

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON**

26 May 2022

7.30 - 8.24 pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Clive Souter (Chair)

David Carter	Sue Livings
Simon Carter	Ash Malik
Joel Charles	Colleen Morrison
Nick Churchill	Russell Perrin
Jean Clark	Daniella Pritchard
Bob Davis	Nicky Purse
Jodi Dunne	Matthew Saggars
Michael Garnett	Stacy Seales
James Griggs	Lanie Shears
Alastair Gunn	John Strachan
Michael Hardware	Dan Swords
Andrew Johnson	Chris Vince
Eddie Johnson	Nancy Watson
Stephen Lemay	Mark Wilkinson
James Leppard	

OFFICERS

Brian Keane, Chief Executive
Niel Churchill,
Communications Manager
Simon Hill, Director of
Governance and Corporate
Services
Adam Rees, Senior
Governance Support Officer
Lisa Thornett, Corporate
Governance Support Officer

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Durcan and Tony Edwards.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2022 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair said that he had attended 106 events over the year. In total he had raised £14,000 for his two charities, Harlow Stroke Support and Rehab Centre, and Dementia Care at PAH.

He presented both charities with cheques for £7,000.

It had been an honour to serve as Chair. He thanked his Vice Chair (Maggie Hulcoop), his wife (Stevie Souter), and his PA (Lisa Thornett) for their support throughout the year.

5. **PRESENTATION OF CIVIC AWARDS**

The Chair presented the following people Civic Awards in recognition of their commitment and contribution to the local community.

Dean Beaumont
Harlow Ricks
Mona Singh
Roots to Wellbeing
Tessa Harvey
Alex Reed
Harlow Rugby Club Under 16s Team Coaches
Thomas Church

6. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Joel Charles proposed and Councillor Nick Churchill seconded the nomination of Councillor Andrew Johnson as Chair of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Andrew Johnson is elected as Chair of the Council for 2021/22 and is invested with the chain and badge of office.

Councillor Johnson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and gave an acceptance speech.

He thanked his colleagues for his election and also thanked Councillor Clive Souter for his service to the town during his term in office.

Councillor Johnson announced that his chosen charities were Friends of Rock School (Harlow Rock School) and Streets 2 Homes.

From this point, Councillor Andrew Johnson chaired the meeting.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Dan Swords proposed and Councillor Matthew Sagers seconded the nomination of Councillor Sue Living as Vice Chair of the Council.

Councillor Lanie Shears proposed and Councillor Nancy Watson seconded the nomination of Councillor Bob Davis.

Upon being put to the vote, Councillor Livings was appointed as Vice Chair of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Sue Livings is appointed as Vice Chair of the Council for 2022/23 and is invested the chain and badge of office.

Councillor Sue Livings signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8. **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Dan Swords proposed and Councillor Nick Churchill seconded the nomination of Councillor Russell Perrin as Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Russell Perrin is elected as Leader of the Council.

9. **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES AND PANELS OF THE COUNCIL AND THEIR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS**

Full Council received a report on appointments to committees, sub committees and panels of the council.

Proposed by Russell Perrin (seconded by Councillor Joel Charles) it was:

RESOLVED that:

- A** The Council noted the political balance calculations for 2022/23 and agrees that Committee seats be allocated to political groups as set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the report.
- B** Councillors be appointed as members/substitute members of Council Committees, Sub Committees and Panels as set out in Appendix A of the report, included in the supplementary agenda.
- C** Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees, Sub Committees and Panels be appointed as set out in Appendix A of the report, included in the supplementary agenda.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Proposed by Russell Perrin (seconded by Councillor Joel Charles) it was:

RESOLVED that Councillors are appointed as Member Champions as set out in the agenda.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Proposed by Russell Perrin (seconded by Councillor Joel Charles) it was:

RESOLVED that Councillors are nominated for appointment to the outside bodies as set out in the agenda.

12. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/23**

Proposed by Councillor Russell Perrin (seconded by David Carter) it was:

RESOLVED that the calendar of meetings for 2022/23, as set out in the agenda, be approved, subject to the removal of the Special Council meeting on 14 July.

13. **MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

a) Road Naming - Ukrainian Recognition

Proposed by Councillor Russell Perrin (seconded by Councillor Dan Swords):

This Council:

- i) Wholeheartedly condemns the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces and supports the Ukrainian people in their fight to maintain democracy and self-determination as a nation;
- ii) Expresses support for Harlow residents who are from Ukraine or have close ties with the country; and
- iii) Recognises and commends the Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Leadership of his nation whilst defending his country.

And requests that, notwithstanding current Council policy:

- i) The Council seek to rename Allende Avenue a road within Harlow as Zelenskyy Avenue;
- ii) Consults with residents on the proposed change of name; and
- iii) Reports further to Cabinet on the outcome of those consultations.

RESOLVED that the motion was carried.

14. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL