

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2020

Present: Councillor Joan Hully (Chair), Mayor Mike Starkie, Councillors David Banks, Jackie Bowman, Graham Calvin, James Date, Gemma Dinsdale, Gwynneth Everett, Allan Forster, Jeanette Forster, Fred Gleaves, Jeffrey Hailes, Mike Hawkins, Linda Jones-Bulman, John Kane, Charles Maudling, Ged McGrath, Michael McVeigh, Sam Meteer, Graham Minshaw, David Moore, Steven Morgan, Brian O'Kane, Sam Pollen, Andy Pratt, Russell Studholme, Carl Walmsley, Eileen Weir, Doug Wilson and Felicity Wilson.

Officers: Pat Graham (Chief Executive), Sarah Pemberton (Director of Corporate Services and Commercial Strategy (Monitoring Officer)), Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer), Clinton Boyce (Solicitor), Steven Brown (Director of Financial Resources), Stephanie Shaw (Electoral and Democratic Services Manager) and Andrew Clarke (Communications and Engagement Manager) and Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer).

C 20/1 Election of Chair of Council for 2020/2021

Prior to seeking nominations for Chair for the municipal year 2020-2021, the Chair stated that she had been a Copeland Borough Councillor for 25 years and was proud of Copeland, its Officers and the public, especially in the current pandemic emergency.

It was then moved by Councillor Steven Morgan that Councillor Charles Maudling be elected Chair of Council for the municipal year 2020-2021. This was duly seconded by Councillor David Moore and following a 30 second pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was

RESOLVED – unanimously that Councillor Charles Maudling be elected Chair of Council for the 2020-2021 municipal year. Councillor Charles Maudling then took the Chair.

C 20/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hugh Branney and Peter Tyson.

C 20/3 Appointment of Deputy Chair for 2020/2021

It was moved by Councillor James Date that Councillor Felicity Wilson be elected Deputy Chair of Council for the municipal year 2020-2021. This was duly seconded by Councillor Andy Pratt and following a 30 second pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was

RESOLVED – unanimously that Councillor Felicity Wilson be appointed Deputy Chair of Council for the 2020-2021 municipal year.

C 20/4 Minutes of the Special and Extra-Ordinary meetings held on 10 February 2020 and the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 5 May 2020

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Special and Extra-Ordinary meetings held on 10 February 2020 and the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 5 May 2020.

Following a 30 second pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 10 February 2020 and 5 May 2020 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

C 20/5 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were no Declarations of Interest given at this meeting.

C 20/6 To note Appointment of Members to the Executive and responsibilities

Prior to consideration of this item the Mayor thanked the outgoing Chair Joan Hully for her hard work during her term of office and congratulated Councillors Charles Maudling and Felicity Wilson on their appointments.

The Mayor then highlighted the Council's achievements during 2019/20 and thanked all Members and the staff for their continued support.

During the current Covid-19 pandemic crisis, particular thanks go to all members of the Copeland Staff, Management team, and those in the emergency services and other key roles.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that the Council had extricated itself from a very costly PFI agreement and thanked Pat Graham, Chief Executive; Steven Brown, Director of Finance and Andrew Smith, advisor for their work in bringing this about.

The Mayor notified Council of his Executive appointments and their portfolio responsibilities for the 2020-2021 municipal year as follows:-

Mike Starkie (Mayor)	Portfolio holder for Strategic Leadership
David Moore (Deputy Mayor)	Portfolio holder for Nuclear and Corporate Services
Michael McVeigh	Portfolio holder for Environment and Place
Gwynneth Everett	Portfolio holder for Inclusive Communities
Steven Morgan	Portfolio holder for Commercial Development

A short adjournment took place due to technical issues.

When the meeting resumed, and following a 30 second pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was

RESOLVED – That the Executive appointments and portfolios be noted.

C 20/7 Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies for 2020/2021

Consideration was given to a proposal to appoint Councillors to Committees and Outside Bodies, to approve the co-option of an Independent Member to the Audit Committee and the appointment of statutory independent persons for code of conduct matters.

A vote was then taken by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 29 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED – that

- a) The appointments to committees as shown at Appendix A of the report be noted.
- b) The appointment of Mr Michael Bonner as Independent Member to the Audit Committee until the Annual Meeting in 2021, be confirmed.
- c) The appointments of Mr Anthony Payne and Mr Henry Holmes as statutory independent persons for code of conduct matters until the Annual Meeting in 2021, be confirmed.
- d) The re-appointment of three members, Mr Richard Askew, Mr Phillip Robinson and Rev Keith Teasdale, to the Independent Remuneration Panel until the Annual Meeting in 2021 be noted and endorsed.
- e) The schedule of Outside Body appointments as detailed at Appendix B of the report be agreed.

C 20/8 Calendar of Virtual Meetings for 2020/2021

Consideration was given to the proposed calendar of virtual meetings for the 2020-2021 municipal year.

Following a 30 second pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was:

RESOLVED – that the calendar of meetings for the 2020-2021 municipal year be approved.

The Meeting closed at 2.53 pm

Chair