

COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2015

Councillors Present: Steve Ardagh-Walter, Peter Argyle (Chairman), Howard Bairstow, Pamela Bale, Dennis Benneyworth, Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Paul Bryant, Anthony Chadley, Keith Chopping, Jeanette Clifford, Hilary Cole, James Cole, Roger Croft, Richard Crumly, Rob Denton-Powell, Lee Dillon, Lynne Doherty, Billy Drummond, Adrian Edwards, Marcus Franks, James Fredrickson, Dave Goff, Nick Goodes, Manohar Gopal, Clive Hooker, Carol Jackson-Doerge, Marigold Jaques, Mike Johnston, Graham Jones, Rick Jones, Alan Law, Tony Linden, Mollie Lock, Gordon Lundie, Alan Macro, Tim Metcalfe, Ian Morrin, Graham Pask, Anthony Pick, Garth Simpson, Richard Somner, Anthony Stansfeld, Virginia von Celsing, Quentin Webb (Vice-Chairman), Emma Webster and Laszlo Zverko

Also Present: John Ashworth (Corporate Director - Environment), Nick Carter (Chief Executive), Sarah Clarke (Team Leader - Solicitor), Martin Dunscombe (Communications Manager), Nathan Gregory (Group Executive (Conservatives)), Peta Stoddart-Crompton (Public Relations Officer), Rachael Wardell (Corporate Director - Communities), Moira Fraser (Democratic and Electoral Services Manager) and Linda Pye (Principal Policy Officer)

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillor Jeremy Bartlett, Councillor Jeff Beck, Councillor Sheila Ellison and Councillor James Podger

Councillor Absent: Councillor Paul Hewer

PART I

67. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

68. Election of the Strong Leader (C3059)

The Council considered a report (Agenda Item 3) concerning the election of a new Strong Leader until May 2019 following the resignation of the previously appointed Strong Leader.

MOTION: Proposed by Councillor Hilary Cole and seconded by Councillor Graham Jones:

That the Council:

“appoints Councillor Roger Croft as the new Strong Leader until May 2019”.

Councillor Hilary Cole in proposing Councillor Croft stated that that Councillor Croft would be a diligent and effective Leader. Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Croft for taking on the mantel and commented that the role required the ‘wisdom of Solomon’.

Councillor Croft announced that he was honoured to accept the nomination. He thanked Councillor Gordon Lundie for the work he had undertaken to take the Council forward over the past three and a half years, he also thanked Councillor Graham Jones for agreeing to act as his deputy. Councillor Croft stated that he would be focussing on the implementation of the promises set out in the Conservative manifesto. He promised to work hard and thoughtfully for the residents of the District.

Councillor Alan Macro commented that he looked forward to debating with Councillor Croft in the future.

The Motion was put to the meeting and duly **RESOLVED**.

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(The meeting commenced at 8.59pm and closed at 9.05pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature