

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

29th January, 2024

An Extraordinary Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Monday, 29th January 2024 which was recorded and uploaded to Youtube.

Present

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor B. Hammersley)

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

Apologies were received for Councillors C. Cape, T. Sheppard and M. Walsh (The Mayor)

Councillor K. Kondakor left part way through the meeting to attend a WCC Fire Service Consultation Meeting.

CL46 **Declarations of Interests**

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

CL47 **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

CL48 **Public Participation**

None

CL49 **Nomination of Honorary Alderwoman – Sheila Hancox**

Sheila Hancox was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Alderwoman for services to this Council. Sheila served as a Cabinet Member during her elected period and was former a Mayoress in 2001/2002 and for a second time in 2017/2018

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

RESOLVED that

- a) Mrs Sheila Hancox 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 she 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 her on her certificate conferring upon Sheila Hancox the title of Honorary Alderwoman
- 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.

CL50 Nomination Of Honorary Alderman – Bob Hicks

Bob Hicks was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-Committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. Bob during his elected period served as Mayor in 1991/1992 and was also Chair of several committees.

Councillor J. Clarke moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor M. Green.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Bob Hicks 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 certificate conferring upon Bob Hicks the title of Honorary Alderman
- 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.

CL51 Nomination of Honorary Alderman – Geoff Ashford

Geoff Ashford was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. Geoff during his elected period served as Mayor, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member within the Council.

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

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Geoff Ashford 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 certificate conferring upon Geoff Ashford 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.

CL52 Nomination of Honorary Alderwoman – Sonja Wilson

Sonja Wilson was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Alderman for services to this Council. During her elected period Sonja served as Mayoress in 2009/2010 and as Chair of several committees.

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

RESOLVED that

- a) Mrs Sonja Wilson 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 she 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 her on her certificate conferring upon Sonja Wilson the title of Honorary Alderwoman
- 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.

CL53 Nomination of Honorary Freewomen – Carol Valentine

Carol Valentine was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freewomen for her services to Nuneaton and Bedworth in her involvement with the Bedworth Poppy Appeal for over twenty years, Trustee of the Lee Rigby Foundation, an active member of the Bedworth Armistice Parade Group, supporting veterans, bereaved families, and children.

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

RESOLVED that

- a) Mrs Carol Valentine 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 Carol Valentine on the said Freewomen's roll and to the certificate to be presented to her on her admission as an Honorary Freewoman of the Borough
- 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

CL54 Nomination of Honorary Freewomen – Julie Earnshaw

Julie Earnshaw was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freewoman for her services to Nuneaton and Bedworth in respect of her contribution to dance nationally and within the Borough through teaching and training several British Championship winning teams in addition to the restoration of many buildings providing affordable housing to residents.

Councillor D. Brown moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor K. Wilson.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mrs Julie Earnshaw 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 Julie Earnshaw on the said Freewomen's roll and to the certificate to be presented to her on her admission as an Honorary Freewoman of the Borough
- 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.

CL55 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Gareth Edwards

Gareth Edwards was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freeman in recognition of his contribution to film as an international film director, writer, cinematographer and visual effects artist.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor C. Golby.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Gareth Edwards 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 Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Gareth Edwards 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
- 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.

CL56 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Martin Bradley

Martin Bradley was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freeman for his services to the Bulkington Community during the COVID-19 pandemic ensuring residents in need received food supplies and a lifeline to the elderly and vulnerable, helping run the Bulkington's foodbank and being an advocate for the village of Bulkington.

Councillor L. Cvetkovic moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor R. Smith.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Martin Bradley 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 Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Martin Bradley 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
- 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.

CL57 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Murray Richards

Murray Richards was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freeman for his services to Nuneaton and Bedworth serving in the military, coordinating parades across the Borough maintaining the highest and most professional standards and an ambassador for the Borough installing a strong sense of Civic Pride.

Councillor L. Cvetkovic moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor K. Wilson.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Murray Richards 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 Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Murray Richards 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
- 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.

CL58 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Paul Gough

Paul Gough was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freeman for his services to the Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth as the Town Crier, successfully representing the Borough in British and National competitions, and a Former Commonwealth Champion Town Crier.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor L. Cvetkovic.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Paul Gough 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 Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Paul Gough 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
- 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.

CL59 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Frank Parker

Frank Parker was nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 6th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freeman For his services to the Borough as a longstanding businessman and his support to local charities and the local youth sports.

Councillor J. Clarke moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor S. Markham.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mr Frank Parker 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 Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Frank Parker 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

- 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.

CL60 Nomination of Honorary Freeman – Abeda Vorajee MBE

Abeda Vorajee MBA was nominated by Cabinet held on 8th November 2023 to receive the honorary title of Freewoman for her services to the Borough as a longstanding contributor to education as a teacher and governor, forming and Chairing the Nuneaton Muslim Women’s Group, Chairing the Local Ethnic Minority Advisory Council, and Trustee of Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership.

Councillor J. Sheppard moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor N. Phillips.

RESOLVED that

- a) Mrs Abeda Vorajee 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 Abeda Vorajee MBE on the said Freewomen’s roll and to the certificate to be presented to her on her admission as an Honorary Freewoman of the Borough
- 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.

Mayor

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

	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	Employed by Vinci Construction Major Projects UK Ltd (VCMP UK Ltd); County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute) 	
	B. Beetham	Senior PowerBi Lead at Wye Valley Hospital Trust; 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 (Council appointment). 	
	C. Cape	Director of Capability Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting 	

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	J. Clarke	Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory No.541 - Nuneaton	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on 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 	
	J. Coventry-Moreton	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlain 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 Little Caesars Donuts Limited NBBC Council Contract for market pitch	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	K. Evans	Employed by the Local Government Association	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association	

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			<p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Member of the West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee <p>Member of the Bedworth Conservative Club Member of the Conservative Party.</p>	
	C. Golby		<p>Member of Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board • Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Engineering Technician	<p>Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School. School Appeals Panel Member Our Lady of the Angels Church. President – St Vincent De Paul Society Nuneaton. Director – Holy Spirit Catholic Multi Academy Company. Member of the George Eliot Fellowship</p> <p>Member of Other Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Education Strategy Group 	
	J. Gutteridge		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board 	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	S. Harbison	Self Employed	Member of Conservative and Unionist Party. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astley Charity 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by FedEx Express UK Ltd	Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUiP 	
	K.A. Kondakor	Electronic and Embedded Software Design Engineer (self-employed)	Unpaid Director of 100% Renewables UK Ltd Green Party (E&W)	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services)	Governor at Ash Green School Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities 	
	G. Moreton	Member of School	Share in rental dwellings at	

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		Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee 	
	B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council President & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple Coventry; 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"> • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt’s Charity • Conservative Party 	
	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. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of Labour Party	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
	T. Sheppard		Member of Unite Union Member of Labour Party	
	E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh Dessert Company	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union Member of the Pride in Camp Hill Board. Member of the governing board	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<p>for Camp Hill Primary School.</p> <p>Member of the Board of Trustees of Camp Hill Community Association.</p> <p>Volunteer for the Coventry and Warwickshire district RSPCA</p>	
	J. Singh			
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <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 • West Midlands Combined Authority and Land Delivery Board 	
	M. Tromans	<p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Galley Common)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>Member of WI</p> <p>Member of the Conservative Party</p>	
	R. Tromans	<p>Compliance, GIM, Coventry</p> <p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Weddington)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>Member of the Conservative Party</p> <p>Member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management</p>	
	M. Walsh	<p>Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager</p>		

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	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	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Deputy Chairman – 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 Outside Bodies: <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 • LGA People & Places Board (Member) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	
	M. Wright			