

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE
HELD REMOTELY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2021
(FROM 5.30 PM TO 5.55 PM)**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Councillor Stuart Martin in the Chair. Councillors Chris Aldred, Margaret Atkinson, Philip Broadbank, Nick Brown, Rebecca Burnett, Mike Chambers, Trevor Chapman, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, Ed Darling, John Ennis, Sam Gibbs, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Sid Hawke, Phil Ireland, Steven Jackson, Sue Lumby, Stanley Lumley, John Mann, Pat Marsh, Pauline McHardy, Samantha Mearns, Zoe Metcalfe, Nigel Middlemass, Ann Myatt, Tim Myatt, Victoria Oldham, Andrew Paraskos, Alex Raubitschek, Matt Scott, Nigel Simms, Graham Swift, Tom Watson, Matthew Webber, Christine Willoughby and Robert Windass.

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

The Mayor's Chaplain, Canon Michael Gisbourne, led Members in prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The Mayor then invited the Chief Executive to speak. The Chief Executive advised that the Council's Annual Meeting and Mayor making normally took place in late May each year involving formal speeches and the handing over of the mayoral regalia to which friends and family were invited. Such an event would not be possible with the COVID-19 restrictions, and therefore the decision was taken in conjunction with the Mayor and Mayor Elect to hold the meeting early whilst remote meetings were still permitted, in order to transact the necessary business which must take place at the Annual Meeting. A celebratory event is being arranged for late summer when it is hoped Members would be able to meet in person without restrictions and where the other aspects of the Mayor making ceremony would take place.

1/21 – **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bernard Bateman and Norman Waller.

2/21 – **ELECTION OF MAYOR:**

Moved by Councillor Pauline McHardy Seconded by Councillor Pat Marsh

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That Councillor Trevor Chapman be elected Mayor of the Borough, to continue in office for the next year ensuing, until his successor becomes entitled to act as Mayor.

The Mayor made the declaration of acceptance of office as prescribed by law.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR TREVOR CHAPMAN, IN THE CHAIR

In delivering his acceptance speech the Mayor advised that his Chaplain for the ensuing year would be the Reverend Tim Hurren BEM. His nominated charities for his year in office would be Supporting Older People, Citizens Advice and Friends of the Harrogate Hospital.

3/21 – ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Moved by Councillor Sid Hawke Seconded by Councillor Philip Broadbank

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That Councillor Christine Willoughby be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough to continue in office for the next year ensuing, until her successor becomes entitled to act as Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor made the declaration of acceptance of office as prescribed by law.

4/21 – MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Richard Cooper Seconded by Councillor Graham Swift

and **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 14 April 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5/21 – CABINET:

The Leader advised that he would be amending the Culture, Tourism and Sport portfolio to include responsibility for the Destination Management Organisation.

The Council noted the following appointments made by the Leader to the Cabinet for the ensuing year.

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| Leader - | Councillor Richard Cooper |
| Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, Enterprise and Economic Development - | Councillor Graham Swift |
| Cabinet Member for Housing & Safer Communities - | Councillor Mike Chambers |
| Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Sport - | Councillor Stanley Lumley |
| Cabinet Member for Planning - | Councillor Tim Myatt |
| Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling - | Councillor Andy Paraskos |
| Cabinet Member for Carbon Reduction and Sustainability - | Councillor Phil Ireland |

6/21 – CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES:

(a) MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES FOR 2021/22: The Mayor advised that the nominations made by the political groups for the various appointments had been received. The distribution of seats had been agreed by the various political groups

The nominations made by the political groups for the various remaining appointments had been circulated.

Moved by Councillor Richard Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Graham Swift

and

RESOLVED:

That the appointments of Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of Committees etc. for the ensuing year as submitted by the various political groups, together with the amendments notified, be approved.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY:

Moved by Councillor Richard Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Graham Swift

and **RESOLVED:**

That membership of the following Committees etc. which are appointed or constituted without regard to political proportionality, namely panels of the General Purposes Committee, Licensing Committee and the Human Resources Committee be approved.

7/21 – REPORT BACK ON NOTICE OF MOTION:

The Mayor invited the Chair of the ICT Member Working Group, Councillor Ed Darling, to provide an update on the progress of work investigating systems for the live-streaming of Council meetings from the Council Chamber.