

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

An Extraordinary meeting of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall Nuneaton.

**Present**

The Mayor (Councillor R. Tromans)

Councillors, R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K Evans, C. Golby, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Hartshorn, L. Hocking, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, S. Markham, B. Pandher, J. Sheppard, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, M. Walsh, C. Watkins, and K. Wilson

**Apologies** were received from Councillors M. Rudkin, N. Phillips, T. Sheppard and H. Walmsley

CL67 **Declarations of Interests**

**RESOLVED** that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes. In addition, the following was declared:

Councillor J. Sheppard declared an other interest by way of her contact with Mr Om Gurung MBE as a Director of Wembrook Community Centre.

CL68 **Announcements**

The Mayor announced that a fundraiser Abba Tribute event for the Mayors Appeal will be held at the Co-op Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> May, tickets are £8.

**Councillor K. Kondakor moved a motion without notice to move agenda items 11 and 12 ahead of agenda item 6 in accordance with the constitution part 4A.12 (c). This was seconded by Councillor C. Watkins.**

**A vote was taken.**

**The motion was lost.**

CL69 **Public Participation**

None

**CL70 Nomination of Honorary Alderman – Donald Jacques BEM**

Mr Donald Jacques BEM was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. He served as Mayor from 1995-1996 and Leader of the Conservatives for many years. He was instrumental in the 'roll of honour' for the fallen that were not listed on the War Memorial and a key player in organising funding to replace stolen Old Bill Memorial.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor J. Clarke.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) Mr Donald Jacques BEM be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Council as a past member of this Council;
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to him on his certificates conferring upon Donald Jacques BEM the title of Honorary Alderman; and
- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment

**CL71 Nomination of Honorary Alderman – David Carr**

Mr David Carr was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. He served as a Councillor from 2010 to 2014, served the people of Nuneaton and Bedworth via the George Elliot Hospital Trust Patient Forum and completed two terms of office as the Chair and two terms as Vice Chair and served the residents of Nuneaton North East Neighbourhood Watch as an Executive Committee Member for almost 22 years.

Councillor R. Tromans moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor J. Gutteridge.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) Mr David Carr be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Council as a past member of this Council;
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to him on his certificates conferring upon David Carr the title of Honorary Alderman; and

c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment

**CL72 Nomination of Honorary Alderman – Alan Farnell**

Mr Alan Farnell was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. He joined the Council in 1979 and served until 1995, he also became a Warwickshire County Councillor in 1989 and served until 2013. He is known for his helpful and approachable manner with new and upcoming councillors and is well thought of by both sides of the political sphere.

Councillor S. Croft moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor K. Wilson.

**RESOLVED** that

a) Mr Alan Farnell be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Council as a past member of this Council;

b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to him on his certificates conferring upon Alan Farnell the title of Honorary Alderman; and

c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment.

**CL73 Nomination of Honorary Alderman – Gerald Smith**

Mr Gerald Smith was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. He joined the Council in 2000 to 2014 and served as Mayor from 2008 – 2009, the first Conservative Mayor since 1995. He was a supporter of the George Eliot Baby Care Unit and the Mary Ann Hospice during his Mayoralty.

Councillor J. Gutteridge moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor J. Clarke.

**RESOLVED** that

a) Mr Gerald Smith be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Council as a past member of this Council;

b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to him on his certificates conferring upon Gerald Smith the title of Honorary Alderman; and

c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment.

**CL74 Nomination of Honorary Alderwoman – Diana Hawkes**

Mrs Diana Hawkes was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Alderwoman for services to this Council. She became a Councillor in 1986 for 26 years serving the residents of Bedworth standing down in 2012, she was also the Millennium Mayor 2000 – 2001 and served on several community groups and a lifelong supporter of the Air Ambulance for which she raised thousands during her Mayor Appeal.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor M. Walsh.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) Mrs Diana Hawkes be admitted as an Honorary Alderwoman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Council as a past member of this Council;
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to him on his certificates conferring upon Diana Hawkes the title of Honorary Alderwoman; and
- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment.

**CL75 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Mr Om Gurung MBE**

Mr Om Gurung MBE was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Freeman for his distinguished services to this Borough. The former Gurkha sergeant major has become a key figure in Nuneaton and Bedworth as Chairman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth branch of the British Gurkha Veterans Association of which founded, the overseeing of the unique Gurkha memorial which honours the Gurkha soldiers who bravely lost their lives and instrumental in the creation of the UK's first Gurkha pub which is a gathering point for the Nepalese community.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor R. Tromans.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) Mr Om Gurung MBE be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of his distinguished service to Nuneaton and Bedworth and that his name be enrolled on the Freemans's roll

b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Om Gurung MBE on the said Freeman's roll and to the certificate to be presented to him on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough; and

c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment.

**CL76 Nomination of Honorary Freewoman – Mrs Jean Whittaker MBE**

Mrs Jean Whittaker MBE was nominated by the Civic Honours Subcommittee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive the honorary title of Freewoman for her distinguished services to this Borough. Jean Whittaker was the fundraising coordinator at the George Eliot Hospital for 39 years and her work helped to raise more than £1 million for the hospital. After much success she was invited to be the charity funding coordinator for the whole of the Trust. Her efforts have seen her awarded an MBE from The Queen in 2008.

Councillor D. Brown moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor S. Markham.

**RESOLVED** that

a) Mrs Jean Whittaker MBE be admitted as an Honorary Freewoman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of her distinguished service to Nuneaton and Bedworth and that her name be enrolled on the Freewoman's roll

b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mrs Jean Whittaker MBE on the said Freewomen's roll and to the certificate to be presented to her on her admission as an Honorary Freewomen of the Borough; and

c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate for the purposes associated with the appointment.

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Mayor

## Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2021/2022

	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"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>• Exhall Education Foundation;</li> <li>• Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</li> <li>• NBBC Biodiversity Champion</li> </ul>	
	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> </ul>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults)</li> <li>Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board</li> <li>West Midlands Employers</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity</li> </ul>	
	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;	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council  Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint</li> </ul>	

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			Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Leaders</li> <li>• Local Enterprise Partnership</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL)</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency</li> <li>• NBBC representative on the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board</li> <li>• NBBC representative on George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors</li> </ul>	
	J. Gutteridge		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board</li> <li>• Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)</li> </ul>	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity</li> </ul>	
	S. Harbison	Employed by Meridian c/o Hello Fresh, 1 St Georges Way, Nuneaton	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor's Piece Charity</li> <li>• Astley Charity</li> </ul>	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Nuneaton Library – Digital Inclusion – WCC (Senior Customer Service Assistant) COVID Community Testing – WCC – Team Leader (Casual)	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unite the Union</li> <li>• Communication Workers Union</li> </ul>	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C.	Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee	



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		Employed by UK Flooring Direct Ltd.	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	
	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare	Treasurer of Exhall Multi-cultural Group  Governor at Newdigate Primary and Nursery School, Bedworth  Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospice Charity</li> </ul>	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch</li> <li>• Governor at Ash Green School</li> <li>• Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee;</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum;</li> <li>• Warwickshire Direct Partnership;</li> <li>• Warwickshire Waste Partnership;</li> </ul>	
	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 Group  Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity</li> </ul>	

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	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Labour CLP</li> <li>• The Fabian Society</li> <li>• The George Eliot Society</li> <li>• The PCS Union</li> <li>• Central Credit Union</li> <li>• Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club</li> <li>• Haunchwood Sports and Social Club</li> </ul>	
	M. Rudkin	Employee of Coventry City Council	Unite the Union	
	A. Sargeant	Employed by Pertemps	Chairman of The Nook (Nuneaton) Residents Association. Member of Nuneaton Carnival Committee.	
Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice Rights</li> </ul>				
	J. Sargeant	Head of Retail – Life Charity		
	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		
	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"> <li>• A5 Member Partnership;</li> <li>• Patrol (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee;</li> <li>• Building Control</li> </ul>	

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			Partnership Steering Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre</li> <li>• Representative on the Nuneaton and Bedworth Older Peoples Forum</li> <li>• Digital Infrastructure Board</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>• Nuneaton Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> <li>• Nuneaton Festival of Arts</li> </ul>	
	H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP	Chartered Institute of Public Relations  Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendship Project for Children</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Group</li> </ul>	Dispensation to speak and vote
	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"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL)</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>• Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL)</li> <li>• Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Joint Committee</li> </ul>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Council Network</li> <li>• Local Government Association</li> <li>• Director of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (CWLEP)</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority</li> <li>• Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</li> <li>• District Council Network</li> <li>• Local Government Association</li> </ul>	