

MINUTES of a meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor J Bridges (Chairman)

Councillors V Richichi, E G C Allman, R Ashman, R D Bayliss, C C Benfield, A S Black, R Blunt, R Boam, A J Bridgen, D Everitt, T Eynon, M French, J Geary, L A Gillard, S Gillard, T Gillard, D Harrison, B Harrison-Rushton, M D Hay, G Houlst, J Houlst, R Johnson, J Legrys, K Merrie MBE, N J Rushton, A C Saffell, C A Sewell, S Sheahan, N Smith, D E J Tebbutt, J Windram, A C Woodman and M B Wyatt

Officers: Mr J Arnold, Mrs T Bingham, Mrs M Long, Mrs B Smith, Miss E Warhurst and Mrs C Hammond

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bigby, R Canny, J Clarke and D Stevenson.

31. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

32. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

The Chairman reminded members that his chosen charity was the Alzheimer's Society and invited them to join him in a 'Memory Walk' in aid of this charity which was taking place at 10.00am on 22 September at Abbey Park, Leicester.

The Chairman advised Members of the sad passing of Val Pulford who was a district councillor between 1979 and 1987 for the ward of "Appleby Magna, Chilcote, Snarestone, Stretton-en-le Field and Sweptstone" (now known as Appleby Ward) and a parish councillor at Ravenstone with Snibston parish until recently.

Her funeral will be held on Tuesday 17th September at 12.30pm at St Michael & All Angels Parish Church, Ravenstone. Council joined the Chairman in expressing condolences to her family and asked that a card be sent.

33. ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chairman agreed to accept an urgent item of business and the report on this was circulated with the additional papers.

34. DISPENSATION FOR EXTENDED ABSENCE

Councillor Gillard presented the report and advised Members that Councillor David Stevenson who has been suffering from ill health was currently being looked after at the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham. He is therefore unable to attend this meeting.

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that if a member of a local authority fails to attend a meeting of the authority for a period of six consecutive months without approval from Council, then he/she will cease to be a member of the authority.

Councillor Stevenson last attended a meeting on 21 May 2019 which would result in him ceasing to be a member on 20 November 2019.

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Council was therefore asked to consider giving granting a dispensation to Councillor Stevenson for an extended absence.

The Chairman invited questions and comments.

Councillors expressed their sadness at this news and reminded those that may not be aware that Councillor David Stevenson was the longest serving member of the Council having been elected in 1973 and he had earned a great deal of respect from across the Chamber in this time. Council supported the extension and asked that a card be sent on behalf of the Council. Councillor Rushton advised that both he and Councillor Boam would be dealing with any ward and parish issues on behalf of Councillor Stevenson during his period of absence.

It was moved by Councillor Gillard and seconded by Councillor Sheahan and

RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) Council sends its thought and good wishes to Councillor David Stevenson;
- (2) Councillor David Stevenson be granted a dispensation for extended absence from all meetings in his role as a councillor for the Worthington and Breedon ward for a period of six months.

35. LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman invited the Leader and the Portfolio holders to make any announcements.

Councillor Blunt made the follow announcements.

A511 Corridor

Council was advised that the Leicestershire County Council's A511 Coalville Growth Corridor Plans had been accepted for inclusion in the priority list for Government funding with a request for £42m. This scheme was one of eleven submitted in the Midlands for local road improvements. These plans would see improvements from the A42 junction at Ashby through to Junction 22 of the M1 motorway, including localised road widening and dualling and a new link road at Bardon. The total cost of the programme is £49m but £7m has been secured by the Council through Section 106 Agreements and involves both the County and the District working closely together on the details of the scheme. Councillor Blunt thanked Andrew Bridgen MP and local councillors both past and present from all parties who for many years have been lobbying for these improvements.

Future High Streets Fund

Councillor Blunt advised that the Council had been successful in its expression of interest regarding access to the fund. An invitation had now been made to the Council to submit a full business case by January 2020 for up to £25m for improvements to the town. If successful, it would provide the opportunity to transform Coalville. The Council has been given the opportunity to apply for early funding for a sum in excess of £100k to assist the business case and to help make the bid as complete and robust as possible. Councillor Blunt acknowledged the achievement in getting this far given that only 100 towns from over 300 applications had been invited to the next stage, and the only town in Leicestershire to get this far. The improvements would include reconfiguration and improvements to the Belvoir Centre on which the Council is negotiating with the new owners, enhancement of green infrastructure, refurbishment of existing sites and the inclusion of a cinema and cycle and pedestrian routes. Ideas and input are welcomed and Councillor Blunt stressed the need for everyone to work together to help give the Council

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the best chance possible of receiving this funding. He encouraged all Coalville members to attend a special meeting on 10 October and advised that there would also be close liaison with the members of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Group, together with local business, residents and organisations.

Director Appointment

Councillor Blunt advised that the appointment for the new Director had been advertised nationally and stressed the importance of getting candidates with the right skills across the board to assist the Chief Executive and the Senior Management Team. The closing date for applications is 20 September followed by long listing interviews and two day assessments after shortlisting and confirmation by the Appointments Panel scheduled for 23 October 2019.

Planning Committee

Council was reminded that last week saw the most controversial meeting of Planning Committee for some time when it considered the application in respect of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) at junction 11 of the M42. Whilst the decision was not what his residents wanted, they all saw the professional manner in which councillors and officers conducted themselves and nobody left the room complaining about how the application was handled. Work now needs to start on agreeing with JLR the best way forward.

Ivanhoe Line

Councillor Blunt advised that he was pleased to support the County Council and the Working Group in their lobbying in an attempt to see this line re-opened. The Council has agreed to support their feasibility study with a financial contribution of £5k. Councillor Blunt reported that he looked forward to working with these passionate individuals to help bring more sustainable transport links into the district.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Blunt for his announcements and invited questions and comments from the floor.

Councillors welcomed the announcements particularly regarding the work supporting the opening of the Ivanhoe line and the improvements to Coalville. However Councillor Legrys urged caution and expressed scepticism given previous efforts to do this and asked that some reassurance be given to local residents.

Councillor Wyatt sought reassurance that all local businesses, both large and small, would be consulted on the High Streets Funding Bid.

Councillor Eynon was also encouraged by the news and asked that data be gathered to help the feasibility study on the re-opening of the Ivanhoe line which would inform as to how many people would actually use it as she considered this would be very helpful to the bid which would be put together by Derby University.

The Chairman invited Councillor Blunt to respond to the comments made.

Councillor Blunt referred to the BBC walkabout earlier in the year where honest views and opinions were sought from local residents and was encouraged by these views which he hoped would allay the fears expressed by Councillor Legrys. He also confirmed that local businesses would be consulted on the Future High Streets Funding Bid as far as they could but he didn't have the full details to hand but would be happy to discuss outside the meeting.

Councillor Woodman made the follow announcements.

Green and Purple Flag Status

Councillor Woodman referred to the Green Flag status which had been awarded to

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Coalville Park and which recognised and rewarded the well managed parks and green spaces. He thanked all those who made this happen and commended the excellent work carried out by the District Council's Parks and ground maintenance team.

Councillor Woodman added that the journey of continuous improvement for Coalville Park continues. Working in partnership with the Friends of Coalville Park group, consideration is being given as to what improvements could be made using the Section 106 money reallocated to the area from Lillehammer Drive. Following consultation with residents and attendees at Picnic in the Park, the priority identified was improving the play equipment for a wider range of children. This was followed by improvements to the Community Garden and then extending the park into the field at the rear of the site. Consequently, the Friends group are now liaising with play equipment suppliers to work up costed plans, along with identifying external funding sources to further enhance the project, so proposals can be taken through the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party and Cabinet for consideration.

Councillor Woodman referred to the application for a full renewal of the Purple Flag accreditation for the Ashby de la Zouch night time economy which has been submitted by Ashby Town Council and supported by NWLDC. A number of partners have contributed to the process eg Leicestershire Police, Safer North West Community Safety Partnership, Ashby Street Pastors, Ashby Pubwatch Scheme and many local businesses.

Purple Flag is an accreditation for night time economy, similar to Blue Flag for beaches and Green Flag for parks. It is awarded to towns which meet or surpass the standards of excellence for a varied lively evening experience and manage the evening economy well. The Ashby application showed good practices, high occupancy rates on retail and leisure premises, low crime figures, and a diverse, entertaining, safe enjoyable night out for the whole family. Ashby de la Zouch has attractions and activities for all ages, budgets and tastes; it is safe, friendly, welcoming, clean, attractive and fun; easily accessible from local towns and on foot; is steeped in history, cultural, heritage attractions and has a fantastic choice of bars, restaurants, clubs, pubs and leisure facilities.

Two Purple Flag assessors visited Ashby de la Zouch on the evening of 10 August 2019 to see Ashby for themselves and meet people involved in the night time economy. Councillor Woodman advised that he attended the evening to meet the assessors and support the application.

The result is awaited in the new few weeks and he is hopeful of a good outcome.

Recycle more

Councillor Woodman advised that Monday 19 August saw the launch of the Council's three year plan – "Recycle more..." to increase the district's household recycling rate to 50%.

A series of seven roadshows have been held across the district with over 700 people attending and there was positive interest in the trial of a new recycling container system on wheels and a weekly collection of food waste.

Both trials are due to be taking place this autumn and are very much part of the plans to create a greener and sustainable district for everyone.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Woodman for his announcements and invited questions and comments from the floor.

Councillor Sheahan stated that a 3 page report on recycling had previously been considered at a Scrutiny Committee but when this matter was later considered by Cabinet,

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this was a much more detailed report. He asked therefore if a further and more detailed report could be submitted to a Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible.

Councillor Eynon reiterated the point about scrutiny, particularly with regard to dry recycling. She was very encouraged about the initiatives being introduced but felt they required an element of challenge to make sure they were working as we would expect them to.

Councillor Merrie encouraged the Friends of Coalville Park to make the improvements and referred to funding through the Mick George Community Fund. He added that very few applications had been made although Ellistown and Battleflat had taken advantage of the funding available and each application had been successful. At the last count it was estimated that approximately £2.5m was available for play parks and equipment. With regards to recycling he asked when the bins would be available for trialling.

Councillor Legrys congratulated the Council on its accreditation of the Green Flag status and praised the Chief Executive as, without her help, this would not have happened. He considered this to be great news for Coalville and strongly recommended that ward members seek this accreditation in their local areas.

Councillor Wyatt expressed words of caution when considering future developments in Coalville Park as he did not want these to restrict the larger and very successful events taking place in the future.

The Chairman invited Councillor Woodman to respond to the comments made.

Councillor Woodman advised that the new containers would be rolled out later this month and the food trials towards the end of the year so it would be more appropriate to have scrutiny after these trials when there is some data to analyse and he agreed that we did not want to impose limitations on Coalville Park.

36. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

37. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Two questions had been received.

The Chairman invited Councillor Legrys to ask his question addressed to Councillor Woodman.

“At its meeting on the 27th February 2018 I once again placed a question to the then Portfolio Holder about using the Council’s Environmental powers to insist that the surrounding landowners remove overgrown vegetation on Mantle Lane Coalville.

Whilst regular cleaning is carried out by the Council’s cleaning teams, overgrown vegetation on structures and land belonging to Network Rail continues to be an unkempt eyesore that spoils this key entrance into Coalville Town Centre.

When will the Council use its powers under law to insist that Network Rail tidy up their property to the benefit of road users, pedestrians and shoppers?”

The Chairman invited Councillor Woodman to respond.

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"Enforcement Officer, Ian Webster, has visited the site and confirms that the level of overgrown vegetation constitutes issuing of a Community Protection Warning. This is the first stage of the formal process leading to the issuing of a Community Protection Notice if the problem persists. In line with our Procedures and Policies, Network Rail have been contacted and advised of the vegetation issue. Ian has received notification today (5.9.19) that Network Rail have logged his request and that contact will be made to address the issue. If we do not receive further communication within a reasonable time frame we will progress with the first level of action.

The Business Focus Team recognises that Mantle Lane is an important gateway into Coalville Town Centre and a link to the new Leisure Centre. Consequently we are looking at ways in which the Future High Street Fund bid and Regeneration Framework might bring forward improvements. Business Focus have contacted Network Rail about working with them to improve the appearance of the bridge and are awaiting a response".

The Chairman invited Councillor Legrys to ask a supplementary question.

Councillor Legrys supplementary question was "Can I have a timeline?"

Councillor Woodman agreed to supply this to Councillor Legrys.

The Chairman invited Councillor Benfield to ask his question addressed to Councillor Ashman.

"As contingency planning continues for the increasing likelihood of a no-deal Brexit, much of the Nation's focus has been on implications at the Channel Ports.

However, as host to one of the largest air freight terminals in the UK, it would seem obvious that congestion at sea ports could be alleviated by increasing operations at East Midlands Airport. Such preparations have not been publicly discussed.

I am concerned that the Airport has no restrictions on volume of traffic either by day or night, (although I am aware of the slightly tighter noise limits required at night).

Could the Leader therefore provide the Council with detailed information on the expected increases in: air and road traffic, noise, particulate pollution, and CO2 in the event of a no-deal Brexit?"

The Chairman invited Councillor Ashman to respond.

"The Council is fully engaged in the contingency planning for a no deal Brexit with the chief executive being the nominated Brexit Lead officer. Our role and responsibility under the Civil Contingency Act is to ensure that working with the Leicestershire Resilience forum (LRF) we plan for the potential disruption that a no deal exit could have. The LRF is made up of a wide number of partners from police, health, fire, ambulance, armed forces, district and County council, Highways England, Utilities and the voluntary sector.

One element of the contingency planning relates to the potential impact of traffic disruption around the airport as a result of any delays at the border. The Chief Executive is also a member of the National Border Control Sterling group that considers and plans for the impact of changes at the port, ensuring the council's port health authority role continues to run smoothly and effectively.

Plans have been developed to manage traffic disruption and there are a series of meetings with members and local communities over the coming weeks. The council has also developed a robust communication plan for communities, businesses and stakeholders linked to the national communication plan 'Get Ready for Brexit'.

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However the contingency planning in respect to the management of air freight movements at East Midlands airport is outside the local authority's remit and control. Airport Co-ordination Limited is responsible for slot allocation scheduled facilitation and schedule date collection across the UK. They would be responsible for modelling ensuring efficient use of capacity and operational performance taking account of operational restrictions.

It is not possible at this time to estimate whether there would be a need for additional freight to be taken through East Midlands airport, but there are legislative restrictions that are in place and would need to be adhered to. The airport has an environmental policy, continuous air quality monitoring for key pollutants set within the wider context of the Air Quality Strategy for England and Wales. The strategy sets limits for nitrogen dioxide, benzene and particulates. These results are publicly available monthly on the East Midlands airport website.

East Midlands airport also operate within the limitations of Noise Action Plan which is a statutory five year document recently the subject of public consultation and runs from 2019 -2023. The plan assesses, considers and manages aircraft noise at the airport and is a legal requirement under the European Union Directive 2009/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise. The Civil Aviation Authority and DEFRA have a role in ensuring compliance with the Noise Action Plan and the detailed plan and legislative context are set out on the East Midlands airport website.

We will continue to work closely with all key partners of which the airport is a key stakeholder to ensure that if there are changes these are considered by the Local Resilience Forum and we engage and communicate with our community through this period of uncertainty”.

The Chairman invited Councillor Benfield to ask a supplementary question.

Councillor Benfield's supplementary question was “will the Council make available noise monitoring equipment to residents so that the varying degrees of noise levels around the airport can be measured?”

Councillor Ashman advised that he would liaise with the Chief Executive on this matter and get back to Councillor Benfield outside the meeting.

38. MOTIONS

Councillor Sheahan moved the motion as set out on the agenda and presented it to members.

He advised that it was apparent to him that the Prime Minister was attempting to push through a 'no deal' Brexit and thus followed another imperative to block this which had resulted in the Prime Minister attempting to side step Parliament. It would seem that he is putting his own interests ahead of those of the public and this motion attempts to address this.

Councillor Everitt seconded the motion and reserved his comments.

The Chairman welcomed comments from the floor.

Councillor Ashman felt the motion was politically motivated by Party headquarters. However, despite the squabbling within the walls of Parliament he felt that writing a letter to the MP was not the way forward as it would only reflect the views of a small number of councillors in this Chamber. Instead he felt they should be focussing on the job that local councillors have been elected to do in preparing for Brexit whether it be 'deal' or 'no deal' and that is what they have been doing with regular updates to DHCLG.

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Councillor Ashman reported that he was satisfied that the Council had sufficient resources and robust plans and rather than run a localised 'project fear' they are taking all the necessary steps to reduce the impact of leaving on the people of North West Leicestershire.

Councillor Eynon supported the motion and expressed concern on the possible risks associated with necessary medical supplies not being readily available.

Councillor Wyatt did not support the motion and echoed the comments in relation to 'project fear'. He advised that the people of North West Leicestershire voted to leave the EU and we should respect their views.

Councillor Merrie supported the views of Councillor Wyatt and did not support the motion and Councillor Legrys, whilst supporting the motion he congratulated the work currently being done by officers in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit but he did express his despair that we are at this impasse through no fault of our own.

Councillor Benfield supported the views of Councillor Ashman in that we should vote on and support the best interests of the people of North West Leicestershire, however he considered the best interests of those people is not to surge into a 'no deal' Brexit and he fully supported the motion.

Councillor Everitt spoke very passionately about his support of the motion and his support to the European Union. He considered that most people just want a resolution to this mess and we need to be in a position where we can at least say we did our best for the people.

Councillor Sheahan exercised his right to reply and responded to the comments made by members.

Councillor Sheahan stated that this was not 'project fear' but 'project reality' and regardless of whether we voted leave or remain, we should all be voting against 'no deal' Brexit.

The Chairman then put the following motion to the vote.

"This Council notes the latest promise of £150,000 from the Government to assist with our EU exit preparations as a port area. This comes in addition to sums totalling £180,000 already allocated. However, this Council does not believe this money will adequately mitigate the effects of a no-deal Brexit which the Government claims it is 'turbo-charging' its preparations for. Evidence indicates the outcome of a no-deal Brexit would be costly and damaging and we are particularly concerned about the impact on vulnerable residents and smaller businesses within our District. We further note that there is no majority for a no-deal Brexit either in Parliament or amongst the wider electorate. We therefore deplore the Prime Minister's anti-democratic attempt to frustrate the will of Parliament by suspending it, thereby increasing the chances of Brexit occurring with no deal in place. This Council resolves to make its views known by writing to the local MP and urging him not to support actions which will lead to a damaging no-deal Brexit".

A recorded vote was requested, the outcome of which was as follows.

| Councillor | Vote | Councillor | Vote |
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| Allman | Against | Harrison-Rushton | Against |
| Ashman | Against | Hay | For |
| Bayliss | Against | G Hoult | Against |
| Benfield | For | J Hoult | Against |
| Black | Against | Johnson | For |
| Blunt | Against | Legrays | For |
| Boam | Against | Merrie | Against |
| Bridgen | Against | Richichi | Against |
| Bridges | Against | Rushton | Against |
| Everitt | For | Saffell | Against |
| Eynon | For | Sewell | For |
| French | Against | Sheahan | For |
| Geary | For | Smith | Against |
| L Gillard | Against | Tebbutt | Against |
| S Gillard | Against | Windram | Against |
| T Gillard | Against | Woodman | Against |
| Harrison | Against | Wyatt | Against |
| FOR | | 9 | AGAINST |
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The motion was LOST.

39. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

40. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2019.

It was moved by Councillor Bridges, seconded by Councillor Richichi and

RESOLVED THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2019 be approved as a correct record

41. NOTIFICATION OF AN URGENT DECISION - LAND OPTIONS AT COALVILLE

Councillor Rushton presented the report. He advised that the Constitution states that the call-in procedure may be suspended where a decision being taken by the Cabinet is urgent. A decision is considered urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. In all circumstances, the Chairman of the Council must agree that the decision is reasonable and must agree to the decision being treated as a matter of urgency.

Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be recorded in the minutes and be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

The Chairman invited questions and comments from the floor.

Councillor Legrys expressed his disappointment that this retrospective decision is being made and this administrative process was not picked up at the time.

It was moved by Councillor Blunt and seconded by Councillor Ashman and

RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.

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42. UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Councillor Rushton presented the report. He reminded Council that at its meeting on 26 February 2019, it had agreed to expand the scrutiny function, from one committee meeting six times per year, to two committees each meeting five times per year.

The Corporate Leadership Team have considered the role that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee will play in the budget setting process. Given the importance, complexity and profile of this process, senior officers recommend that an additional meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee is provided for in the Constitution. In coming to this conclusion, senior officers noted that there was little flexibility to allow extra meetings of the Scrutiny Committees should urgent business arise. Therefore it is further recommended that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee, be empowered to convene additional meetings of either Scrutiny Committee to consider urgent business. In order to effect the additional meetings recommended above, minor changes need to be and these were set out in the Appendix to the report.

The Chairman invited questions and comments.

Councillor Blunt advised that his group was fully committed to the role of scrutiny and welcomed this report.

Councillors Sheahan and Eynon reported that they welcomed any enhancement to scrutiny arrangements but still felt that they fell short compared with County and consideration should be given to offering the chairmanship of one of the Scrutiny Committees to the opposition.

Councillor Wyatt expressed concern at his unsuccessful attempts in getting matters raised at the Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Harrison advised that comparisons should not be made with County which is much larger and more complex than the District with more resources available to it.

Councillor Rushton advised that it was well within the gift of all members to seek to have items included on the Scrutiny work programmes and any such matters should be raised when the scrutiny work programmes are discussed at each Scrutiny Committee meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Rushton and seconded by Councillor Harrison and

RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the Council's Constitution be amended to allow additional scrutiny meetings; as described in the report;
- (2) The Council authorises the Head of Legal and Commercial Services to make the agreed amendments and any consequential amendments to the Constitution and re-issue the document.

43. ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

Councillor Gillard presented the report. He advised members that an updated report on this item was set out in the additional papers which followed a change to the political affiliation. On 29 August 2019, the Council was advised that Councillor Daniel Tebbutt

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would no longer be a member of the Labour Group.

On 5 September Councillor Tebbutt advised that he had been affiliated to the Conservative group and, due to the consequential shift in the political balance of the Council, the proportionality has been recalculated.

Following discussions with the whips from both affected groups, necessary changes will need to be made to the seats on Committees to accord with the rules on proportionality. Details of those rules were set out in the report together with the proposed changes.

The Chairman invited questions and comments.

There were none.

It was moved by Councillor Gillard and seconded by Councillor Johnson and

RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) That Councillor Johnson be appointed to the Planning Committee to replace Councillor Tebbutt;
- (2) That Councillor Bigby be appointed as a substitute on the Planning Committee to replace Councillor Johnson;
- (3) That Councillor Tebbutt be appointed to the seat currently allocated to Councillor Sewell on the Community Scrutiny Committee;
- (4) That Councillor Sewell be appointed as substitute on the Community Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Tebbutt;
- (5) That the unchanged membership of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee be noted.

44. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMUNITY BODIES - ALDERMAN NEWTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Councillor Ashman presented the report. He reminded members that appointments to community bodies were made at the Annual meeting of the Council in May. This followed a comprehensive review whereby all community bodies were written to and invited to request council representation. Following those appointments a further request has been made for a representative for the Alderman Newton Education Foundation.

Nominations had been sought from all political group whips and one nomination had been received this being Councillor John Clarke.

It was therefore moved by Councillor Ashman and seconded by Councillor Gillard and

RESOLVED THAT: The Councillor John Clarke be appointed as a representative to the Alderman Newton Education Foundation for the remainder of the civic year.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42 pm

Chairman's signature