



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MELTON

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

8 MAY 2013

PRESENT :-

Councillor J. Illingworth (Outgoing Mayor),  
Councillor M. Gordon (Incoming Mayor)  
P.M. Baguley, M.W. Barnes, G.E. Botterill, G. Bush  
P.M. Chandler, P. Cumbers, J. Douglas, A. Freer-Jones  
M.C.R. Graham MBE, E. Holmes, L. Horton, E. Hutchison,  
S. Lumley, V.J. Manderson, T. Moncrieff, J. Moulding,  
M. O'Callaghan, J.T. Orson, P.M. Posnett, J.B. Rhodes,  
M.R. Sheldon, J. Simpson, N. Slater, M.N. Twitney, D.R. Wright, J. Wyatt

Chief Executive  
Strategic Director (CM), Strategic Director (KA)  
Head of Communications & Monitoring Officer  
Senior Democracy Officer

The Reverend Kevin Ashby offered prayers

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The Mayor announced the recent passing of Councillor Botterill's wife, and led a short period of silence for personal reflection in respect of this sad news.

CO1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence and all Members were present.

CO2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

The Mayor addressed the Council with an account of his Mayoral year and stated

- It had been the most wonderful year of his life and had gone very quickly and it felt as if it had only been minutes since last year's acceptance speech
- It had been a memorable year in all sorts of different ways
- The 'chain gang' engagements were enjoyable and he had met lots of Mayors, Chairmen and their partners and they had promised to stay friends
- Most importantly he had met interesting individuals and groups in around the town and Borough of Melton
- It had been fantastic to see the commitment and talents in the town and Borough that he had never known existed before taking up the Mayoral role

- In the Council Chamber, he had had a completely different perspective of the role in overseeing, rather than taking part in debate. He had learnt to read individual Councillor's signs which had not been easy at times. He thanked Councillors for the challenges they had presented which nevertheless he had enjoyed
- On a personal note, he thought the role had made him a better person and a better Councillor and encouraged other Councillors to take up the position if they got the opportunity
- It had been an honour and privilege to serve this Borough as Mayor
- He referred to the Young Mayor, Georgia Paddock, who was not present at the meeting but had been a great ambassador for young people and the role and they had attended many events together and she had responded well to people of all ages
- He wished the incoming Mayor an enjoyable year and thanked her for standing in for him when he had been busy with work commitments
- He had kept a diary for the first time during the Mayoral year and had had to get a bigger one due to the number of engagements
- Lots of people had played a part in making it such an enjoyable year and he thanked them for their support
- He wished to present personal mementos to
  - the Mayoress, Mrs. Sheila Randall, who had agreed to be his Deputy Mayoress and Mayoress and for this he expressed his great appreciation
  - Maddie Smith, who had accompanied him when the Mayoress was not available and she had stood in at his first Civic event at Harborough
  - Jodie Webb, Democracy and Involvement Officer, who he could not have managed without, she reminded him of his engagements by texts the day before, was well organised and had been tactful, resourceful and efficient throughout the year
  - Councillor Elaine Holmes who had accompanied him to events, been loyal and supportive as well as helped with catering along with the Mayoress and Councillor Chandler
  - Lynn Aisbett, Chief Executive, for her guidance and knowledge especially at Council Meetings
- He wished to thank Councillors for making it such an interesting year, the public for their support and to all those who had given to his appeal for three charities being the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance, MacMillan Cancer Support and Rainbows Children's Hospice

### CO3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Holmes welcomed the Honorary Aldermen Chapman and Dames to the meeting and proposed that Councillor Gordon be elected Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Simpson.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Gordon be elected Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014.

(Councillor Barnes entered the meeting during the preceding item.)

#### CO4. INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND MAYORESS

- (a) Councillor Gordon read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Illingworth invested Councillor Gordon with the Chain of Office.

The Mayoress then invested Mrs. Christine Rodrigues with the Mayoress' Chain of Office.

(The new Mayor, Councillor Gordon, in the Chair.)

- (b) The Mayor gave thanks for her election and paid tribute to Councillor Illingworth who had been an excellent Mayor. She thanked Councillor Holmes for her words and to Councillor Simpson for seconding the nomination. She thanked her sister, Christine, for supporting her as Deputy Mayoress and now taking on the role as Mayoress. She thanked her family and friends for their continuing support during the coming year.

#### CO6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Wright wished the new Mayor well in the role. He proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor and Mayoress and thanked Councillor Holmes for helping at events and with fund-raising. Councillor Wright stated that Councillor Illingworth had the qualities for the role of Mayor and thanked and congratulated him and Mrs. Randall for attending all the events and engagements and for hosting a twin town visit. He advised that his Mayor's Appeal had raised £5,000 for the three charities. He further stated that they had been excellent ambassadors for the Borough and had conducted themselves with dignity and Councillor Illingworth's chairing of the Council had been exemplary. He thanked them for their sterling work.

Councillor Posnett seconded the vote of thanks and congratulated the new Mayor and Mayoress. She stated that she had great pleasure in seconding Councillor Illingworth and Mrs. Randall's very successful year in office and also paid tribute Councillor Holmes and the other ladies who had supported Councillor Illingworth during the year. She added that he had ran Council Meetings fairly and with good humour. She stated they had done a great job representing the Borough and hoped they had wonderful memories from the role.

The Mayor added her thanks to Councillor Illingworth for the opportunities he had given her as Deputy Mayor which had provided a good foundation for the Mayoral role. She referred to his exceptional skill at chairing Council Meetings with professionalism and fairness. She added that she was grateful to him for involving her in meeting colleagues from Sochaczew, the twin town, which meant that she could build on these friendships in her Mayoral year.

**RESOLVED** that a vote of thanks be recorded for the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

#### CO7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Cumbers congratulated the new Mayor and proposed that Councillor Wyatt be elected Deputy Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Slater.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Wyatt be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014.

#### CO8. INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYORESS

(a) Councillor Wyatt read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, Councillor Gordon, then invested Councillor Wyatt with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office.

Mrs. Christine Rodrigues invested Ms. Nina Penskich with the Deputy Mayoress's Chain of Office.

(b) Councillor Wyatt gave thanks for his election.

#### CO9. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Orson congratulated the new Mayor on her election and proposed that Councillor Rhodes be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014. He referred to the Council under his leadership and stated that Melton Borough Council was well known as being innovative, efficient and caring and it had regional status and was even well known nationally. He added that this journey had started in 2004 and had gathered pace since the fire in 2008. He considered the Council should be nominated for the LGA Best Council of the Year Award.

Councillor Wyatt seconded the proposal.

Councillor O'Callaghan stated that this was an opportunity to hold the leadership to account and that his group took a different view to Councillor Orson. Particularly with regard to the Core Strategy which had left the Council vulnerable to planning applications and developers, had cost the Council a lot of money and had divided the Borough. He stated that the Council had not performed well over the last 18 months and cited consulting on a leisure centre during an election when a cheaper and better option was available as well as a division of those in the know and those not, as reasons. He referred to the abolition of scrutiny and asked what the Council was afraid of and considered they were running like an executive or cabinet model and he was not happy about this as well as there being no consultation with Group Leaders. He stated that his group would vote against even though they usually voted in support.

Councillor Twitney congratulated the new Mayor on her election and stated that it was important to look back at the leadership and what it had achieved. He referred to the garden waste bin tax and the petition that was signed by over 1,500 people and the current situation was affecting local people. He added that the swimming pool had closed even though there was a petition signed by 3,000 people. He asked the Council to start recording meetings and publishing these

as a move towards greater access to democracy and he was told they would not. On the ability to accept petitions, this had been rejected even though they could have been done at no charge. There had been a petition against the Core Strategy and then it was found to be unsound at a cost to the tax payers. He added that flaws had been pointed out and people had not been listened to. He stated that the people of Melton needed a Leader they had confidence in therefore he would not be supporting the nomination.

On the motion being put to the vote, there were 20 in favour, 7 against and no abstentions therefore the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Rhodes be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014.

## CO10. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader extended congratulations to Councillor Gordon on her election as Mayor and wished her a successful and happy year. He welcomed the Honorary Aldermen to the meeting.

The Leader referred to the foregoing dissent on his election and stated that that was politics and went on to give his Leader's report as follows :-

- He referred to the County Council elections in the previous week which marked a new start for colleagues who served at County level, and the half way point in the life of this Council and reminded Councillors that they would be facing elections again and probably on the same day as the General Election which would have implications for the way the electorate would vote on the day and national issues would probably drown out most of what Councillors said. The outcome of that election would depend almost entirely on how people felt about those national issues and the government they wanted. Cynics might say that it mattered little what Councillors did as their re-election or not depended on what others did, not on what Councillors did. However he stated that it was the Council's duty to do its best to give the people of Melton the best possible Council services with the resources at its disposal.
- In the last two years, the Council had sought to stabilise its finances, establish an effective and economical way of working in Parkside and complete some long-standing projects.
- The Council had also set out to improve the Council's reputation for customer services and gain the respect of people for the quality of its decision-making and it would be complacent to state that the Council had achieved everything it would like in both those areas, but the aim was still to make the Council the best in the country and as Councillor Orson mentioned it may be true that it was the best in the East Midlands.
- The Council may be one of the smallest but that should not stop it aiming high and he would like to see the Council start winning awards on the national front for some of the good work it was doing and would be doing in the coming years. He then referred to specific issues as follows :-

### Universal Benefits and the drive to get people into employment

- The Council was in the vanguard of Councils working with the Department for Work and Pensions to introduce the new Universal Benefits System. Its aim was to help the recipients in Melton to access the systems and to obtain

advice from officers to direct them to the help they needed to improve their circumstances. Having so many agencies working from Parkside meant that it was close to becoming a one-stop shop and this would help the process enormously. Also having so many employment opportunities opening at Sainsbury's, Premier Inn, Brooksby Foods, Westleigh, Melton Fields, Melton Mowbray Business Park and others meant there would be employment opportunities. What the Council needed to do was ensure that there were training opportunities too so that Melton people could take up the jobs. The Economic Development Strategy developed recently by the Melton Community Partnership would help the Council bring forward plans to get people into those jobs and to make this Borough prosperous again. With prosperity came demand for facilities and services which brought him to his second point.

#### New Sports and Leisure Centre

- He stated that the consultation and survey of people's aspirations was now complete and, in spite of being conducted during an election period, over 2000 responses were now being analysed. The next stages would be to put forward a detailed proposal, reach agreement and get it built. He had targeted the team to have contractors, although not chosen yet, to be on site building it by 2015.

#### Cattle Market

- He stated that the Cattle Market was badly in need of refurbishment and renewal and referred to decisions in the past being delayed by shortage of money and officer time, complicated by lack of resolve and emotional resistance to change. He made it clear that the Council was determined to improve this facility, make it pay better and ensure that it played a full part in the Melton Mowbray portfolio of attractions, as well as fulfilling an economic need for the trading of livestock.

#### Local Plan

- The Council had already taken the first steps to put in place a programme for developing a new Local Plan and it wouldn't be a quick process but much of the basic work had already been done and therefore the money spent had not been wasted. The difficult part was reaching agreement on the number of homes to be built and where they should go.
- When few people were ready to welcome new houses near to where they lived for fear that they would take away some of the value of their home or adversely affect their comfort, security, view or light this would never be an easy process. Almost everyone became a NIMBY if they thought new development was going to be close to where they lived. But people needed new homes to live in, young people and families, older people downsizing to something more suitable, new people coming into the Borough bringing skills and energy. Many of these people would be the children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces, cousins and friends of Melton people. They needed homes to live in just like older people did once when they were starting out. So agreement had to be reached between town and country, north and south, east and west, bigger villages and smaller villages. Everyone had to live together and provide for future generations

#### The Council's Transformation Project

- This was the project to make the Council a fully digital operation, integrating all the functions, working off common databases and delivering faster and more reliable services. The target was to get there in the next two years and

also to save £400,000 per year from the operating costs so that the Council could keep its head above water in these tough times. The Council was working on the most ambitious programme of change in its history and success would make it the best Council in the country.

- The Borough of Melton will be where everyone wants to live and bring up families.
- Robert Kennedy said that some men see things as they are and say why. He dreamt of things that never were and said 'why not?'
- The Leader said let the Council do the same, working together, One Borough, Town and Villages, with a common purpose, to make a better life for everyone.

#### CO11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Douglas congratulated the Mayor on her election and added that she would support her in any way that she could. She proposed that Councillor Posnett continue to be appointed as Deputy Leader. She added that due to her knowledge of the Borough, experience and good work on the town centre, cattle market, sport facility, country park and with young people she was well qualified for the position of Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillor Chandler congratulated the Mayor on her election and welcomed the Aldermen to the meeting. She seconded the proposal and stated that Councillor Posnett would put everything into the role.

On being put to the vote, the majority were in favour, there were none against and 6 abstentions.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Posnett be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014.

#### CO12. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Mayor stated that she had previously been elected as a Borough Councillor in 1999 and had aspired to be the Mayor one day and was delighted to have achieved that ambition.

(b) The Mayor stated that her Mayor's Appeal would be Dove Cottage Day Hospice and introduced Chris Gatfield from the Hospice to say a few words :-

Chris Gatfield congratulated the Mayor and Mayoress and thanked them for inviting her to the meeting. She said it was a huge privilege and honour to have been chosen as the Mayor's Appeal. She explained that Dove Hospice had served the Borough for 17 years and helped thousands of people who had been going through difficult times in their lives and she hoped that the Council was proud to have Dove Cottage on its patch. She stated that it was not easy raising money and they needed £300,000 per year and some of the cuts were beginning to bite and they may be losing their transport. She added that they could not do what they do without people like the Mayor and their supporters and thanked the Mayor again and wished her well in her Civic year.

(c) The Mayor stated that she had spent a day at Dove Cottage last year and it had been a wonderful experience. She added that what they did there was

very helpful to people and it was an expanding concern. She asked for generosity at fund-raising events and thanked Members in anticipation of their support.

- (d) The Mayor stated that she would start her Mayoral activities on the next evening and had a full weekend of events lined up. She was really looking forward to the year and meeting new people and she would wear the chain of office with pride and felt honoured to be there as Mayor.

#### CO13. ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PARTNERSHIPS, WORKING GROUPS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS

A report was presented (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) which asked the Council to note the allocation of seats on Committees and a Sub-Committee in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) which had been approved at the Council Meeting on 24 April 2013 and receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee and Sub-Committee as well as appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs, Forums, Partnerships, Working Groups, Outside Organisations and Lead Members for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2014.

The Leader proposed the recommendations in the report including the revised nominations included at appendices A and C. Councillor Posnett seconded the proposal.

Councillor O'Callaghan proposed an amendment that recommendation 2.3 be taken separately in respect of the Chairs of Committees and especially the Chair of the Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs (REEA) Committee due to that Committee Chair being responsible for the Core Strategy. Councillor Moulding seconded the amendment.

Councillor Holmes stated that there was no Independent Group representation on the Planning Enforcement Working Group and her group would like a place on this Working Group and she would like this looked into.

The Chief Executive stated that this could be brought back to a future meeting.

The Leader stated there were no other nominations so the Conservative Group allocated Members to the seats. He added that the Working Group needed to be in existence and he would discuss membership with Councillor Holmes after the meeting to allow continuity for now.

Councillor Holmes agreed this approach and that she would like the matter brought back to the next Council Meeting.

The Mayor asked Members to vote on the recommendations except 2.3.

The Chief Executive explained that there was an amendment that had been proposed and seconded which needed to be voted on which was that a vote be taken on splitting the recommendations so that a separate vote be taken on recommendation 2.3. Councillor O'Callaghan explained also that a vote be taken



on all the others and vote separately on 2.3 particularly the REEA Chair.

A vote was taken on taking recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.4-2.8 as a separate vote to recommendation 2.3.

There were 6 in favour, the majority were against and there were 3 abstentions therefore the amendment was lost.

Councillor Holmes explained that she had abstained due to the Core Strategy being mentioned.

The Mayor stated that they would now vote on the original motion of recommendations 2.1-2.8 which resulted in the majority in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention therefore the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the political balance percentages and number of seats allocated to each political group as set out in the table below and as approved at the Council Meeting on 24 April 2013 be noted :-

<b>Group</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs</b>	<b>Percentage</b>		<b>Allocation of Seats over 6 Committees</b>
Conservative	18	64%	(64.28)	36.48 = 37**
Labour	5	18%	(17.86)*	10.26 = 10
Independent Group	4	14%	(14.28)	7.98 = 8
Single Councillor	1	4%	(3.57)*	2.28 = 2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>57 seats</b>

\* rounded up as over 0.5

\*\* rounded up as the highest decimal point percentage and to meet the 57 seat requirement

- (2) the allocation of Councillors to each Committee and Sub-Committee as set out at paragraph 3.5 approved at the Council Meeting on 24 April 2013 and the nominations as submitted by the Political Group Leaders for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2014 be as follows :-

**Political balance required:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2013/14</b>	<b>Substitutes 2013/14</b>
<b>Appeals</b>  <b>5 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 3 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent  <b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P. Cumbers (C) S. Lumley (VC) N. Slater	<b>Conservative</b> J.T. Orson J. Simpson
	<b>Labour</b> L. Horton	<b>Labour</b> M. O'Callaghan
	<b>Independent</b> A. Freer-Jones	<b>Independent</b> E. Holmes
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<b>Community &amp; Social Affairs</b>  <b>10 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 7 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent  <b>Substitutes</b> 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler J. B. Rhodes M.C.R.Graham MBE S. Lumley V.Manderson(VC) P.M. Posnett D.R. Wright (C)	<b>Conservative</b> J. Douglas M.R. Sheldon N. Slater
	<b>Labour</b> L. Horton J. Moulding	<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff
	<b>Independent</b> M. Twitney	<b>Independent</b> E. Holmes
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<b>Planning (was Development)</b>  11 Members  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 7 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent  <b>Substitutes</b> 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler (C) P. Cumbers (VC) J. Illingworth J. Simpson J. Wyatt	<b>Conservative</b> J. Douglas M.R. Sheldon J.B. Rhodes
	<b>Labour</b> G. Bush T. Moncrieff	<b>Labour</b> J. Moulding
	<b>Independent</b> A. Freer-Jones E. Holmes	<b>Independent</b> E. Hutchison M. Twitney
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<b>Governance</b> 10 Members  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 7 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 1 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P. Cumbers J. Douglas (VC) M.C.R. Graham MBE (C) V.J. Manderson J.T. Orson M.R. Sheldon N. Slater	<b>Conservative</b> G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler
	<b>Labour</b> J. Moulding	<b>Labour</b> L. Horton
	<b>Independent</b> A. Freer-Jones	<b>Independent</b> M. Twitney
	M. Gordon	-
<b>Policy, Finance &amp; Administration</b>  10 Members  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 6 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent 1 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> M.W. Barnes P.M. Posnett (VC) J.B. Rhodes (C) J. Simpson D.R. Wright J. Wyatt	<b>Conservative</b> G.E. Botterill J.T. Orson
	<b>Labour</b> J. Moulding M. O'Callaghan	<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff
	<b>Independent</b> E. Hutchison	<b>Independent</b> A. Freer-Jones
	M. Gordon	-
<b>Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs</b>  11 Members  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 7 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent  <b>Substitutes</b> 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley G.E. Botterill J. Douglas J. Illingworth J.T. Orson (C) J.B. Rhodes M.R. Sheldon(VC)	<b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler N. Slater D.R. Wright
	<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff J. Moulding	<b>Labour</b> L. Horton
	<b>Independent</b> E. Holmes E. Hutchison	<b>Independent</b> A. Freer-Jones M. Twitney
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<b>Council Business Development Sub-Committee</b>  6 Members  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative <b>1 Labour</b> 1 Independent  <b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> M.C.R.Graham MBE P.M. Posnett J.B. Rhodes (C) D.R. Wright (VC)	<b>Conservative</b> S. Lumley J. Wyatt
	<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff	<b>Labour</b> G. Bush
	<b>Independent</b> M. Twitney	<b>Independent</b> E. Holmes
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**Political Balance – Not Required:**

<b>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</b>  10 Members  <b>Political Balance Not required</b>  <b>Substitutes</b> 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> M.W. Barnes (C) P. Baguley P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers P.M. Posnett N. Slater J. Wyatt (VC)	<b>Conservative</b>
	<b>Labour</b> G. Bush	<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff
	<b>Independent</b> E. Holmes	<b>Independent</b> E. Hutchison
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(3) the following be appointed as the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees and the Sub-Committee until the Annual Meeting in 2014 :-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Appeals	P. Cumbers	S. Lumley
Community & Social Affairs	D.R. Wright	V.J. Manderson
Licensing & Regulatory	M.W. Barnes	J. Wyatt
Governance	M.C.R. Graham M.B.E.	J. Douglas
Planning	P.M. Chandler	P. Cumbers

Policy, Finance & Administration	J.B. Rhodes	P. M. Posnett
Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs	J.T. Orson	M.R. Sheldon
Council Business Development Sub-Committee	J.B. Rhodes	D.R. Wright

- (4) the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Forums, Partnerships and Working Groups until the Annual Meeting in 2014 :-

<b>Forums</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2013/14</b>
Leicestershire County Council Highway Forum	4	P.M. Chandler J. Douglas S. Lumley J. Wyatt
Seniors' Forum	4	P. Cumbers N. Slater
Tenants' Forum	4	P.M. Chandler V.J. Manderson P.M. Posnett D.R. Wright

<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2013/14</b>
Leicestershire Household Waste Management Steering Group	1	J.T. Orson M.R. Sheldon
Leicestershire Rural Partnership	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Melton Area Safer Communities Partnership	4	P. Cumbers V.J. Manderson N. Slater D.R. Wright
Melton Community Partnership	1	J.B. Rhodes
Welland Partnership Board	2 + 1	J.B. Rhodes P.M. Posnett J. Wyatt
Welland Joint Committee	2 + 2 subs	J.B. Rhodes P.M. Posnett J. Wyatt

Working Group	No. of Cllrs.	Appointments 2013/14
<b>Budget &amp; Strategic Planning Working Group</b>  <b>Political Balance required:</b> 4 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr	6	<b>Conservative</b> M.C.R. Graham MBE J.T. Orson J.B. Rhodes D.R. Wright
		<b>Labour</b> J. Moulding
		<b>Independent</b> M. Twitney
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<b>Cattle Market Working Group</b>  <b>Political Balance required:</b> 5 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr	8	<b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler J.T. Orson P.M. Posnett J. Simpson J. Wyatt
		<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff M. O'Callaghan
		<b>Independent</b> E. Holmes
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<b>Joint Staff Working Group</b> <b>Political Balance required:</b> 5 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr	7	<b>Conservative</b> P. Cumbers J. Douglas J. Illingworth P.M. Posnett J. Simpson
		<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff
		<b>Independent</b> A. Freer-Jones
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<b>Melton Local Development Framework Working Group</b>  <b>Political Balance required:</b> <i>6 Conservative</i> <i>2 Labour</i> <i>1 Independent</i> <i>0 Single Cllr</i>	9	<b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler J. Illingworth S. Lumley V. Manderson J. Simpson D.R. Wright
		<b>Labour</b> G. Bush J. Moulding
		<b>Independent</b> E. Hutchison
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<b>Planning Enforcement Working Group</b>  <b>Political Balance not required</b>	5	<b>Conservative</b> G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers J. Wyatt
		<b>Labour</b> T. Moncrieff
		<b>Independent</b> -
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(5) the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Outside Organisations until the Annual Meeting in 2014 :-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. Cllrs</b>	<b>Appointments 2013/14</b>
De Montfort University Court	2	J. Illingworth
East Midlands Leaders' Board	1	J.B. Rhodes P.M. Posnett (Sub)
Fairtrade Steering Group	1	A. Freer-Jones
Friends of Carnegie Museum	1	A. Freer-Jones
Grantham Canal Partnership	1	P.M. Chandler
Homestart Management Committee	1	P. Cumbers
LGA – General Assembly	1	J.B. Rhodes
LGA – Performance Management	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
LGA – Rural Commission	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
LGA – Urban Commission	1	P. Cumbers
Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association	1	P.M. Chandler
Melton & Oakham Waterways Local Authority Working Group	1	P. Cumbers
Melton & District Furniture Project	1	P. Cumbers
Melton Young Singles Trust (MYST)	1	P.M. Posnett
Police and Crime Panel	1	J.B. Rhodes
Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Voluntary Action Melton	1	P.M. Posnett

(6) the following be appointed as the Council's Lead Members until the Annual Meeting in 2014:-

		<b>2013/14</b>
Place	Affordable Housing Economic Development Neighbourhoods Transport Environment/Waste Arts/Heritage	D.R. Wright
People	Youth/Vulnerable People Health Seniors/Older People Community Safety	P.M. Posnett



Resources	Assets Efficiencies Procurement Training/Culture/Workforce Strategic Finance	J.B. Rhodes
Regulation	Planning Regulation	P.M. Chandler
Town Centre		P. M. Posnett
Access		N. Slater
Performance Management		M.C.R. Graham MBE
Risk		J. Douglas
Customer Services		D.R. Wright
Twinning	Relevant Mayor	P.M. Posnett

- (7) it be noted that political balance was not required for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
- (8) It be noted that in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) political balance is to be achieved in total across all the Committees and within all individual Committees requiring political balance and to note also that political balance applies to Sub-Committees as required.

The Mayor announced that HMS Quorn had sent apologies for this meeting and the Armed Forces Day and had supplied an update on the ship's activities. The Mayor wished them well in their endeavours.

The meeting which commenced at 7 p.m., closed at 8.16 p.m.

Mayor