

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

18th May 202

The meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 18th May 2022 and live streamed.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor R. Tromans)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor J. Clarke)

Councillors D. Brown, B. Beetham, C. Cape, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Hartshorn, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, R. Baxter-Payne, N. Phillips, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Sheirs, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, M. Walsh, C. Watkins, K. Wilson and M. Wright

Apologies were received for Councillor S. Markham

CL1 Election of Chair (The Mayor)

It was proposed by Councillor K. Wilson and seconded by Councillor R. Tromans that Councillor J. Clarke be appointed Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor J. Clarke be elected Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor R. Tromans then vacated the Chair and invested the newly elected Mayor with the Chain of office.

Having accepted the appointment, Councillor J. Clarke, made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him in electing him to the office of Mayor.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR J. CLARKE) IN THE CHAIR

CL2 Vote of Thanks

It was **RESOLVED** that the best thanks of this Council be tendered to Councillor Robert Tromans and Mayoress for the able and courteous manner in which they fulfilled the duties of Mayor and Mayoress during the past Municipal Year.

CL3 **Election of Vice-Chair (The Deputy Mayor)**

It was proposed by Councillor K. Evans and seconded by Councillor D. Brown that Councillor M. Walsh be appointed Vice-Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor M. Walsh be appointed Vice-Chair of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Mayor then invested the Deputy Mayor with the Deputy Mayor's badge. Having accepted the appointment, Councillor M. Walsh made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of the office and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him in appointing him to the office of Deputy Mayor.

CL4 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20th April 2022, were confirmed, and signed by the Mayor.

Councillor K. Kondakor requested that his vote against the minutes be recorded.

CL5 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

CL6 **Announcements**

The Mayor made the announcement that the Mayor's Appeal for 2022/2023 will be announced next week.

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, wished to place on record councils thanks to all staff and officers who were involved with running the election, it was run professionally and courteously.

CL7 **Returning Officers Report**

NOTED that the composition of the Council is as follows:

Conservative Members	27
Labour Members	5
Green Members	2

CL8 Election of Leader

Councillor K. Wilson was elected as Leader of the Council in May 2021 for a term of four years therefore this item was not considered.

CL9 Composition and Membership of Committees and Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2022/2023

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) The Leader’s appointments to and allocation of responsibilities for the Cabinet Portfolios, as given below, be noted:

A vote of hands was taken, and this was carried.

Portfolio Holder	Member Appointed
Leader (Business and Regeneration)	Councillor Kris Wilson
Deputy Leader (Housing and Communities)	Councillor Clare Golby
Finance and Corporate	Councillor Sam Croft
Public Services	Councillor Sue Markham
Planning and Regulation	Councillor Richard Smith
Health and Environment	Councillor Julian Gutteridge

- b) The composition of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels were presented to Council as below:

Committee Size	Seats to Allocate	Conservative	Labour	Green	Total Membership
Cabinet	6	6			
Business, Regeneration & Planning OSP	9	7	1	1	9
Finance & Public Services OSP	9	7	1	1	9
Housing, Environment & Health OSP	9	7	1	1	9
Employment	5	4	1	0	5
Audit & Standards (Excl co-optees)	11	9	2	0	11
Planning	11	9	2	0	11
Licensing	11	9	2	0	11
Appeals	10	8	1	1	10

NABCEL	6	5	1	0		6
Borough Plan	9	7	1	1		9
Total	90	72	13	5		90

Councillor K. Kondakor proposed the following amendment:

‘That this table is amended such that planning committee numbers are changes to 12 members, 9 Conservatives, 2 Labour and 1 Green and that appeals panel is changed to 10 members, 9 Conservative, 1 Labour and zero greens. The effect of the change is to give the Conservatives one more seat on the appeals panel and provides better cross-party representation on the planning committee.’

Councillor M. Wright seconded the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment

The amendment was lost.

A vote was taken on the substantive recommendation.

The vote was carried:

The composition of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels as presented in the table be noted.

c) i) the Membership of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels for 2022/2023 be approved as shown below; and

ii) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to appoint a Green Party Member to Appeals Committee upon completion of the relevant training.

Appeals (10)

Councillors: B. Beetham, K. Evans, M. Green, C. Golby, S. Markham, R. Smith, T. Sheppard, M. Tromans, M. Walsh and Green Party Member to be confirmed.

Notes:

1. 5 members will be selected from the pool as required.
2. The Chair will be appointed at each particular meeting.

Audit and Standards Committee (11)

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne (Chair),
Councillor J. Sheppard (Vice-chair)

Councillors: B. Beetham, T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, M. Green, J. Hartshorn, J. Kennaugh, N. Phillips and R. Tromans

Licensing (11)

Councillor R. Tromans (Chair),
Councillor T. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke, S. Croft, J. Gutteridge, J. Coventry-Moreton, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, N. Phillips, J. Singh, and M. Tromans.

Planning Applications (11)

Councillor L. Cvetkovic (Chair),
Councillor J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: C. Cape, M. Green, B. Hammersley, J. Hartshorn, S. Markham
B. Pandher, E. Shiers, R. Smith, and K. Wilson

Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny (9)

Councillor M. Walsh (Chair)
Councillor N. Phillips (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: D. Brown, C. Cape, J. Coventry-Moreton, K. Evans, J. Hartshorn, K. Kondakor and G. Moreton

Finance & Public Services Overview and Scrutiny (9)

Councillor D. Brown (Chair)
Councillor C. Watkins (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke, L. Downs, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Kennaugh,
M. Tromans, and M. Wright

Housing, Environment & Health Overview and Scrutiny (9)

Councillor K. Evans (Chair)
Councillor E. Shiers (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: B. Beetham, C. Cape, T. Cooper, S. Harbison, J. Kennaugh, J. Singh and M. Wright

Borough Plan (9)

Councillor R. Smith (Chair)

Councillors: R. Baxter-Payne, L. Cvetkovic, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, N. Phillips, J. Singh, R. Tromans and M. Walsh.

Employment Committee

Councillor S. Croft (Chair)

Councillors: D. Brown, M. Green, T. Sheppard and M. Tromans

Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprise Limited Shareholder Committee (NABCEL) (6)

Councillor J. Gutteridge (Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke, L. Downs, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison and C. Watkins

- d) The representatives on Outside Bodies Schedule A, B and C were amended and approved as attached to these minutes.

- e) The appointment of the following co-opted members for a period of four years, is as follows:

Audit and Standards Committee

Vacancy

Finance & Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Mrs D. Ross

Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Vacancy

Housing, Environment & Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Mr. I Sheikh

CL10 **Scheme of Delegation**

RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation for the Executive functions, as set out in item 12 of the agenda as determined by the by the Leader be noted; and the Council functions, as set out in item 12 of the agenda, be approved.

Mayor

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2022/2023

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	R. Baxter-Payne	Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder	
	B. Beetham	Employed at The George Eliot Hospital; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhall Education Foundation; • Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee; • NBBC Biodiversity Champion 	
	C. Cape	Director of Capability Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.		
	J. Clarke	Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies:	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	J. Coventry-Moreton	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Bedworth	Share in rental dwelling at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresilian Road, Bedworth.	
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers 	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane	NBBC representative on the Armed Forces Covenant Meeting Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	K. Evans	Employed by UK Parliament	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association Membership of Other Bodies: West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Committee. Executive Officer – North Warwickshire Conservative Association; Member of the Conservative and Unionist Party;	

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	C. Golby		<p>Member of Warwickshire County Council</p> <hr/> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee • District Leaders • Local Enterprise Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • NBBC representative on the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • NBBC representative on George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Calibration Technician	<p>Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School</p> <p>Executive Member – Nuneaton Conservatives.</p> <p>Secretary – St Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of the Angels Church.</p> <p>Our Lady of the Angels Church.</p>	
	J. Gutteridge		<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) <hr/> <p>Member of NABCEL</p>	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	<p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	S. Harbison	Employed by Meridian c/o Hello Fresh, 1 St Georges Way, Nuneaton	<p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor's Piece Charity • Astley Charity 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by	Member of Nuneaton	

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		Nuneaton Library – Digital Inclusion – WCC (Senior Customer Service Assistant) COVID Community Testing – WCC – Team Leader (Casual)	Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by UK Flooring Direct Ltd.	Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union Nuneaton and Bedworth representative for the Equality and Inclusion Partnership NBBC Representative on Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership	
	K.A. Kondakor	Electronic Design Engineer (self-employed semi-retired); Statistical data analyst and expert witness (self employed)	Unpaid director of 100PERCENTRENEWABLEUK LTD	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch • Governor at Ash Green School • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee; • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum; • Warwickshire Direct Partnership; • Warwickshire Waste Partnership; 	
	G. Moreton	Member of School Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	Share in rental dwellings at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall.	
	B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural	

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			Group Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Labour CLP • The Fabian Society • The George Eliot Society • The PCS Union • Central Credit Union • Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club • Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
			Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	
			Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
	T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		
	E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh Dessert Company	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union	
	J. Singh			
	R. Smith		Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club; Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership; • Patrol (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative on the Nuneaton and Bedworth Older Peoples Forum • Digital Infrastructure Board 	
	M. Tromans	RTC Ltd, Nuneaton; WCC, Warwick	Nuneaton Acorns WI	
	R. Tromans	RTC, Nuneaton AFL, Wellingborough	W.C.C. Warwick Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Neighbourhood Watch Committee • Nuneaton Festival of Arts 	
	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K.D. Wilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Nuneaton Conservative Association Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director. Representative on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • Director of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (CWLEP) • West Midlands Combined Authority • Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Council Network• Local Government Association	
	M. Wright			