

## COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor M Brown, Chair

Councillors:	E H Atherton	L A Lally
	S A Bagshaw	P Lally
	D Bagshaw	H Land
	L A Ball BEM	R D MacRae
	B C Carr	G Marshall
	S J Carr	J W McGrath
	M J Crow	P J Owen
	T A Cullen	J M Owen
	R H Darby	J P T Parker
	S Easom	J C Patrick (Vice-Chair)
	D A Elliott	D D Pringle
	L Fletcher	M Radulovic MBE
	J C Goold	P Roberts-Thomson
	D Grindell	R S Robinson
	T Hallam	P D Simpson
	M Hannah	H E Skinner
	R I Jackson	C M Tideswell
	E Kerry	I L Tyler
	H G Khaled MBE	E Williamson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Cubley, M Handley, S Kerry, D K Watts and R D Willimott.

### 50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 51 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 52 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a presentation of his engagements since the last Council meeting, which included the new play area at Greasley, a friendship trip to Poland and the Armed Forces Flag Raising event in Beeston. A visit with Council employees was a highlight with special congratulations paid to John Dexter who had won Employee of the Year. Over £3,000 had so far been raised for the Mayor's chosen charity, the Trent Cardiac Unit.

53 YOUTH MAYOR'S REPORT ON BROXTOWE YOUTH VOICE ACTIVITIES

The new Youth Mayor, Grace Li was introduced. Communicating young people's views would be her priority.

54 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

A petition was presented by Councillor R S Robinson which requested repair and resurfacing work to the carpark on Bassett Close, Kimberley.

55 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader presented his report and congratulated the newly elected Members of Parliament for Broxtowe and Ashfield. He further stated that several sites were being worked on for housebuilding including 4 flats for ex-servicemen. Buy back of former council houses was also being pursued. A homelessness initiative was announced to ensure that no one in Broxtowe would be homeless over the Christmas period. New benefit claims were now being processed within 8 days, the national average being 19 days. Thanks were paid to the Revenues and Benefits team for their efforts.

Two diesel vans had been replaced with full electric vehicles and any new vehicles/plant equipment would be assessed on their green target footprint. Money had been donated to Attenborough Nature Reserve to help secure the future of the site. A Christmas collection of food and household necessities was taking place for refugees and asylum seekers. Several awards had been received including the Nottinghamshire STAR awards for the D H Lawrence Birthplace Museum.

56 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

57 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

58 MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

Councillor P J Owen updated the meeting on the issue with trading on the A610 lay-by.

59 QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no questions on Outside Bodies.

60 DECISIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council noted the report on decisions from committee meetings.

61 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

There were no changes to the appointments of committees and working groups.

62 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2020/21

Members considered the proposed programme and were informed that in accordance with the Member Development Charter criteria the programme took account of cultural and faith commitments and had been composed so as to avoid collision with any significant dates.

**RESOLVED that the Programme of Meetings for May 2020 to April 2021, as set out in the appendix to the report, be approved.**

63 REFERENCES

63.1 STAPLEFORD TOWNS DEAL FUND

Jobs and Economy Committee  
21 November 2019

Councillor's discussed the opportunities the Towns deal fund would bring to the area. It was agreed that all political groups on the Council would be involved with substitutes permitted to attend. Outside groups and Parish councils would also be asked to participate. The first meeting would hopefully occur in January 2020.

**RESOLVED that members would be appointed to the Stapleford Towns Deal Fund Executive Board in due course.**