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ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 8 May 2018, at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Station Road, Ashington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mark Purvis (Chair)	Victor Bridges
Marjorie Chambers	Nicola Chambers
Avril Chisholm	Matthew Cuthbert
Stephen Fenwick	Brian Gallacher
Lynne Grimshaw	Lawrence Henderson
Pauline Thompson	Tom Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Slaughter – Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Sharon Parmley – Senior Administration Officer (minute taking)
Members of the Public – 0

C18/763 1. ELECTION OF BUSINESS CHAIR

Cllr. Purvis thanked members and staff for their support during his term of office as Business Chair and reported that it had been a good year for the Town Council with many achievements and accomplishment of significant work. Cllr. Purvis also stressed that there were more challenges to face in the coming year with the uncertainty over the town centre regeneration project and also the upcoming town wide survey that would set the direction for the Town Council.

Cllr. Purvis invited nominations for the position of Business Chair of the Town Council.

Resolved:

That Cllr. Mark Purvis be duly elected as Business Chair of Ashington Town Council for the Civic Year 2018/19.

Cllr Purvis, as re-elected Business Chair, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the prescribed form and assumed the Chair.

C18/764 2. ELECTION OF VICE BUSINESS CHAIR

Cllr. Purvis invited nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Town Council.

Resolved:

That Cllr. Pauline Thompson be duly elected as Vice Business Chair of Ashington Town Council for the Civic Year 2018/19.

Cllr. P Thompson accepted the appointment of Vice Business Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the prescribed form.

C18/765 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Eleanor Armstrong, Kris Lavery, Liam Lavery, Ken Parry, Jim Lang and Bob Walkinshaw.

C18/766 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest from Members present.

C18/767 5. ELECTION OF CIVIC HEAD OF ASHINGTON

The Business Chair invited nominations for the position of Civic Head of Ashington.

Resolved:

That Cllr. Marjorie Chambers be duly elected as Civic Head of Ashington for the Civic Year 2018/19.

C18/768 6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CIVIC HEAD OF ASHINGTON

The Business Chair invited nominations for the position of Deputy Civic Head of Ashington.

Resolved:

That Cllr. Lawrence Henderson be duly elected as Deputy Civic Head of Ashington for the Civic Year 2018/19.

C18/769 7. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved:

That Cllr. Stephen Fenwick be duly elected as Leader of Ashington Town Council.

C18/770 8. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved:

That Cllr. Matthew Cuthbert be duly elected as Deputy Leader of Ashington Town Council.

C18/771 9. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

Resolved:

That;

- (i) Leader of the Council, Stephen Fenwick be appointed representative to Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC),
- (ii) Cllr. Marjorie Chambers and the Town Clerk be appointed representatives to Ashington Town Team,
- (iii) Cllr. Matthew Cuthbert be appointed representative to Wansbeck Valley Food Bank,
- (iv) Cllr. Pauline Thompson be appointed representative to Northumberland Community Bank,
- (v) Cllr. Avril Chisholm be appointed representative to Northumberland Community Voluntary Action (CVA),
- (vi) Cllr. Bob Walkinshaw be appointed representative to Northumberland Federation of YMCA's,
- (vii) Cllr. Nicola Chambers be appointed representative to Real Deal Plus (Ashington Life Centre),
- (viii) Cllr. Eleanor Armstrong be appointed representative to Northumberland CAB, and

(ix)Cllrs. Brian Gallacher, Stephen Fenwick, Matthew Cuthbert, Lynne Grimshaw, Jim Lang and the Town Clerk Mike Slaughter be appointed representative for the Neighborhood Services Partnership.

C18/772 10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council was scheduled for 7:00pm, Tuesday 19 June 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall. The Town Clerk reminded members that the meeting would be a single agenda to consider the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements for 2017/18.

The meeting closed at 6:20pm.