

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of
the Borough of Kettering held virtually
via Zoom on 9th September 2020

Present:

Councillor	Keli Watts (Mayor)	Councillor	David Howes
"	James Burton (Deputy Mayor)	"	Ian Jelley
"	Linda Adams	"	Anne Lee
"	Duncan Bain	"	Paul Marks
"	Michael Brown	"	Clark Mitchell
"	Lloyd Bunday	"	Cliff Moreton
"	John Currall	"	Jan O'Hara
"	Ash Davies	"	Russell Roberts
"	Mark Dearing	"	Mark Rowley
"	Andrew Dutton	"	Mick Scrimshaw
"	Maggie Don	"	Shirley Stanton
"	Scott Edwards	"	Margaret Talbot
"	Jim French	"	Michael Tebbutt
"	Ruth Groome	"	Lesley Thurland
"	Jenny Henson	"	Greg Titcombe
"	Philip Hollobone	"	Jonathan West

20.C.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cedwien Brown and James Hakewill.

20.C.02 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

20.C.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

20.C.04 VOTE OF THANKS

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor James Burton and Mrs Lorraine Burton for their service to the Borough as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress.

Councillor Margaret Talbot proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for her year of office. The Vote of Thanks was seconded by Councillor Anne Lee.

The Mayor responded. On behalf of councillors she thanked the Borough's key workers for their work over the last few months. The Mayor also thanked Professor Sarah Gilbert of Oxford University, a former pupil of Park Road School and Kettering High School, for her work on finding a vaccine for Covid-19.

The Mayor thanked officers of the Council for their work during at this difficult time and paid tribute to the floral displays in the town which had been appreciated by residents. She also thanked the Mayor's Cadet, the Mayor's Chaplain, her daughters and friends for their help during her year of office.

(In accordance with a previously issued protocol and guidance for virtual meetings of the Council, Councillor Michael Brown was removed from the meeting at 6.19 pm)

20.C.05 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Lesley Thurland proposed, Councillor Ruth Groome seconded and it was

RESOLVED that Councillor James Burton be elected Mayor of the Borough of Kettering for the period 9th September 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Councillor James Burton read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Managing Director.

The Mayor expressed thanks for his election and announced that his Mayoral Charity would be the Twinkling Star Appeal at Kettering General Hospital.

20.C.06 APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mrs Lorraine Burton as Mayoress.

20.C.07 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Mike Tebbutt proposed, Councillor Mick Scrimshaw seconded and it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Duncan Bain be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Kettering for the period 9th September 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Councillor Bain read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, indicating via Zoom that it would be returned to the Municipal Offices for counter-signature by the Managing Director.

20.C.08 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORESS**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mrs Carol Bain as Deputy Mayoress.

20.C.09 **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Reverend David Walsh as Mayor's Chaplain

20.C.10 **MINUTE'S SILENCE**

The Mayor paid tribute to Hon Alderman Terry Freer, the Borough of Kettering's longest serving councillor, who had died on 25th May 2020. Terry Freer had first been elected to the Council in 1976 and served for a period of 40 years, retiring in February 2016.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor extended heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of Gavin Ferries, a member of staff in the Development Services team, who had passed away in June 2020.

The Mayor also asked Council to remember David Talbot, who had passed away of Covid-19 on 21st July. David Talbot had served a year in civic office as Mayor's Consort to Councillor Margaret Talbot in 2011/12.

The Mayor also asked councillors and those present via Zoom to remember all the people who had died as a result of Covid-19 in the Borough since March, and extended the sympathy of Council to the family and friends of those who had lost their lives. He also paid tribute to the staff of Kettering General Hospital for their dedication in caring for Covid-19 patients.

A minute's silence was then held.

20.C.11 **PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

A report was submitted which sought adoption of temporary protocols to enable Council meetings to be held remotely, so that they could take place and properly function during the Covid-19 pandemic and any subsequent restrictions on meetings or gatherings.

Councillor Rowley proposed and Councillor Thurland seconded, and it was

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) it be noted that a notice providing details of proposed revised protocols and procedures for Members and the public to access remote meetings had been posted on the Council's website;
- (ii) the procedures and protocols set out in Appendix 1, 2 and 3 of the report, and the use of video-conferencing software, to enable full Council meetings to be held remotely for the duration of the period set out in the Coronavirus Act 2020 be approved; and
- (iii) the proposed temporary amendments to meeting procedures, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, to enable the provision of remote Council meetings, be approved.

20.C.12 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that the next meeting of Council would take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 23rd September 2020.

20.C.13 **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader of the Council congratulated Councillor Burton on his election as Mayor.

20.C.14 REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Managing Director extended congratulations to Councillor Burton on his election as Mayor.

He also thanked staff of Kettering Borough Council for their work over the last six months in difficult circumstances. He also thanked members of the Council for their support.

20.C.15 LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Councillor Maggie Don announced that Councillor Mick Scrimshaw would continue as Leader of the Opposition.

**20.C.16 ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES
PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31ST
MARCH 2021
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-
COMMITTEES AND FORUMS
APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE
BODIES**

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) members be appointed to committees, sub-committees and forums as notified, including chairs and deputy chairs where indicated (attached as Item 11), and that any subsequent amendments be approved by the Head of Democratic and Legal Services under delegated powers.
- (ii) that the programme of meetings be approved (attached as Item 12); and
- (iii) that the Council's appointments to Outside Bodies be approved (attached as Item 13).

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.50 pm)

Signed
The Mayor