

## **MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council  
held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-  
upon-Thames on Thursday, 17 May 2018 at 7.30 pm**

### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

M.M. Attewell	Q.R. Edgington	A.J. Mitchell
C. Barnard	T.J.M. Evans	S.C. Mooney
R.O. Barratt	K. Flurry	J.M. Pinkerton OBE
I.J. Beardsmore	M.P.C. Francis	O. Rybinski
J.R. Boughtflower	A.E. Friday	R.W. Sider BEM
S.J. Burkmar	N.J. Gething	R.A. Smith-Ainsley
S. Capes	A.L. Griffiths	B.B. Spoor
R. Chandler	A.C. Harman	H.A. Thomson
C.A. Davis	I.T.E. Harvey	H.R.D. Williams
S.M. Doran	A.T. Jones	
S.A. Dunn	M.J. Madams	

**Apologies:** Councillors P.C. Edgington, J.G. Kavanagh, D. Patel,  
D. Saliagopoulos and J.R. Sexton

Councillor V.J. Leighton, The Mayor, in the Chair

### **126/18 Minute's Silence for the late Fred Smith, Honorary Freeman**

The Mayor invited those present to stand and join her in a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the late Fred Smith, Honorary Freeman, who passed away on 24 April 2018.

### **127/18 Election of the Mayor**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Vivienne Leighton, welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council. She thanked the officers of the Council and the Mayor's secretary, Mrs Sheila Kimpton, for their hard work and support during her Mayoral year.

Councillor Vivienne Leighton reported on her year as Mayor and the many enjoyable and entertaining events she had attended which had raised over

£30,000 for her chosen charities. Reflecting upon her year in office, she spoke of opportunities taken to showcase the borough; including consent for the Queen's row barge 'Gloriana' to lead her River Day, and thanked the Staines Business Improvement District for securing funding for the use of the Royal row barge 'Gloriana' at the next Staines-upon-Thames day.

Councillor Leighton also spoke of events she had attended to support local community organisations and of how proud and encouraged she was by the rich support given by volunteers in Spelthorne who selflessly gave their time to make life better for others. Councillor Leighton particularly wanted to acknowledge children who are the carers in their family and had held a special award ceremony for them in the Council Chamber which she hoped would be continued.

Councillor Leighton gave special thanks to her husband for his endless support and wished the new Mayor and Mayor's Consort happiness and success in the coming year.

It was moved by Councillor A.E. Friday and seconded by Councillor J. Boughtflower and

**Resolved** that Councillor Jean Marion Pinkerton be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

A short adjournment took place to hand over the robes and badge of Office to the new Mayor during which a performance of 'One' by Marvin Hamlisch was provided by singers from Staines Musical Theatre Group.

Councillor Jean Marion Pinkerton made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne and took the Chair. She thanked her proposer and seconder and the Council for supporting her in her election as Mayor. She presented Councillor Vivienne Leighton with the past Mayor's badge and a scrapbook commemorating her time in office.

The outgoing Mayor's Consort, Mr Chris Leighton presented the Mayor's Consort badge to the new Mayor's Consort, Mrs Linda Burton, and she in turn presented Mr Chris Leighton with a past Mayor's Consort badge.

During her term as Mayor, Councillor Pinkerton announced that she will be supporting the following charities:

- The Penrose Club which supports adults with special needs
- Shopmobility which not only supports residents but also visitors to the borough
- Rentstart - a charity to assist with housing needs and a link to the Mayor's former Housing portfolio
- East to West – an organisation which assists students with a variety of problems on a 1 to 1 basis. All Spelthorne Secondary schools have a service level agreement with this charity and rate their support highly.

The Mayor announced her theme for the year, "Spelthorne is Special", to raise awareness of all the very positive aspects of the borough and the many talents within it. She was organising a young people's project called "What is special about Spelthorne?" for the summer holidays and hoped families would get involved and discover just how special our borough is.

The Mayor said she was looking forward to working with Linda, her Consort, Mary and Andrew as Deputy Mayor and Consort and Sheila as Mayor's secretary to form "Mayoral team Spelthorne". She promised to do her best to carry out the role with integrity and be a good ambassador for the borough.

The Mayor announced that she had appointed a Chaplain for her Mayoral Year, the Reverend Michael Burley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Staines. The Mayor presented Reverend Burley with the Chaplain's badge.

### **128/18 Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

### **129/18 Election of the Deputy Mayor**

It was moved by Councillor A.C. Harman and seconded by Councillor S. Mooney that Councillor M.J. Madams be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

**Resolved** that Councillor M.J. Madams be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

Councillor Mary Jacqueline Madams made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne.

The Mayor's Consort, Mrs Linda Burton, presented the Deputy Mayor's Consort Badge to the Deputy Mayor's Consort, Mr Andrew Hopgood.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mary Madams, briefly addressed the Council and thanked her proposer and seconder for their support. She said it was a great honour to be elected as Deputy Mayor and she looked forward to providing support to the Mayor in her Mayoral year.

### **130/18 Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

### **131/18 Announcements from the Mayor**

The Mayor announced that a list of her forthcoming events, to which all were invited, had been circulated with the Order of Proceedings.

Upcoming events were:

Sunday 3 June - Civic Service, St Peter's Church at 2pm  
Wednesday, 6 June - Italian Night, Bella Napoli at 7pm  
Monday, 18 June - Papa India Memorial Service  
Monday, 25 June - Flag Raising for Armed Forces Day at 10am  
Saturday, 30 June - Mayor's River Day, Thames Lodge at 10am  
Sunday, 8 July - River Trip and Cream Tea  
Monday, 16 July - Walled Garden Coffee Morning

### **132/18 Announcements from the Leader**

The Leader congratulated the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their election saying that they would make an excellent team and be outstanding ambassadors for Spelthorne. On behalf of the Council he wished them both a thoroughly enjoyable year.

He thanked the outgoing Mayor Councillor Leighton and her consort Chris Leighton for their sterling service this year. He said Councillor Leighton had worked tirelessly during her year and raised over £30,000 for her Mayors' Charities. He announced that Councillor Leighton would now become the Council's River Thames Champion, with a remit to enhance the role of the Thames in the life of Spelthorne. He also thanked the Mayor's Secretary, Sheila Kimpton, for all her hard work this year.

He congratulated the Principal Committee Manager, Gill Scott (formerly Hobbs) on her marriage to John Scott and, on behalf of the Council, wished them a very happy future together.

The Leader then made the following announcements:

- The Duchess of Gloucester opened the new Nursery at Springfield School in Sunbury this week.
- He and his wife had attended the installation of the Right Rev and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, the first female Bishop of London, at St Paul's Cathedral.
- Freeman of the Borough Colin Squire was attending an investiture at Buckingham Palace on 18 May to receive his OBE for services to the community. Mr Squire had kindly agreed to become one of the Mayor's Charity Trustees, replacing Gerry Ceaser, whose memorial service was held on Friday 11 May.
- 17 May marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous wartime Dambusters raid when two German dams were destroyed.
- Spelthorne would be hosting representatives from our twin town of Grand Port in Mauritius, later in June.
- Next week marks 30 years of our very successful Greeno Centre in Shepperton. As a testament to its success, and to assist in creating much needed extra space, we are about to invest in the region of

£60,000 in a new conservatory. He congratulated the management team and will be joining them to celebrate next week.

- He reminded everyone of a major community event, JOY, taking place at Kempton Park on Sunday 17 June, when a group of local churches are seeking to feed 5,000. It is a free event with music and entertainment and starts at 10am.
- The Council had recently announced plans to build a new 'flagship' leisure facility in Staines which would offer a modern design and meet the high expectations of our residents well into the future. Public consultations would shortly commence. The current centre would remain open while the new one was being built to ensure continuity of service.
- The Council is currently consulting on a new Local Plan which will set out how much development is needed in the Borough over the next 15 years. The consultation paper sets out the key issues affecting Spelthorne to 2035 and the options the Council will consider in order to meet the Borough's needs. Evening presentations are being held at the Council offices on 21 and 24 May and informal information events are also being held around the Borough for residents to speak with staff. Following the consultation, which ends on 25 June, the Council will draft the new Local Plan before carrying out two further consultations. The Plan will then be submitted to the Secretary of State who will confirm if it can be recommended for adoption. He expected this process to be completed by September 2020.
- The Council is calling on Heathrow to broaden the compensation scheme which will be applied if expansion at Heathrow goes ahead, to include the whole of Stanwell Moor and large parts of Stanwell.
- Following a tender process, a 48% saving has been achieved on the cost of the Council's insurance cover, resulting in an annual saving of over £162,000.
- A Landlord networking forum was held at Shepperton Studios on 8 May to build links with local landlords and raise awareness of the Council's Rent Assure Scheme which guarantees rents for landlords who let their properties through the Council. Following the launch 2 years ago there are now 36 properties using this scheme, to benefit local families.

### **133/18 Committees 2018-2019**

Details of the Committees and their size and the political allocation of seats (Appendix A) were circulated on the agenda for the meeting. The members to serve on the various Committees (Appendix B) were circulated at the meeting on the supplementary agenda.

It was moved by Councillor I.T.E. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

**Resolved** that:

- a) The appointment of the Committees shown at Agenda Item 9 of the size indicated and with the terms of reference and functions set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.
- b) The allocation of seats as shown on revised Appendix A.
- c) The Councillors to serve on Committees as shown on revised Appendix B.
- d) That Mr. Murray Litvak be appointed as Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

**134/18 Appointment by the Council to Outside Bodies**

**South West Middlesex Crematorium Board**

It was moved by Councillor I.T.E. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

**Resolved** that Councillors D. Patel and R. Chandler be appointed as the Council's representative and deputy representative respectively on the South West Middlesex Crematorium Board.

**Surrey Police and Crime Panel**

It was moved by Councillor I.T.E. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

**Resolved** that Councillor N. Gething be appointed as the Council's representative on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel.