



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**The Trinity Centre**

**7pm**

### **Present**

Cllrs Wood, Allan, Allen, Briggs, Cairns, Cooper, Ellis, Griffin, Horrocks, Jolley, Mackey, Mosson, Pears, Pocock, Puri, Raut, K Ward and S Ward.

### **In Attendance**

Olive O'Sullivan—Chief Executive Officer and Mary Watkins-Finance Manager.

There were six members of the public and no press present.

Mr S Lyne from Eco Sutton asked about the timescale for detailed plans for the transport interchange and about opportunities for community consultation on the proposals.

Cllr S Ward responded that it was fantastic news that funding for the Sutton Coldfield Gateway project has been allocated by government as a catalyst to drive change in the town centre. Once the funding has been released, a procurement exercise will commence and consultation will be a key part of the scheme development.

### **101 Apologies for Absence**

The CEO reported apologies from Cllrs Cummins, Hodgins, Parmar and Simper.

**Resolved** to accept the apologies.

### **102 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations made.

### **103 Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor reported his engagements in March and April.

- Meeting with the winners of this year's Sutton Coldfield Chamber Business Awards
- Attend the Heart of England Spring Seminar which took place in Sutton Coldfield this year
- Hosted a reception for volunteers and winners of this year's Local Hero Awards
- Met with art students of Bmet college to view their final year projects
- Attended a spring seminar hosted by Active Citizens
- Attended Iftar celebrations
- Attended the Sutton Coldfield Accessible Games
- Opened the spring Railway Exhibition hosted by Sutton Coldfield's Railway Society
- Attended the celebration of the Cancer Support Centre's 21 year anniversary
- Attended the opening of the first Folio exhibition at FOLIO's Shakespeare in Sutton festival



The mayor also reported that he would be opening the Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists Spring Exhibition on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**104 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 be signed as a true record.

**105 Matters Arising**

In response from a questions from Cllr Pocock, the CEO confirmed that the Greenspace Officer job description had been circulated to Human Resources Sub-Committee members and the role would be advertised in the next week.

**106 Questions from Members**

No questions received.

**96 Minutes of Committees**

a) **Planning and Highways** held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

c) **Planning and Highways** held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Cllr Horrocks thanked members of the Committee for their work over the last 12 months.

**Resolved** to note the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

b) **Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee** held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Cllr Pears thanked the Committee and Community Grant Panel for their work over the last 12 months.

**Resolved** to note the minutes of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

d) **Strategy and Resources** Held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

In response to a question from Cllr Pocock, the CEO confirmed that arrangements were in place for the Jubilee banners to be removed in time for the installation of the Commonwealth Games banners and advised that the Boldmere Futures CIC had been in contact regarding the proposed arrangements. Cllr S Ward thanked Committee for their work over the last 12 months.

**Resolved** to note the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**108 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22**

The CEO explained the Annual Audit Process and set out the responsibilities of Council in approving the Statements. The CEO reported that the Annual Accounts (Section 2 of the annual return) sets out headline figures and full details have been reported to Strategy and Resources Committee. The public inspection of accounts period will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.



**Resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement (section 1 of the annual return) and that this be signed by the Mayor and the CEO on behalf of the Council.

**109 Annual Accounts 2021/22**

**Resolved** to approve the Annual Accounting Statement (section 2 of the annual return) and that this be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Council.

**110 Membership to Outside Bodies**

**Resolved** to approve membership to Warwickshire Association of Local Councils and Sutton Coldfield Chamber of Commerce for the next year.

**111 Use of Chief Executive Officer's Delegated Powers**

The CEO reported use of delegated powers, in consultation with the Leader for the Heart of England in Bloom Seminar in March 2022, at a cost of £4,200.

**112 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment, note the payments made using delegated powers and to appoint Cllrs Raut and S Ward to complete authorisation.

**113 Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Electors is scheduled to take place on 17th May 2022 at the Trinity Centre, starting at 6pm.

**114 Date of the next meeting**

Council were asked to change the date of the next meeting to 17th May 2022 to enable the notice to be issued within the statutory timescale

**Resolved** that the next meeting of the Town Council would take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022, starting at 7:30pm.

The Mayor made a short end of term report, he thanked Officers for their support, thanked Councillors that were stepping down from the Town Council and wished all good luck for the forthcoming elections.

He meeting ended at 7:21pm.