

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Grand Hall, Corn Exchange, Ipswich on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 6.00 pm.

Present: - Councillors

S Barber	B Knowles
J Carnall	C Kreidewolf
N Cenci	A Leeder
G Chisholm	I Lockington
H Clarke	J Macartney
S Darwin	D Maguire
G Debman	S Meudec
E Elavalakan	E Phillips
D Ellesmere	R Pope
R Fern	J Powell
I Fisher	L Reynolds
P Gardiner	A Ross
J Gibbs	B Rudkin
M Goonan	C Smart
T Grant	P Smart
E Harsant	R Vickery
O Holmes	H Whittall
A Hopgood	C Wright
S Ion	E Xhaferaj
C Jones	

Before the meeting commenced, a minute's silence was held for Jo Cox MP, whose life was so tragically taken from her.

7. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Connelly, Councillor J Cook, Councillor M Cook, Councillor Gage, Councillor Goldsmith, Councillor R Hyde-Chambers, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Riley and Councillor Studd.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Council, the Mayor requested that an extra item of urgent business be added to the Agenda for consideration prior to Agenda Item 7 (report C/16/02) and this was **AGREED**.

8. To Confirm the Minutes from the Previous Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2016 were approved as a true record.

9. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business on the Agenda.

It was **RESOLVED**:

that, subject to the inclusion of an extra item of urgent business prior to Agenda Item 7, the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the Agenda.

10. To Receive any Declarations of Interest by Councillors.

In accordance with delegated authority, the Monitoring Officer granted dispensations to all Councillors present in respect of Agenda Item 7, the Norfolk & Suffolk Devolution Proposal, enabling them to participate and vote on this item.

11. Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor and his Consort had enjoyed a busy schedule since the annual meeting and mayor making on 18th May. The Mayor thanked everyone for all the support and encouragement they had received.

Milestones and Anniversaries

On 30th May 2016 the Mayor joined veterans, families and colleagues at a special parade on the Waterfront to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Jutland, followed by a splendid concert from the Ipswich Hospital Band at St Peter's Church. During the weekend of 11th & 12th June, the Mayor and his Consort joined the people of Ipswich at a special concert to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday in Christchurch Park. They attended special services at Bury St Edmunds cathedral and at St Mary Le Tower Church. They also visited street parties, school picnics and special meals at several care homes.

This week the Mayor and his Consort will be visiting Mrs Joyce Fisher as she celebrates her 100th birthday at Thornbank Residential Home.

'Pigs gone wild' have been 'released' as part of a town trail – well worth finding out where all 69 are positioned!

Performances

The Mayor and his Consort attended two presentations, 'The Cleverest Thief' and 'Over the Garden Fence', by talented actresses portraying people living with dementia and the mixed reactions of those around them. The second one included the official launch of 'Ipswich Dementia Action Alliance'.

Sir Trevor Nunn's production of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' at New Wolsey Theatre was stunning!

Guests from Overseas

The Mayor and his Consort were delighted to welcome visitors from Nettuno, Italy. The Nettuno chorale gave a splendid early evening concert at the Town Hall. Two Italian students from the Futura School visited Ipswich as part of their language studies and came for tea in the parlour.

Suffolk Show was a great success and they much enjoyed spending day 2 meeting exhibitors and other visitors.

Young People:

The Mayor and his Consort, Ellie, had met large numbers of young people in a wide variety of settings:

- the Orwell Panthers provide excellent opportunities in athletics for those with a range of disabilities. They presented awards to participants at Northgate Sports Centre;
- pupils from Gusford Primary School learned some important lessons as they took part in “Crucial Crew 2016”;
- 300 local Beaver Scouts celebrated their 30th anniversary;
- St Albans High School celebrated their 50th anniversary with special guests, including the Bishop of East Anglia;
- Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and pupils from Sprites School Council have visited the parlour.

The Mayor’s Charities

The Mayor and his Consort have chosen two charities to support – the Alzheimer’s Society and IHAG Chapman Centre. A programme of fund-raising events to be held over the next 11 months is being prepared. They hope that everyone will feel able to support them. The first event was the Orwell Sponsored Cycle Ride on 26 June and the Mayor happened to have his sponsor form with him at the Council meeting!

Future Events

The Mayors “At Home” will take place at Suffolk New College on Friday 15th July 2016 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and he looked forward to greeting as many of their friends and colleagues that are able to attend.

12. Councillors to answer questions asked in accordance with Rules of Procedure 9.

There were no questions received for this meeting.

13. Motion to Council - Suffolk Solidarity

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Council for dealing with urgent business, Part 4 Section 1, the Mayor, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, had accepted an urgent item of business for debate in light of recent events that had taken place.

The Mayor **MOVED** the following Motion and proposed that a statement be signed by the 3 Leaders in support of the Motion:

“that Ipswich Borough Council condemns all hate crimes and is proud of the Ipswich tradition of welcoming people of all countries, faiths and cultures”.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously:

that Ipswich Borough Council condemns all hate crimes and is proud of the Ipswich tradition of welcoming people of all countries, faiths and cultures.

14. C/16/02 To Consider a Report from Councillor Ellesmere on the Norfolk & Suffolk Devolution Proposal.

14.1 The Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Proposal contained within the report and its appendices was debated.

It was **RESOLVED:**

that Council voted to support the Norfolk and Suffolk devolution proposals contained within the appendices to the report.

15. To Consider nominations/changes of Councillors to serve on Committees, Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the Community Protection and Customer Services Working Group to be renamed as the Public Protection and Customer Services Working Group in line with the new Portfolios;**
- (ii) that Councillor Alasdair Ross replace Councillor Bill Knowles on the Licensing & Regulatory Committee;**
- (iii) that Councillor Barry Studd replace Councillor Alasdair Ross on the Planning & Development Committee;**
- (iv) that Councillor Alasdair Ross replace Councillor Studd as a substitute on the Planning & Development Committee;**
- (v) that Councillor Shelly Darwin be appointed to the National Association of Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Councillors (NABAEMC) outside body.**

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Chair