

COUNCIL
30th April 2015

PRESENT – The Mayor, Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley, Dixon, Donoghue, Grundy, Harker, Harman, I. G. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, Johnson, B. Jones, Kelley, Knowles, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, Macnab, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey, L. Vasey, Wallis, Wright and York. (42)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Coultas, Curry, Galletley, L. Hughes, Hutchinson, Mrs. D. Jones, Lawton and Swainston. (8)

ABSENT – Councillor Cartwright and Landers. (2)

61. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Council held on 19th March 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Long declared a Non Pecuniary interest in Minute 68 (below) as a Board Member of Theatre Hullabaloo.

63. ORDER OF SEALING DOCUMENTS – Presented – The Register showing the documents which had been sealed since the last meeting of Council.

64. ANNOUNCEMENTS – (1) Deaths (a) Death in Service – Beryl Izat - The Mayor announced the death in service of Beryl Izat on 5th April 2015. Mrs. Izat was employed as a Cook at Reid Street Primary School, and was a valued member of the School Meals Service. The Mayor reported that Beryl had started working in the School Meals Service in 1987, initially with Durham County Council, before transferring to Darlington Borough Council in 1998.

(b) Michelle Van Vlijmen – The Mayor also announced the death of former employee, Michelle Van Vlijmen, who passed away on 30th March 2015. Michelle joined the Council as a secretary in 1986, and became an integral figure in promoting the town. The Mayor stated that Michelle was well known across the Council, by Officers and Members alike.

As a mark of respect, Members held a short silence in memory of Beryl Izat and Michelle Van Vlijmen.

(2) Acknowledgement of Service – The Mayor announced that the following Councillors would not be standing as candidates in the Local Government Elections on 7th May 2015 :-

Councillor Long, with 35 years service;
Councillor Swainston, with nine years and seven months service;
Councillor Harman, with four years service; and
Councillor Hutchinson, with four years service.

A total of 52 years and seven months service.

RESOLVED – That the cordial thanks of the Council be extended to these Councillors for the valuable service they have rendered to the Borough during their terms of office.

65. QUESTIONS – TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN) FROM – (1) The Public – There were no questions from members of the public.

(2) Members to Cabinet/Chairs – There were no questions from Members, where notice had been given, for the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet, or the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees.

(3) Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham and Darlington – The Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham and Darlington addressed Members, and answered questions thereon.

66. COUNCIL REPORTS – There were no reports to be decided by Council, which had not been considered by Cabinet, submitted to the meeting.

67. CABINET REPORTS – (1) Overview Reports of Cabinet Members – The Cabinet Members each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken under their relevant portfolio during the previous cycle of meetings. Cabinet Members answered questions on their portfolios.

68. SCRUTINY REPORTS – OVERVIEW REPORTS – Four Scrutiny Committee Chairs each submitted a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken by their relevant Scrutiny Committee during the last cycle of Committee meetings.

69. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.