



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 16th June, 2014, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Present

Councillor M. Nazir (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor P.E. Smith (Deputy Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew
“ D.A. Anson
“ M. Arif
“ D.J. Barker
“ O.D. Bennett
“ M.A. Bird
“ C. Bott
“ P. Bott
“ R. Burley
“ B. Cassidy
“ K. Chambers
“ A.G. Clarke
“ C.E. Clews
“ D. Coughlan
“ S.P. Coughlan
“ S.R. Craddock
“ C.U. Creaney
“ A. Ditta
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ J. Fitzpatrick
“ S.F. Fitzpatrick
“ M. D. Flower
“ A.D. Harris
“ L.A. Harrison
“ D.T. Hazell
“ E.A. Hazell
“ E.F. Hughes
“ K. Hussain

Councillor G. Illmann-Walker

“ D. James
“ L.D. Jeavons
“ T.J. Jukes
“ P. Lane
“ M. Longhi
“ Mrs. R.A. Martin
“ Mrs. B.V. McCracken
“ J. Murray
“ A.A. Nawaz
“ G. Perry
“ K. Phillips
“ L.J. Rattigan
“ I.C. Robertson
“ J. Rochelle
“ E.B. Russell
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires
“ I. Shires
“ G.S. Sohal
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ A. Underhill
“ S. Wade
“ F.J. Westley
“ V. Whyte
“ T.S. Wilson
“ R.V. Worrall
“ A. Young

1. **Welcome to new members**

The Mayor extended a welcome to the newly elected members of the Council, Councillors Clews, Craddock, D. Hazell, E. Hazell, Nawaz, Robertson and Sohal.

2. **Election of Mayor 2014/15**

It was **moved** by Councillor P. Bott and seconded by Councillor C. Bott:

That Councillor Peter Edward Smith be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Peter Edward Smith be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

The Council adjourned to enable the Mayor to put on the robes and chain.

Councillor P.E. Smith (Mayor) in the Chair

The Mayor read and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him.

3. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2014/15**

It was **moved** by Councillor Burley and seconded by Councillor Chambers:

That Councillor Angela Underhill be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Angela Underhill be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

4. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14th April 2014, copies having been sent to each member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

5. **Mayor's announcements**

(a) **Mayor's Civic Service**

The Mayor said that a Civic Service would be held on Sunday 13th July 2014 at 10.30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church.

(b) **Charities**

The Mayor announced that monies raised during his year of office would be donated to the MS Society (Black Country branch), Bloxwich Community Partnership, Heart Care and McMillan Support Group, Walsall.

(c) **"Poet Laureate"**

The Mayor announced that Donovan Campbell would be his "Poet Laureate" during his year of office.

6. **Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

The Mayor presented badges to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor M. Nazir and Mrs. R. Nazir.

7. **Vote of thanks to retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

It was **moved** by Councillor Worrall, seconded by Councillor Ditta and:

Resolved

That the Council thank Mohammad Nazir for the contribution he has made as Mayor of Walsall MBC to the people who live and work in the Borough and that Mrs. Nazir be thanked for her services as Mayoress.

Councillor Nazir replied.

8. **Adjournment**

It was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That the Council adjourn until 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 18th June 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7.05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 18th June 2014

The Mayor reminded the meeting that 1 hour 55 minutes remained for business to be transacted.

9. **Death of Councillor Oliver**

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Councillor Tim Oliver and paid tribute to his services to the borough over a period of many years. Councillors S. Coughlan, Nazir, Jeavons, Cassidy, Jukes, Bird, I. Shires, Robertson, Arif, Nawaz and Hussain also paid tribute to Councillor Oliver, following which it was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That this Council expresses its regret at the death of Councillor T.S. Oliver, a member this Council from May 1996 and places on record their appreciation of his services to the borough over a period of many years and expresses its condolences to his family at this sad time.

Members and officers stood in silence as a mark of respect.

10. **Order of business**

It was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That the order of business be changed so that the notice of motion with regard to the Leader of the Council and the report relating to the Constitution are dealt with after item 12 – Formation of political groups.

11. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Westley declared a pecuniary interest in appointments to the Road Safety Partnership, Committee on Civil Parking Enforcement and Bus Lane Adjudication Committee.

12. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

13. **Petitions**

The following petitions were submitted:

- (1) Councillor Towe – parking restrictions on the corner of Hogarth Close and Frampton Way, Pheasey.
- (2) Councillor Perry – continuation of the Toy Library service.

14. **Election results – 22nd May 2014**

The report was submitted.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

15. **Formation of political groups**

The report of the Chief Executive was submitted.

Resolved

That the receipt of returns from political groups be noted.

16. **Notice of motion – Leader of the Council**

The following motion, notice of which had been duly given was **moved** by Councillor S. Coughlan and seconded by Councillor Nazir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, by paragraph 67 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and as provided for in Article 7, paragraph 7.04 of the Council's Constitution, this Council resolves to remove Councillor Bird from the office of Leader with immediate effect and that also in accordance with the aforementioned Act, Councillor S. Coughlan be appointed the Leader of the Council.

At this point in the meeting, it was **moved** by Councillor Bird, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That Council procedure rules be suspended to enable the business of the meeting to be completed.

On being put to the vote the notice of motion fell – the voting at the request of several members of the Council being recorded as follows:

For the motion - 29 members	Against the motion - 29 members	Abstained - 1 member
Cllr: S. Coughlan	Cllr: Bird	Cllr: Smith
Anson	I. Shires	
Burley	E. Hazell	
Cassidy	Andrew	
Chambers	Arif	
Clews	Barker	
D. Coughlan	Bennett	
Creaney	C. Bott	
Ditta	P. Bott	
J. Fitzpatrick	Clarke	
S. Fitzpatrick	Craddock	
Hussain	Douglas-Maul	
Illmann-Walker	Flower	
James	Harris	
Jeavons	Harrison	
Jukes	D. Hazell	
Lane	Hughes	
Nawaz	Longhi	
Nazir	Martin	
Phillips	McCracken	
Robertson	Murray	
Russell	Perry	
Sarohi	Rattigan	
Underhill	Rochelle	
Wade	Sears	
Westley	D. Shires	
Whyte	Sohal	
Worrall	Towe	
Young	Wilson	

The meeting adjourned at 7.53 p.m.

Meeting recommenced at 8.07 p.m.

17. **Constitution and timetable of meetings 2014/15**

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Bid and seconded by Councillor Andrew:

- (1) That the amendments to the following parts of the Constitution as set out in the report be approved:
 - (a) Part 1 – Summary
 - (b) Part 2 – Articles
 - (c) Part 3 – Responsibility for functions
 - (d) Part 4 – Rules of procedure
 - (e) Part 5 – Codes and protocols
- (2) That the Members' Allowances Scheme be approved for a further 12 months subject to any changes to structures or responsibilities.
- (3) That the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panels be merged to form one panel to be called "Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel" with a membership of 9 and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- (4) That the timetable of meetings for the municipal year 2014/2015 as set out in Appendix 7 of the report be approved, subject to the deletion of the Council meeting to be held on 14th July 2014 and the dates of the meetings being amended to reflect the above changes in structure.

Amendment moved by Councillor Coughlan and seconded by Councillor Nazir:

That the meeting of Planning Committee on 24th July 2014 be moved to a date to be agreed.

Councillor Bird accepted the amendment and the revised motion was put to the vote, declared carried and it was:

Resolved

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 - (b) Part 2 – Articles
 - (c) Part 3 – Responsibility for functions
 - (d) Part 4 – Rules of procedure
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18. **Members appointed to the Executive**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber.

Resolved

That Cabinet responsibilities for the municipal year 2014/15 be noted:

Description of portfolio	Name of portfolio holder
<p>1. Leader of the Council - overall responsibility for Council strategy, the corporate plan and the working smarter programme, communications and public relations, emergency planning, government relations and liaison with local MPs and West Midlands leaders. Association of Black Country Authorities and Black Country Joint Committee. Strategic and operational financial management, insurance, risk management, revenues and benefits, policy led budgeting. Financial regulations, audit, legal and democratic services; human resources. Shared services, including ICT and procurement; business improvement.</p>	Councillor Bird

Description of portfolio	Name of portfolio holder
<p>2. Deputy Leader and Regeneration and Transport - economic development, physical development, markets, property and asset management, Black Country Consortium, sub regional regeneration issues. Town and district centres. Planning policy and local development framework. Strategic housing role, housing partnerships, private sector housing, homelessness. Traffic and transportation, car parks, gateways and corridors, strategic transport and highways. Pollution control.</p>	Councillor Andrew
<p>3. Children's services - education services, schools meals commissioning, social services for children, safeguarding and promoting welfare of children, looked after children and corporate parenting, care leavers, interagency cooperation, involvement of children and young people, youth parliament, children's trust arrangements, youth offending services, youth service.</p>	Councillor Arif
<p>4. Community engagement and voluntary sector - neighbourhood management, community engagement and consultation, community associations, voluntary and community sectors.</p>	Councillor I. Shires
<p>5. Environment –waste strategy, refuse collection, recycling, street cleaning and the management of the Council's vehicle fleet. Community safety, Safer Walsall Partnership, public protection.</p>	Councillor Towe
<p>6. Leisure and culture - parks, leisure and culture services including the New Art Gallery, libraries, adult learning, catering service, sports, museums and twinning. Cemeteries and crematoria.</p>	Councillor Harris

Description of portfolio**Name of portfolio holder**

7. **Social care and health** - care services for older people and people with learning disabilities, people with physical disabilities and people with mental health needs, health partnership, community meals, supporting people, protection for vulnerable adults. Public health and Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Councillor McCracken

19. Appointments to Committee 2014/15

A list containing nominations from the political groups was circulated around the Council Chamber and nominations were made as set out.

At the request of several members a named vote was taken on the appointment of Councillor Illmann-Walker or Councillor I. Shires as members of the Planning Committee:

For Councillor I. Shires – 26 members	Against Councillor I. Shires - 29 members	Abstained - 4 members
Cllr: Bird	Cllr: S. Coughlan	Cllr. E. Hazell
I. Shires	Anson	Craddock
Andrew	Burley	D. Hazell
Arif	Cassidy	Smith
Barker	Chambers	
Bennett	Clews	
C. Bott	D. Coughlan	
P. Bott	Creaney	
Clarke	Ditta	
Douglas-Maul	J. Fitzpatrick	
Flower	S. Fitzpatrick	
Harris	Hussain	
Harrison	Illmann-Walker	
Hughes	James	
Longhi	Jeavons	
Martin	Jukes	
McCracken	Lane	
Murray	Nawaz	
Perry	Nazir	
Rattigan	Phillips	
Rochelle	Robertson	
Sears	Russell	
D. Shires	Sarohi	
Sohal	Underhill	
Towe	Wade	
Wilson	Westley	
	Whyte	
	Worrall	
	Young	

**For Councillor
Illmann- Walker –
29 members**

Cllr: S. Coughlan
Anson
Burley
Cassidy
Chambers
Clews
D. Coughlan
Creaney
Ditta
J. Fitzpatrick
S. Fitzpatrick
Hussain
Illmann-Walker
James
Jeavons
Jukes
Lane
Nawaz
Nazir
Phillips
Robertson
Russell
Sarohi
Underhill
Wade
Westley
Whyte
Worrall
Young

**Against Councillor
Illmann-Walker –
26 members**

Cllr: Bird
I. Shires
Andrew
Arif
Barker
Bennett
C. Bott
P. Bott
Clarke
Douglas-Maul
Flower
Harris
Harrison
Hughes
Longhi
Martin
McCracken
Murray
Perry
Rattigan
Rochelle
Sears
D. Shires
Sohal
Towe
Wilson

**Abstained -
4 members**

Cllr: E. Hazell
Craddock
D. Hazell
Smith

and it was:

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to Committees for the municipal year 2014/15:

Audit Committee

Councillors Barker, Chambers, Craddock, Flower, Hughes,
Illmann-Walker, Robertson
3 independent members

Appointments Board

7 members (as notified to the Chief Executive for each meeting by the group leaders)

Employment Appeals “A”

Councillors Burley, Craddock, Douglas-Maul Lane, Martin, Russell, I. Shires

Employment Appeals “B”

Councillors Bennett, Chambers Craddock, Jeavons, Jukes, Sears, I. Shires

Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillors Arif, Clews, Lane, McCracken, Robertson, I. Shires, Smith together with:

- Executive Director Neighbourhoods
- Executive Director, Adult Services
- Executive Director Children’s Services
- Director of Public Health
- 5 Clinical Commissioning Group representatives
- 1 Healthwatch representative

Licensing and Safety Committee

Councillors Anson, Clarke, Douglas-Maul, S. Fitzpatrick, D. Hazell, Hussain, Murray, Nawaz, Rochelle, Sarohi, Sears, D. Shires, Whyte, Worrall

Planning Committee

Ward	Councillor
Aldridge Central & South	Rochelle
Aldridge North & Walsall Wood	Harris
Bentley & Darlaston North	Underhill
Birchills-Leamore	Jeavons
Blakenall	Robertson
Bloxwich East	J. Fitzpatrick
Bloxwich West	Westley
Brownhills	Wade
Darlaston South	P. Bott
Paddock	Martin
Palfrey	Ditta
Pelsall	Perry
Pheasey Park Farm	Bird
Pleck	Sarohi
Rushall-Shelfield	Worrall
Short Heath	Barker
St. Matthews	Nawaz
Streetly	Douglas-Maul
Willenhall North	Illmann-Walker
Willenhall South	Creaney

Standards Committee

Councillors Andrew, Burley, Clews, E. Hazell, Martin, Murray, D. Shires, Underhill, Worrall, Young

Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Cassidy, E. Hazell, Hughes, Jukes, Lane, Martin, D. Shires together with representatives from:

- 1 representative - Lichfield Diocesan Education (voting)
- 1 representative - Archbishop of Birmingham (voting)
- 3 Parent governors (voting)
- 1 Primary Education Teacher (non-voting)
- 1 Secondary Education Teacher (non-voting)

Community Services and Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Barker, Creaney, D. Hazell, Hussain, Murray, Nawaz, Sohal

Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Barker, S. Coughlan, Craddock, Illmann-Walker, Longhi, Nazir, Rochelle

Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors D. Coughlan, J. Fitzpatrick, E. Hazell, Flower, Longhi, Rattigan, Robertson, Russell, D. Shires

Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Anson, Barker, Craddock, S. Fitzpatrick, Harrison, Jeavons. Sohal

20. Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber and nominations were made as set out.

Votes were taken on nominations to the following Area Panels:

Walsall South	Chairman	Councillor Martin – 26 votes Councillor Hussain – 29 votes
Willenhall North/ South/Short Heath	Chairman	Councillor I. Shires – 26 votes Councillor Illmann Walker – 29 votes

Willenhall North/ Vice-Chairman Councillor Barker – 26 votes
 South/Short Heath Councillor Creaney – 29 votes

Following the voting on the above appointments, it was **moved** by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor S. Coughlan and:

Resolved

That the following members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for 2014/15:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Audit	Councillor Hughes	Councillor Illmann-Walker
Employment Appeals A	Councillor Douglas-Maul	Councillor Burley
Employment Appeals B	Councillor Bennett	Councillor Chambers
Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor McCracken	-
Licensing and Safety	Councillor Sears	Councillor Clarke
Planning	Councillor Perry	Councillor Bird
Standards	Councillor Underhill	Councillor Martin
Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Martin
Community Services and Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Hussain	Councillor Creaney
Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Nazir	Councillor Rochelle
Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Longhi	Councillor Robertson
Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Harrison	Councillor Jeavons
Aldridge and Beacon Area Panel	Councillor Towe	Councillor Rochelle
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Sheffield Area Panel	Councillor Perry	Councillor Cassidy

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Darlaston North/Bentley/ Darlaston South Area Panel	Burley	Chambers
North Walsall Area Panel	Councillor Phillips	Councillor Jeavons
Walsall South Area Panel	Councillor Hussain	Councillor Russell
Willenhall North/Willenhall South/Short Heath Area Panel	Councillor Illmann-Walker	Councillor Creaney

21. **Appointments on outside bodies and charities**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber and nominations were made as set out.

(a) **Outside bodies**

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the undermentioned outside bodies for the municipal year 2014/15:

Local Government Association – General Assembly

Councillors Bird (2 votes), S. Coughlan, Douglas-Maul, Nazir

Local Government Association – Urban Commission

Councillors Douglas-Maul, Young

West Midlands Regional Employers Organisation

Councillor Bird

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillor Young (Prime member)
Councillor Phillips (Deputy prime member)
Councillor Douglas-Maul

West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority

Councillor Bird
Councillor Andrew (substitute)

West Midlands Joint Committee

Councillors Bird (voting), Andrew (non-voting), S. Coughlan (non-voting)

Black Country Consortium

Councillor Bird

Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee

Councillor Clarke
Councillor Illmann-Walker (deputy)

Forest of Mercia Advisory Group

Councillors Harrison, Phillips, D. Shires

New Horizons

Councillor J. Fitzpatrick and one officer

River Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Councillor Arif
Councillor Westley (deputy)

Steps to Work (Walsall) Limited

Councillor Young

Walsall Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillors Rochelle, Russell

Walsall Community Transport

Councillor Whyte

Walsall Education Business Partnership

Councillors Clews, Towe

Walsall Society for the Blind

Councillor Jukes (consideration of a second nomination deferred to the next meeting)

West Midlands Superannuation Committee, Investment Advisory Sub-Committee and Joint Consultative Panel

Councillor Arif (voting) Councillor Chambers (substitute)

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Arif
Councillor S. Coughlan

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor S. Coughlan be appointed as the named substitute on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2014/15.

Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Bird
Councillor S. Coughlan

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Bird be appointed to Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited for a period of two years to June 2016.

Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Harris
Councillor Jeavons

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Jeavons be appointed to the Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference for the municipal year 2014/15.

Joint Committee for Civil Parking Enforcement of Parking and Traffic Regulations

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Andrew
Councillor Clarke
Councillor Jeavons
Councillor Hussain

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillors Clarke and Jeavons be appointed to the Joint Committee for Civil Parking Enforcement of Parking and Traffic Regulations for the municipal year 2014/15.

Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall Limited

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Andrew
Councillor Towe
Councillor Russell
Councillor Lane

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillors Lane, Russell and Towe be appointed to Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall Limited for the municipal year 2014/15.

Walsall Housing Groups

The following nominations were received as set out on the list circulated:

Board	Councillors Hughes, Wade, Barker
Bloxwich	Councillor J. Fitzpatrick
Willenhall	Councillor D. Coughlan

The following nominations were made:

Aldridge Brownhills	Councillor Rattigan – 29 votes Councillor Worrall – 29 votes
Central Walsall	Councillor Arif - 26 votes Councillor Nawaz – 29 votes
Darlaston	Councillor Chambers – 29 votes Councillor P. Bott – 30 votes

Resolved

- (1) That the following members be appointed to Walsall Housing Groups for the municipal year 2014/15:

Board
Central Walsall
Bloxwich
Central Walsall
Darlaston
Willenhall

Councillors Hughes, Wade, Barker
Councillor Nawaz
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick
Councillor Nawaz
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor D. Coughlan

- (2) That consideration of an appointment to the Aldridge Brownhills Group be deferred to the next meeting.

Walsall Museum and Art Galleries Development Trust

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Harris
Councillor Russell

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Harris be appointed to the Walsall Museum and Art Galleries Trust for the municipal year 2014/15.

West Midlands (Metropolitan Area) Road Safety Partnership Board

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Andrew - 29 votes
Councillor Chambers – 29 votes

Resolved

That consideration of an appointment to the West Midlands (Metropolitan Area) Road Safety Partnership Board be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Andrew
Councillor S. Coughlan
Councillor Burley

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee for the municipal year 2014/15:

Councillor Andrew
Councillor S. Coughlan (substitute)

West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Board

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Towe – 29 votes
Councillor burley – 29 votes

The Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of Councillor Towe and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Towe be appointed to the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Board for the municipal year 2014/15.

(b) Charities

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the undermentioned charities for the municipal year 2014/15

Harper, Marsh and Crumps Almshouses

Councillor Russell

Henry Boys Almshouses

Councillor S. Coughlan

Roger's Hinton's Charity

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor (appointment of a further trustee deferred to the next meeting)

School Holiday Camp Fund of Walsall

Councillor Clews (for the balance of 4 years expiring on 25 August 2016)

Fishley Charities

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Martin – 29 votes
Councillor Phillips – 29 votes

The Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of Councillor Martin and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Martin be re-appointed a Trustee of the Fishley Charities for a period of 5 years expiring 6th July 2019.

Blanch Woollaston Charity

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Harrison
Councillor Cassidy
Councillor Chambers
Mr. A. Paul

The nominations were put to the vote and it was:

Resolved

That Councillors Harrison and Cassidy be appointed Trustees of the Blanch Woollaston Charity for a period of 3 years from 13th September 2014.

(c) Advisory and statutory bodies

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the undermentioned advisory and statutory bodies for the municipal year 2014/15:

Adoption Panel

Councillor Phillips

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Councillors Barker, Craddock, Harrison, Lane, Phillips, Robertson, Rochelle.

Walsall Admission Forum

Councillors Martin, Underhill

Fostering Panel

The following nominations were made to the above:

Councillor Clarke – 29 votes
Councillor Lane – 29 votes

The Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of Councillor Lane and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Lane be appointed to the Fostering Panel for the municipal year 2014/15.

22. **Recommendations of Cabinet**

(1) **The Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2014/15**

The report to Cabinet was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Towe, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for the year 2014/15 be approved.

(2) **Active living (leisure centres)**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Harris and duly seconded:

That the 2014/15 capital programme be amended to include the capital investment required for the construction of two new leisure centres at Oak Park and Bloxwich (option 1) as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.

Amendment moved by Councillor S. Coughlan and seconded by Councillor Nazir:

That consideration of this item be deferred for one cycle to look at further options.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared carried – 34 members voting in favour and 4 against.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared carried – 34 members voting in favour and it was:

Resolved

That consideration of this item be deferred for one cycle to look at further options.

At this point in the meeting, the Council sat as charitable trustees. When considering the following item Council procedure rules did not apply.

Bloxwich and Leamore Recreation Ground

A report was submitted.

In view of the fact that the report on Active living (Leisure centres) was deferred for one cycle to look a further options, it was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That this report be deferred until a later date.

The meeting terminated at 9.45 p.m.

Mayor:

Date: