leason
F Beatty	A M Loughran
A R G Brown	B McKeown
R P Cooke	D McNaughton
A G Cooper	A Nixon
B M Cross	J A Nixon
M G Dodson	L Nixon
A P Edgeller	G P K Pardesi
P M M Farrington	A N Pearce
I D Fordham	J M Pert
A T A Godfrey	M Phillips
A S Harp	J K Price
A D Hobbs	P Roycroft
M V Holmes	R M Smith
J Hood	R M Sutherland
R A James	C V Trowbridge
P W Jones	M J Winnington

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr R Simpson	-	Head of Operations
Dr T Redpath	-	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

C1 His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh

The Mayor called upon a minute's silence in memory of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh.

C2 Election of Mayor

RESOLVED:- that under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor A Nixon be hereby

elected Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until his successor becomes entitled to act in that Office.

(Councillor A Nixon was then invited to enter the meeting and took the Chair. He was informed of and was congratulated upon his election as Mayor of the Borough and, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, expressed his appreciation to the Council for the confidence it was now placing on him).

Councillor Tony Nixon, Mayor (in the Chair)

C3 Mayor's Chaplin

The Mayor appointed Reverend Paul Myers as his Chaplain.

C4 Retiring Mayor

RESOLVED:- that the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor E G R Jones be recorded.

C5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED:- that Councillor P W Jones be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the period up to the next Annual Council meeting.

C6 Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

C7 Apologies

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor M Green.

C8 Notice of Motion

Councillors A T A Godfrey and A M Loughran had given the following Notice of Motion in pursuant of Paragraph 13.1 of the Council Procedure Rules:-

"A motion to Council from the Labour Group:-

The Borough of Stafford has suffered the loss of many loved ones during this Covid-19 crisis. Nothing can help to alleviate the pain suffered by families and friends of people lost to this terrible disease. It has been mentioned that a permanent memorial should be commissioned to commemorate the lives of the people of our Borough who have sadly passed away due to the Pandemic. Our suggestion is not a statue or an imposing marble display but a simple Book of Memory

similar to the Remembrance Books naming the Fallen of the two world wars. To clarify, this will not be a book of condolence for people to sign but an illuminated binding with the names of the people we wish to remember recorded within. The book may also prove to be an important historical document of the times we find ourselves in.

Our suggestion is that the book should be housed in a secular setting, not a religious building. The Ancient High House could be a contender to house the book but other town centre buildings might be more appropriate.

We understand there will be issues to address regarding ownership, funding etc. but these questions can be answered after the suggestion has been accepted in principle.

It is hoped this motion is adopted by the Council.”

The Leader of the Council responded to the Notice of Motion as provided for in Paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules, during which he proposed the following amendment that was seconded by Councillor J K Price:-

"That a cross party working group be set up to consider how best to commemorate or otherwise honour those who have been greatly affected by Covid 19. Such group should consist of a maximum of 8 members, 2 from each of the 3 main parties and each of the 2 Independent Councillors should they wish to do so with the purpose of reporting back to Council with suggestions and proposals as to how we take this forward."

The amendment was accepted by Councillors Godfrey and Loughran and adopted as the substantive motion.

On being put to the vote the amended Motion was carried.

RESOLVED:- that a cross party working group be set up to consider how best to commemorate or otherwise honour those who have been greatly affected by Covid 19. Such group should consist of a maximum of 8 members, 2 from each of the 3 main parties and each of the 2 Independent Councillors should they wish to do so with the purpose of reporting back to Council with suggestions and proposals as to how this is taken forward.

C9 Leaders Appointments to the Cabinet and Appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council advised Members of the following Cabinet Member appointments:-

Councillor R M Smith - Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio
Councillor C V Trowbridge - Leisure Portfolio
Councillor J K Price - Environment Portfolio

Councillor J M Pert - Community and Health Portfolio
Councillor F Beatty - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

RESOLVED:- that the appointments made by the Leader of the Council be noted.

C10 Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Seats Thereto

The Leader of the Council proposed the appointments to the Committees and Working Groups for the 2021/22 Municipal Year as set out in the document previously circulated, which was seconded by Councillor R M Smith.

On being put to the vote, the following proposals were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the undermentioned Committees and Working Groups be established:-

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

A G R Brown	R A James
R P Cooke	R Kenney
M G Dodson	J A Nixon
A T A Godfrey	G P K Pardesi
A S Harp	P Roycroft

Chair - Councillor R P Cooke
(Councillor J K Price - Cabinet Member - Environment Portfolio)
(Councillor R M Smith - Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio)
(Councillor C V Trowbridge - Cabinet Member - Leisure Portfolio)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

C A Baron	W J Kemp
J A Barron	P A Leason
B M Cross	D McNaughton
A S Harp	M Phillips
E G R Jones	M J Winnington

Chair - Councillor W J Kemp
(Councillor F Beatty - Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio)
(Councillor J M Pert - Cabinet Member - Community and Health Portfolio)

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(10 MEMBERS)**

Councillors:

R J Barron	J A Nixon
A G Cooper	L Nixon
A P Edgeller	A N Pearce
A D Hobbs	R M Sutherland
J Hood	M J Winnington

Chair - Councillor J Hood
(Councillor J K Price - Cabinet Member - Environment Portfolio)
(Councillor J M Pert - Cabinet Member - Community and Health Portfolio)
(Councillor C V Trowbridge - Cabinet Member - Leisure Portfolio)

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (6 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

M G Dodson	P W Jones
I D Fordham	A M Loughran
R A James	J A Nixon

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran
(Councillor R M Smith - Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio)

LICENSING COMMITTEE (9 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

J A Barron	A M Loughran
A R G Brown	A N Pearce
R P Cooke	M Phillips
A P Edgeller	R M Sutherland
M Green	

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

A G Cooper	P W Jones
B M Cross	W J Kemp
A P Edgeller	B McKeown
A D Hobbs	G P K Pardesi
J Hood	M Phillips
E G R Jones	

Chair - Councillor B M Cross
Vice-Chair - Councillor E G R Jones

(Substitutes - Councillors F Beatty, A T A Godfrey, R Kenney,
C V Trowbridge)

PUBLIC APPEALS COMMITTEE (7 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

I D Fordham	A M Loughran
M V Holmes	R M Sutherland
E G R Jones	M J Winnington
P W Jones	

Chair - Councillor P W Jones

(Substitutes - Councillors J A Barron, A D Hobbs, R Kenney
M Phillips)

EMPLOYEE APPEALS COMMITTEE (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

J A Barron	P A Leason
R J Barron	D McNaughton
B M Cross	

Chair - Councillor R J Barron

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

R P Cooke	R M Sutherland
M Green	M J Winnington
P W Jones	

Chair - Councillor R M Sutherland

WORKING GROUPS

MEMBERS FACILITIES GROUP (4 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

A R G Brown	L Nixon
A S Harp	P Roycroft

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:

B M Cross B McKeown
M V Holmes M Phillips
P W Jones

C11 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations

The Leader of the Council proposed the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations for the 2021/22 Municipal Year as set out in the document previously circulated, which was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

On being put to the vote, the following proposals were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the appointments set out in the attached **SCHEDULE** be made to Outside Bodies and Organisations for the 2021/22 Municipal year.

C12 Review of the Constitution

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V2 12/04/21).

Councillor R P Cooke introduced the report, thanking both Members and Officers for their work in undertaking the Review of the Constitution and concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

Members of the Council then considered the report as provided for in the Council Procedure Rules, after which they voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor M Phillips and seconded by Councillor J K Price that instead of replacing all references from “he, him, his” to “he/she, him/her, his/her” they be replaced by “their, they, them”.

The amendment was accepted by Councillors Cooke and Godfrey and adopted as the substantive motion.

On being put to the vote the amended Motion was carried.

RESOLVED:- that the amendments to the Constitution detailed in the report, including the replacement of all references to “he, him or his” to “their, they, them”, be approved.

C13 Appointment of Town Warden

The Leader of the Council proposed the appointment of Mrs Susan Savage as Town Warden for the ensuing year, which was duly seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

Members then voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the appointment of Mrs Susan Savage as Town Warden for the ensuing year be confirmed.

MAYOR

SCHEDULE

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/22

Organisation	Representation
STRATEGIC OUTSIDE BODIES	
Local Government Association - Annual Conference (Group Leaders)	Cllr P M M Farrington Cllr A T A Godfrey Cllr R Kenney
Stafford Enterprise	Cllr F Beatty
Stafford District Arts Council	Cllr R P Cooke Cllr M Phillips Cllr R M Sutherland Cllr C V Trowbridge
Staffordshire Local Government Association - Joint Waste Management Board	Cllr J K Price Cllr R A James (Sub Member)
Regional Employers Organisation for Local Government in the West Midlands	Cllr R M Smith
PRIORITY OUTSIDE BODIES	
West Coast Rail - 250	Cllr A S Harp Cllr W J Kemp
Visit Stafford	Cllr A D Hobbs Cllr P W Jones Cllr C V Trowbridge
Police Authority Community Consultation Committee	
Stafford Town Area	Cllr R J Barron Cllr A P Edgeller
Stone (Parished Area)	Cllr R A James
Stafford Crime Prevention Panel	Cllr C V Trowbridge
Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel	Cllr A P Edgeller Cllr R M Sutherland (Sub Member)

Organisation	Representation
Staffordshire Planning Forum	Cllr F Beatty (Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Planning) Cllr B M Cross (Chair - Planning Committee)
Stafford and Rural Homes (Council Company Member)	Delete
Stafford and Rural Homes	Cllr J M Pert
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee (Staffordshire County Council)	Cllr J Hood
Corporate Parenting Panel	Cllr J A Barron
COMMUNITY OUTSIDE BODIES	
Stafford United Charities Trustees	Mayor (ex officio) Cllr B M Cross Cllr J M Pert
Stafford Borough Horticultural Committee (Allotments)	Cllr A G Cooper Cllr M G Dodson Cllr J A Nixon Cllr L Nixon
Stafford Horticultural Show Committee	Cllr R M Smith
Best Kept Village Competition	Cllr R M Sutherland
Joint Playing Fields Committee- Barlaston	Cllr M G Dodson
Sir Graham Balfour High School Management Liaison Group - Sports Facilities	Cllr B M Cross
Swynnerton Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr R A James
Cotes and Standon Community Centre Management Committee	Cllr J M Pert
Colwich and Haywood Community Association	Cllr A R G Brown

Organisation	Representation
Council of Management of Broad Eye Windmill (Stafford)	Cllr C V Trowbridge
Stafford Narrow Gauge Railway Society	Cllr R M Smith
Walton (Stone) Community Centre - Management Committee	Cllr J A Nixon
West Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	Cllr B M Cross
Mid-Staffordshire Bereavement Group - Bereavement and Loss Support Group	Cllr R M Sutherland
Local Liaison Committee - Swynnerton ROF Site	Cllr R A James
Sow and Penk Drainage Board	Cllr F Beatty Cllr A S Harp Cllr A M Loughran Cllr B McKeown Cllr R M Sutherland Cllr M J Winnington
Relate North Staffordshire and Stafford	Cllr R M Sutherland
Campaign to Protect Rural England (Staffordshire Branch)	Cllr A S Harp Cllr M Phillips
Stafford Sports College - Baseline Tennis - Tennis Centre Committee	Cllr C V Trowbridge
Plasmet (UK) Ltd Site Liaison Committee	Cllr A R G Brown