

## **BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

At the meeting of Boston Borough Council held at the Indoor Bowls Club, Rosebery Avenue, Boston PE21 7QR, on Wednesday, 26th May, 2021 at 6.30 pm

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Anton Dani), in the Chair  
Councillors Deborah Evans, Tracey Abbott, Tom Ashton, Alison Austin, Richard Austin BEM, Peter Bedford, Katie Chalmers, George Cornah, Paul Goodale, Martin Griggs, Neill Hastie, Jonathan Noble, Frank Pickett, Brian Rush, Judith Skinner, Paul Skinner, Aaron Spencer, Yvonne Stevens, Chelcei Trafford, Peter Watson, Judy Welbourn, Nigel Welton and Stephen Woodliffe

Officers –

Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive (Place), Democratic Services Delivery Manager, Civic & Member Services Officer and Democratic Services Apprentice

### **1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR**

**It was moved by Councillor Tom Ashton, seconded by Councillor Paul Skinner and**

**RESOLVED that Councillor Frank Pickett be elected Mayor of the Borough of Boston to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.**

The Mayor Elect thereupon made the declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972, took the Chair, and acknowledged the honour that had been conferred on him.

(The Mayor in the Chair.)

### **2 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

**It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that Councillor Tom Ashton be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Boston to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.**

### **3 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alan Bell, Anne Dorrian and Martin Howard.

### **4 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

**It was moved by Councillor Tom Ashton, seconded by Councillor Jonathan Noble and**

**RESOLVED that the best thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Anton Dani for the professional way in which he had discharged his duties as Mayor for the extended period of office due to the covid-19 pandemic, and to Mrs. Maria Dani for supporting the Mayor in her role as Mayoress.**

The Mayor presented a Borough Plaque and a Past Mayor's Badge to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Anton Dani, who then addressed the meeting.

## **5 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING DEPUTY MAYOR**

**It was moved by the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Anton Dani, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Stevens and**

**RESOLVED that the best thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Deborah Evans for the admirable manner in which she had discharged her duties as Deputy Mayor during the extended period of office due to the covid-19 pandemic and to Mrs. Sue Garvey for supporting the Deputy Mayor in her role as Deputy Mayoress.**

The Retiring Mayor presented a Borough Plaque to Councillor Evans, who then addressed the meeting.

## **6 MAYOR'S SCOUT AND MAYORESS' GUIDE**

- (1) The Mayor handed the Sash of Office to the new Mayor's Scout, Miss Emily Clayton.
- (2) The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Miss Lara Tarry, the retiring Mayor's Guide, for the manner in which she had carried out her duties during the past year, and handed the Sash of Office to the new Mayoress' Guide, Miss Freya O'Shea.

## **7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **8 DEMOCRATIC ARRANGEMENTS - APPOINTMENTS 2021/22**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report recommending that, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, Council consider the programme of meetings and appointments for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year as now indicated.

### **(A) PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2021/22**

The Monitoring Officer drew attention to the draft programme of ordinary meetings for 2021/22. It was noted that in terms of the Council's Constitution, the Council was required to formally approve the programme of ordinary meetings at its AGM.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the programme of ordinary meetings for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A be approved.**

**(B) APPOINTMENT OF CABINET**

The Monitoring Officer referred to Appendix B, which related to the appointment of the Cabinet Members and allocation of portfolios for 2021/22, submitted for information purposes only.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the appointment of the Cabinet and allocation of portfolios for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix B, be noted.**

**(C) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2021/22**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the proposed membership of the Committees for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix C of the report.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix C, be approved.**

**(D) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2021-2022**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the list of proposed appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees, as set out in Appendix D of the report.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2021-22 be approved as set out in Appendix D of the report; such appointees to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.**

**(E) APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the schedule of appointments to external organisations as set out in Appendix E of the report.

It was noted that the nominations for the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board and the Witham Fourth Internal Drainage Board were no longer oversubscribed as Councillor Brian Rush had withdrawn.

The Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel was oversubscribed by one nomination and would be voted on separately.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the Council's appointments to external organisations be approved as set out in Appendix E, with the exception of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel, Members to serve on the external organisations indicated in each case; to hold office whilst they remain Members of the Council, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council; or until the appointment of their successors;**

**It was moved by Councillor Nigel Welton and seconded by Councillor Anton Dani that Councillor Paul Skinner be appointed as the Council's representative on the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.**

**It was moved by Councillor Peter Bedford and seconded by Councillor Peter Watson that Councillor Stephen Woodliffe be appointed as the Council's representative on the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.**

**On being put to the vote it was**

**RESOLVED that Councillor Paul Skinner be appointed as the Council's representative on the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel to hold office whilst he remains a Member of the Council, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council; or until the appointment of a successor.**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Period of Appointment</b>	<b>Appointees</b>
Bicker Trust	Civic Year	Cooper
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board (7 members)	Civic Year	Ashton R. Austin Bedford Cooper Pickett P. Skinner Mr. M. Brookes (Lay member)
Boston Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee (2 seats)	Civic Year	Griggs
Boston Municipal Non-Educational Charities (4 seats)	Civic Year	Woodliffe Colin Brotherton (lay member)
Centrepoint Outreach	Civic Year	Welbourn
Council for the Protection of Rural England (Lincs Branch)	Civic Year	P. Skinner

Heritage Lincolnshire	Civic Year	R. Austin
Lincolnshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee (1 seat and 1 substitute – non Cabinet members)	Civic Year	Woodliffe
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee (non Cabinet members)	Civic Year	R. Austin Pickett (substitute member)
Nacro Services in Lincolnshire	Civic Year	Welbourn
Rural Services Network (SPARSE Rural, Rural Services Partnership, RSN Community Group)	Civic Year	Ashton Brown
Sir Thomas Meddlecott and Others Charity Trust (Skirbeck Quarter Charities) (3 Trustees)	Civic Year	A. Austin Woodliffe Mr. R. Lenton (Lay member)
Swineshead Poor Charity	Civic Year	Cornah
Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Members Group (1 seat and 1 substitute)	Civic Year	A. Austin
Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board (7 members)		R. Austin Bedford Hastie Pickett P. Skinner Welton Mrs. P. Cooper (Lay member)

### Long Term Appointments

Organisation	Period of Appointment	Current / Previous Appointees
Boston Grammar School Foundation Governors (4 seats)	4 years from 2019	Not applicable until May 2023
John Butler Charity	3 years from 2020	Not applicable until May 2023
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel	4 years from 2021	P. Skinner
St. Leonard's Hospital Trust (2 Trustees)	4 years from appointment	Not applicable until May 2023
Thomas Sanderson Trust (2 seats)	4 years from 2019	Not applicable until May 2023
Welland and Deepings IDB	3 years from	Not applicable until May 2023

	2020	
W H and E Harlock Swineshead Almshouses Charity	3 years from 2020	Not applicable until May 2023
Swineshead Enhancement Society	4 years from 2019	Not applicable until May 2023

(The meeting ended at 7.30 pm)