

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Banbury Town Council held on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Colegrave (Town Mayor)
Councillors: Ahmed, Ayers, Beere, Biegel, Bishop, Bunce, Cherry, Dalton, Donaldson, Garrett, Hodgson, Hussain, Ilott, Kilsby, Mallon, Mears, Phillips, Powell, Reeves, Richards and Strangwood.

Officers: Mark Recchia (Town Clerk)
Mark Hassall (Deputy Town Clerk & RFO)
Nigel Bambridge (Events Manager)

The Town Mayor, escorted by the Town Clerk processed into the Main Hall.

The Town Mayor briefly reviewed his two years of office and thanked all those who had supported him during the years, especially his Deputy Town Mayor; Civic Cadets; fellow Members; the Town Clerk and Town Hall staff including Events Manager, Nigel Bambridge, Simon Lewthwaite (Events & Hospitality Assistant); and the people of Banbury.

C.1/21 Election of the Town Mayor for 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Beere, seconded by Councillor Cherry, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Hussain be elected Town Mayor of Banbury for the year 2021/22.

C.2/21 Election of a Deputy Town Mayor for 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Powell, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Strangwood be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Banbury for the year 2021/22.

C.3/21 Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor

Councillor Hussain then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor of Banbury, which was duly accepted by the Council.

Councillor Mallon then proposed and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council express its thanks and sincere appreciation to John and Julia Colegrave for the conscientious and zealous manner in which they had discharged the arduous duties of Town Mayor and Mayoress during the past 2 years.

Members of the Council then pledged themselves, as leaders and members of the community of Banbury, to work with all their hearts, minds, and strength for the good of its people and the well-being of its society, and asked that God give them the wisdom to discern the needs of their fellows, the courage to meet them, and the humility to seek no other regard than that his will is done.

C.4/21 Apologies for Absence

None.

C.5/21 Declarations of Interest

None.

C.6/21 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 April 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.7/21 Communications

The Town Clerk reported that there were no communications.

C.8/21 Result of Elections

The Town Clerk reported the results of the Elections for the Town Council held on Thursday, 6 May 2021. The successful candidates were as follows:

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| (i) Calthorpe North | Cllr Mike Bishop (Con) |
| (ii) Calthorpe South | Cllr Alana Powell (Con)
Cllr Eddie Reeves (Con) |
| (iii) Easington North | Cllr Martin Phillips (Con) |
| (iv) Easington South | Cllr John Colegrave (Con)
Cllr Kieron Mallon (Con) |
| (v) Grimsbury | Cllr Andrew Beere (Lab)
Cllr Shaida Hussain (Lab)
Cllr Helen Mears (Lab) |
| (vi) Hardwick East | Cllr Ben Dalton (Lab) |
| (vii) Hardwick West | Cllr Fiaz Ahmed (Con)
Cllr Johnny Bunce (Con)
Cllr John Donaldson (Con)
Cllr Tony Ilott (Con) |
| (viii) Neithrop North | Cllr Matt Hodgson (Lab) |
| (ix) Neithrop South | Cllr Simon Garrett (Lab) |
| (x) Park Road | Cllr Steve Kilsby (Lab) |
| (xi) Ruscote | Cllr Rebecca Biegel (Lab)
Cllr Mark Cherry (Lab)
Cllr Barry Richards (Lab)
Cllr Jayne Strangwood (Con) |
| (xii) Town Centre | Cllr George Ayers (Con) |

C.9/21 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

IT WAS AGREED that any declarations not signed by Members prior to the meeting would be completed at any time before Monday 31 May 2021.

C.10/21 Appointment of Standing Committees

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Richards, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the size and make-up of the Standing Committees as at **Appendix 1** be approved.

C.11/21 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Ilott, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies as at **Appendix 2** be approved, other than in respect of the Sunshine Centre, where no appointment was sought.

C.12/21 General Power of Competence

Members were informed that Banbury Town Council was one of the few Councils in Oxfordshire that held the General Power of Competence. Local councils in England were given a “general power of competence” (GPC) in the Localism Act 2011, sections 1 to 8. Councils with the GPC no longer needed to ask whether they had a specific power to act and had “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” as long as they did not break other laws. It was a “power of first resort”.

The freedom of the GPC was available to local councils that met two criteria for eligibility. Councils had to decide at a full meeting of the Council that they met the criteria for eligibility at that particular point. Councils also had to have an electoral mandate (two thirds having stood for election) and a qualified clerk. Banbury Town Council met both criteria.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council, having satisfied the eligibility criteria set out in Statutory Instrument (965): Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (electoral mandate and qualified clerk), takes upon itself the General Power of Competence as set out in Sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Meeting ended at 6.45pm.

Appendix 1

Standing Committee Membership 2021 – 2022

1. Resources Committee

(Seats allocated: Conservative 6, Labour 4)

Conservative

1. Colegrave
2. Dalton
3. Mallon
4. Phillips
5. Reeves
6. Strangwood

Labour

1. Garrett
2. Hussain
3. Kilsby
4. Richards

[Alternate Members]

Conservative

1. Ahmed
2. Ayers
3. Bishop
4. Bunce
5. Donaldson
6. Illott
7. Powell

Labour

1. Beere
2. Biegel
3. Cherry
4. Hodgson
5. Mears

2. General Services Committee

(Seats allocated: Conservative 6, Labour 4)

Conservative

1. Bunce
2. Colegrave
3. Dalton
4. Donaldson
5. Phillips
6. Powell

Labour

1. Cherry
2. Kilsby
3. Mears
4. Richards

[Alternate Members]

Conservative

1. Ahmed
2. Ayers
3. Bishop
4. Illott
5. Mallon
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7. Strangwood

Labour

1. Beere
2. Biegel
3. Garrett
4. Hodgson
5. Hussain

3. Planning Committee

(Seats Allocated: Conservative 6, Labour 4)

Conservative

1. Ahmed
2. Ayers
3. Bunce
4. Dalton
5. Ilott
6. [vacancy]

Labour

1. Beere
2. Biegel
3. Hodgson
4. Hussain

[Alternate Members]

Conservative

1. Bishop
2. Colegrave
3. Donaldson
4. Mallon
5. Phillips
6. Powell
7. Reeves
8. Strangwood

Labour

1. Cherry
2. Garrett
3. Kilsby
4. Mears
5. Richards

4. Appeals Panel

(Seats Allocated: Conservative 3, Labour 2)

Conservative

1. Bunce
2. Donaldson
3. Powell

Labour

1. Beere
2. Hodgson

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Appendix 2

Organisation	Category	No	Appointments 2021/22
Banbury & District Air Training Corps	B	1	Cllr Donaldson (C)
Banbury & District Samaritans	A	1	Cllr Ahned (C)
Banbury & District Twinning Association	A	1	Town Mayor (L)
Banbury Bluecoat Foundation	B	1	Cllr Bunce (C)
Banbury Borough Bowling Club	B	1	Cllr Mallon (C)
Banbury Canal Partnership	P	1	Cllr Powell (C) (Alternate Cllr Hodgson)
Banbury Citizen's Advice Bureau	A	1	Cllr Reeves (C)
Banbury Civic Society	B	1	Cllr Mallon (C)
Banbury Sea Cadets	B	1	Cllr Phillips (C)
Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee	P	3	Cllr Biegel (L) Cllr Ahmed (C) Cllr Ilott (C)
BARKS	B	1	Cllr Ilott (C)
Borough of Banbury Trust 2 (plus TM and DTM)	P	2	Cllr Mallon (C) Cllr Richards (L)
Chamber of Commerce	A	1	Cllr Mallon (C)
Cherwell Climate Change Partnership	P	1	Cllr Dalton (C)
Cherwell Community & Voluntary Service	A	1	Cllr Donaldson (C)
Cherwell Crime Partnership: Banbury	P	1	Cllr Bunce (C)
Community Partnership Network	P	1	Cllr Mallon (C) (Alternate Cllr Richards) (L)
The Glebe Charity (Cricket Club)	B	1	Cllr Ahmed (C)
The Hill	A	1	Cllr Cherry (L)
Mill Management Committee	B	1	Cllr Ilott (C)
Sunshine Centre	B	1	No representative required
Town Centre Partnership (3)	P	3	Cllr Richards (L) Cllr Mallon (C) Cllr Ilott (C)