

RAUNDS ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

18th MAY 2021 Time 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr S Hughes (Chair), Cllr R Beattie, Cllr K Harrison, Cllr O Curtis, Cllr M Levell, Cllr J Barklamb, Cllr B Cross, Cllr T Swailes, Cllr H Howell, Cllr D Hughes, Cllr L Wilkes and Cllr R Levell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms Nina L. Villa, Interim Town Clerk, Minutes
Miss Joanne Coduri, Assistant to the Clerk
Mrs Emma Williams, Assistant to the Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Two members of the public

Prior to opening the meeting Cllr Sylvia Hughes addressed the meeting as the retiring Mayor and presented a cheque to representatives from her chosen charity, Family Support Link.

1.21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Cllr S Hughes be elected as Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Cllr S Hughes made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2.21 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Cllr M Levell be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council and Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Cllr M Levell made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

3.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

4.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPTION

Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.

None received.

5.21 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Notification of members questions in compliance with the council's standing orders.

None received.

6.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM

None received.

7.21 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th April 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

8.21 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Howell presented the minutes (forming the report) of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29th April 2021 which were received, and the resolutions and recommendations duly considered.

RESOLVED that the report be approved, and the resolutions of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29th April 2021 be agreed.

9.21 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP REPORTS

The Mayor presented the report of the working group which were received, and the resolutions and recommendations duly considered.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The post be advertised as Town Clerk and Chief Executive
- b) The post be advertised as c£40,000
- c) The post be advertised in the standard places for Clerk's vacancies, Guardian Jobs and Public Law Jobs
- d) The Council agrees in principle to the use of a recruitment agency and instructs the Clerk to seek quotes

10.21 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

RESOLVED that the Council confirms its eligibility to adopt the General Power of Competence, as set out in the Localism Act (s1-8)

11.21 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES

Environmental, Leisure and Recreation:

Cllr Sylvia Hughes - Ex Officio
 Cllr Magdalena Levell – Ex Officio
 Cllr Lee Wilkes
 Cllr Bill Cross
 Cllr Ollie Curtis
 Cllr Dudley Hughes
 Cllr Rosalie Beattie
 Cllr Richard Levell

Finance & Policy

Cllr Sylvia Hughes - Ex Officio
 Cllr Magdalena Levell – Ex Officio
 Cllr Richard Levell
 Cllr Kirk Harrison
 Cllr Ollie Curtis
 Cllr Dudley Hughes
 Cllr Helen Howell
 Cllr Lee Wilkes

Events Committee:

Cllr Sylvia Hughes - Ex Officio
 Cllr Magdalena Levell – Ex Officio
 Cllr Helen Howell
 Cllr Trevor Swailes
 Cllr Bill Cross
 Cllr Ollie Curtis
 Cllr John Barklamb

Personnel:

Cllr Sylvia Hughes - Ex Officio
 Cllr Magdalena Levell – Ex Officio
 Cllr Kirk Harrison
 Cllr Dudley Hughes
 Cllr John Barklamb
 Cllr Richard Levell
 Cllr Helen Howell
 Cllr Rosalie Beattie

Planning:

Cllr Sylvia Hughes - Ex Officio
 Cllr Magdalena Levell – Ex Officio
 Cllr Bill Cross
 Cllr Lee Wilkes
 Cllr John Barklamb
 Cllr Trevor Swailes
 Cllr Rosalie Beattie
 Cllr Kirk Harrison

RESOLVED that the Council approves the proposed list of Committee members.

12.21 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

RESOLVED that the following Cllrs be appointed to external bodies:

- a) JAG: Joint Action Group – Cllr Kirk Harrison
- b) PLR: NCALC Police Liaison Representative – Cllr Kirk Harrison
- c) Ringstead Grange Liaison Group – Cllr Bill Cross
- d) Grounds Maintenance Consortium – Cllr Bill Cross
- e) Raunds United Charities – Cllr R Levell & Cllr O Curtis
- f) Raunds Community Centre – Cllr R Levell

13.21 DIRECT DEBITS

RESOLVED that the Council approve the list of Direct Debits.

14.21 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

RESOLVED that the Council approve the list of subscription renewals with the exception of Survey Monkey.

15.21 MEETING DATES

RESOLVED that subject to additional dates proposed at the meeting, the Council approve the proposed calendar of meetings.

16.21 BANK AUTHORISATIONS

RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs J Barklamb, Cllr O Curtis, Cllr K Harrison, Cllr H Howell, Cllr D Hughes and Cllr L Wilkes to be bank signatories.

17.21 CORPORATE CARD

RESOLVED that the Council approve the proposal to appoint the Assistant to the Clerk to be the programme administrator and new cardholder name on the Lloyds Corporate Card.

18.21 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

RESOLVED that the Council approve the request of the RBL to use the Memorial Gardens to hold a memorial service on 22nd May 2021 to commemorate the centenary of the organisation.

19.21 TOWN MAYORS CLOSING REMARKS

The Mayor thanked everyone for nominating her for a second term as Mayor and confirmed that Cllr D Hughes would act as her Consort and her charity would be Service Six.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20:55

Approved: (Town Mayor)

Meeting date.....8th June 2021.....(Council)