



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MELTON

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

14 MAY 2014

PRESENT :-

Councillor M. Gordon (Outgoing Mayor),
Councillor J. Wyatt (Incoming Mayor)
P.M. Baguley, G.E. Botterill, G. Bush
P.M. Chandler, P. Cumbers, J. Douglas, A. Freer-Jones
M.C.R. Graham MBE, L. Horton, J. Illingworth,
, 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.Twittey, D.R. Wright,

Deputy Young Mayor – Kelsey Mackie

Chief Executive
Head of Communications & Monitoring Officer
Democracy & Involvement Officer

The Reverend Kevin Ashby offered prayers

CO1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnes, Holmes, and Hutchison.

CO2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

The Mayor addressed the Council with an account of her Mayoral year during which she

- stated it had been a wonderful year during which she had met many new people and experienced new challenges;
- highlighted some of the many events she had both attended and hosted;
- explained that the experience had enabled her to hone her skills and had encouraged her to get further involved in political life;
- expressed her thanks and appreciation to:
 - her sister, Mrs Christine Rodrigues, the Mayoress for helping with transport to events and with fund raising activities
 - Sarah Burzio who had also helped with fund raising activities

- The Democracy & Involvement Officer, Lena Shuttlewood, for her hard work in managing her diary and organising civic events;
- Councillor Posnett for her time and effort in organising the trip to Sochczew
- Councillor John Wyatt for supporting her as her Deputy
- All Councillors who had helped and supported the fund raising for Dove Cottage Day Hospice;
- The Chief Executive, Lynn Aisbett, for her assistance and support at Full Council meetings;
- Councillor Illingworth and Mr Steve Carter for their help in running the charity auction at her Civic Dinner

The Mayor presented gifts as tokens of her appreciation. She also presented a gift to her father. The Mayor advised Members that on their behalf she had given money to her charity, Dove Cottage, in lieu of gifts.

The Mayor then made a presentation of a special award to Mr Michael Cooke, former editor of the Melton Times. Her award was given in recognition of the following:

- Launched the Melton Times New Year's Honours and Community Awards (to recognise the efforts of the volunteers and charity workers in the Melton area);
- Involved in the Make It Happen funding awards for local good causes in conjunction with Ragdale Hall each year;
- Committee Member for the Romy Appeal Fund;
- Launched appeals for specific causes ranging from Birch Wood School's Minibus and Pablo's Horse Sanctuary to the Storehouse Project and the Air Ambulance;
- Active member of the Melton Town Centre Partnership, which works to regenerate the area and help local businesses;
- Organised the Melton Times Business Awards;
- Allowed the Melton Times office to be a collection point for people making donations to various good causes;
- Often helps out at charity fundraising events.

Mr Cooke was present to receive the award. The Mayor stated he was a good all rounder and a real champion for Melton.

The Mayor concluded her remarks by informing Members that her charity appeal currently stood at £5,111.94. There were further funds to come in and she would publicise the final amount when known.

CO3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Cumbers proposed that Councillor Wyatt be elected Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2015. In support of her nomination, Councillor Cumbers stated she and Councillor Wyatt had been friends for many years and she had the utmost respect for him and his integrity. He was a very experienced Councillor who worked hard and would bring credit to the Borough.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Illingworth who also spoke to Councillor

Wyatt's qualities as a good friend and colleague.

On the motion being put to the vote, the majority was in favour and accordingly the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Wyatt be elected Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2015.

CO4. INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND MAYORESS

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

Councillor Gordon invested Councillor Wyatt with the Chain of Office.

The Mayoress then invested Mrs. Nina Wyatt with the Mayoress' Chain of Office.

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

(b) The Mayor gave thanks for his election. He thanked Councillor Cumbers for her words and Councillor Illingworth for seconding the nomination.

CO6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Posnett stated she wished to be the first to congratulate Councillor Wyatt on his election. She then proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor and Mayoress. In so doing, she referred to the enthusiasm with which Councillor Gordon had undertaken her role, something many people remarked upon. She had also shown her talents as a poet in writing a poem for Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth Day and as a musician, when she had played her trumpet at civic events. Councillor Gordon had attended many events and she had made no secret of her faith. Her chosen charity had been well deserving as it helped so many people.

Councillor Illingworth seconded the vote of thanks stating that Councillor Gordon had brought her own inimitable style to the Mayoral role. There was nothing wrong in having an enjoyable year for the individual concerned which clearly Councillor Gordon had done.

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

CO7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Graham congratulated the new Mayor and proposed that Councillor Douglas be elected Deputy Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2015. Councillor Douglas would show the same enthusiasm in the role of Deputy Mayor that she had in her involvement with other aspects of Council work.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Manderson who commended Councillor

Douglas as a sociable person who enjoys meeting people and takes a lively interest in all aspects of the community.

RESOLVED that Councillor Douglas be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2015.

CO8. INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND CONSORT

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

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

Mrs. Nina Wyatt invested Mr Robert Able-Smith with the Deputy Mayor's Consort Chain of Office.

(b) Councillor Douglas gave thanks for her election and said it was a sincere honour to be elected and would offer her support to the Mayor and Mayoress.

CO9. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Douglas proposed that Councillor Rhodes be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2014. In support of her nomination, Councillor Douglas said that Councillor Rhodes had been a marvellous asset to the Council during difficult times and under his leadership, the Council would be able to build on its foundations for the future.

Councillor Sheldon seconded the proposal, commending Councillor Rhodes for his tireless work for the community as a whole.

On the motion being put to the vote, the majority was in support and therefore the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rhodes be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2015.

CO10. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader extended congratulations to Councillor Wyatt on his election as Mayor and to Mrs Wyatt and Councillor Douglas and her Consort wishing them a successful and happy year.

The Leader prefaced his report by stating that the coming year would be the final year of this Council before the Borough elections and the General Election on 7 May 2015. There was a year for the Council to complete everything it was going to do. This applied to each individual Councillor as well as the Council as a whole.

In his annual report to the Council he reviewed progress on the Council's leading projects as well as the Council's overall performance:

Performance:

The Council could be satisfied with its performance over the last year. Customer service operations were much improved and over 90% of calls were now answered straightaway. He commended the staff in customer services for doing a very good job.

There were weaknesses in other areas but the management team was doing all it could to improve performance and eliminate the problems.

The Transformation Project – labelled Digital by Default – would be driven by the new website which was to go live on 13 June 2014. In time it would mean that there would be no need to re-key data anywhere in the Council and more of the business interaction with residents and businesses would be online.

Planning Applications:

The Council was receiving increasing numbers of planning applications, especially for wind turbines and large housing developments. The Planning Committee, who he felt worked harder than any other committee, have a particular challenge and often their decisions were not well received. Unfortunately, it was still not accepted by many people that the Planning Committee was a quasi-judicial body and was not political. Comments on planning applications could only be effective when they were about planning considerations. Wind turbine applications were causing more concern than any other.

The Council had commissioned work in conjunction with Rushcliffe Borough Council to do the landscape studies which would lead to a detailed SPD for the Local Plan by the end of the year. The Council would then have the policy in place to deal with these applications more effectively and with more confidence.

Housing:

The Council's Housing officers were nearly always under pressure as the number of urgent applications for help exceeded the capacity to deal with them as we would wish. Overall though, they were able to deal with those most in need in a reasonable time. With more affordable housing available, the situation would be much better. This was essential and must be borne in mind when considering housing applications. Fortunately since the Council acquired the full responsibility for council housing finance 2 years ago, the position with council housing was much improved.

The future would see a modest increase in the numbers of council houses over the next few years but housing associations would still be the main source of new provision. Members were reminded about the proposal for a Foyer development of 24 units for young people to be helped to fend for themselves as they entered adulthood.

Supporting Families:

The Supporting Families programme continued to deliver really good work. A recent inspection of the county programme put Leicestershire, including Melton, second in the country after the Scilly Isles. This meant that since Melton was the

best performing authority in the county, it was number one amongst authorities with significant numbers of families needing help.

Financial position:

In the first year of this Council, some major decisions were taken that were now paying off: the Waterfield Leisure Centre was making a £249K a year profit compared with £233K loss before it was refurbished.

Ending free collections of Green Waste had saved more than £150K per annum. Recently £30K had been put back to support the green waste club scheme to protect users as the contractor moved the charge towards and economical market rate.

Paying off the old council debt had saved more than £400K per annum in capital and interest charges. These measures and others had protected residents against sever cut back in services as Government grant reduced.

Major Projects:

(1) Development of the Local Plan: The decision to involve interested members of the public and businesses through reference groups was showing promise although there was still 2 years of work ahead. However, the more people who are involved and influence the new plan, the more chance the Council had of getting it right and accepted as 'sound'.

Recently the Council had taken the decision to pay for detailed traffic modelling of the roads infrastructure through the LLITM and Paramics systems, which would give the capability down to traffic junction level to model the effect of new development on traffic. This would enable the Council to back up its campaign for the Melton bypass with hard facts and analysis.

(2) New Sports Centre: Members were told that the Leader was optimistic that the Council would achieve its goal of building a new sports centre in the town. Some legal issues were to be resolved which was causing a hold up but he was hoping to announce an important development in the project before the holidays.

(3) Cattle Market: The Leader was pleased to report that LLEP had awarded the Council £60K to develop the project plan and this would be available by the end of the year. The Council would provide match funding and this would confirm the Council's commitment to a livestock market on the Scalford Road site.

(4) Broadband: The roll out of the high speed broadband in the rural areas of the Borough had begun. It was on course for 95% coverage within the next 2 years and the Council was working with the County Council to get the remaining 5%

The Leader concluded his report by referring to Members of the Council: councillors often did not enjoy a good reputation with the public. It had become the norm to distrust councillors almost as much as they distrusted MPs – although a recent poll had put councillors well ahead of MPs on the trust scale. He referred to the sustained criticism, or worse, that Members could face once they had been elected which might make them wonder if it was really worth it. His view, and one he had held since starting out as a parish councillor over 30 years ago, was that becoming a councillor was one of the best ways of serving the community.

Elected office was a privilege. He went on to quote former American President Roosevelt who said “the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing”. Council work was hard and it was work worth doing no matter what pressures and irritations it might bring from time to time.

The Leader urged the Council to look forward with confidence to its final year before the elections and to do its best to deserve the trust of those who had elected them.

CO11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Orson congratulated the Mayor on his election. He proposed that Councillor Posnett continue to be appointed as Deputy Leader. He referred to the difficult balance that was to be achieved as a deputy and Councillor Posnett had provided that balance. She not only represented a town ward but possessed a rich sweep across the town as a result of the various interests she represented and he therefore had no hesitation in nominating that she continue as Deputy Leader.

Councillor Manderson seconded the proposal and stated that Councillor Posnett had worked hard to support the Leader throughout the year and she was loyal and reliable.

On being put to the vote, the majority were in favour. It was

RESOLVED that Councillor Posnett be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2015.

CO12. LEADER OF THE LABOUR GROUP

The Chief Executive announced that in her capacity as Head of Paid Service she had received notification that, with immediate effect, the Labour Group had chosen Councillor Moncrieff as the Leader of that Group, and Councillor Bush as the Deputy Leader.

CO13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Mayor stated that on Saturday he would be attending the Young Farmers Rally and the Mayor of Bourne's Civic Service. He was looking forward to the trip to the twin town of Sochaczew in June.

(b) The Mayor announced that his Mayor's Appeal would be The Derbyshire, Leicestershire, and Rutland Air Ambulance and Dove Cottage Day Hospice.

CO14. ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSONS AND CONSULTEES, 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) and receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee and Sub-Committee as well as each Group's Committee Spokespersons and Consultees, appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs, Forums, Partnerships, Working Groups, Outside Organisations and Lead Members for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2015.

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

Councillor Moncrieff, having congratulated Councillor Wyatt on his election to Mayor, stated he would be supporting the allocation of seats to the various committees and other appointments. However, he wished to make the following points:

- He noted that, with only 3 exceptions, every seat that did not require political balance had been given to a Conservative group member. He expressed disappointment that some of the experience in the Labour group was not being fully utilised. He welcomed the appointment of 2 members of the Independent group as Council representatives on outside organisations and hoped that in future years more thought would go into getting the right person in the right job and not just someone from the Conservative group;
- He noted that the Leader had maximised the Committee chairs and vice-chairs to the full benefit of the Conservative group so that 13 out of 18 members of that group would now receive a Special Responsibility Allowance. He referred to previous comments he had made in the past regarding SRA payments to vice-chairs which he regarded as superfluous;
- Referring to the Labour group vacancy on the Planning Committee, he stated that there were only 2 members of his group who could realistically meet the time commitments of that committee. However, he felt he was not in position to take up a seat having recently resigned from that committee over the contents of an email from the Chief Executive; for him to take this seat would require a satisfactory resolution;
- Referring to the substitute members put forward by the Conservative group for the Planning Committee and noting that they were the 3 dual hated County Council members. He wondered what the scenario would be if they were considering a wind turbine application in the Vale of Belvoir.

The Leader responded by first congratulating Councillor Moncrieff on becoming Leader of the Labour group. He stated that the Labour group was free to put forward nominations for representation on Outside Organisations and this could be discussed for the future. He acknowledged the point that Councillor Moncrieff had reiterated about the payment of a SRA for vice-chairs of committees but stated that was a point on which they were not going to agree as he felt the vice-chairs of committees did a sterling job. Finally, the Leader expressed the hope that all groups would work together over the next 12 months for the benefit of the Borough.

Before moving to the vote, Councillor Orson asked to raise a point of order. He wished to place on record his thanks to Councillor O'Callaghan for being Leader of the Opposition for the last 3 years. Councillor O'Callaghan had lead with

intelligence and passion. Councillor Orson then congratulated Councillor Moncrieff on becoming the Labour group Leader and said he looked forward to continuing the good working relationship. The motion as moved was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the political balance percentages and number of seats allocated to each political group as set out in the table below be noted :-

Group	No. of Cllrs	Percentage		Allocation of Seats over 6 Committees
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
Totals	28	100%	99.99	57 seats

* 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 3.4 and the nominations as submitted by the Political Group Leaders for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2015 be as follows :-

Political balance required:

Committee	Appointments 2014/15	Substitutes 2014/15
<u>Appeals</u> 5 Members Political Balance Required 3 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent Substitutes 2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent	Conservative P. Cumbers S. Lumley (C) N. Slater	Conservative J.T. Orson J. Simpson
	Labour L. Horton	Labour J. Moulding
	Independent A. Freer-Jones	Independent E. Holmes
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<u>Community & Social Affairs</u> 10 Members Political Balance Required 7 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent	Conservative P.M. Chandler J. B. Rhodes M.C.R.Graham MBE J. Illingworth (VC) S. Lumley P.M. Posnett D.R. Wright (C)	Conservative J. Douglas M.R. Sheldon N. Slater
	Labour L. Horton T. Moncrieff	Labour G. Bush

Committee	Appointments 2014/15	Substitutes 2014/15
Sunstitutes 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	Independent M. Twitney	Independent E. Holmes
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<u>Governance</u> 10 Members Political Balance Required 7 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 1 Single Cllr Substitutes 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	Conservative P. Cumbers J.M. Douglas M.C.R. Graham MBE (C) V.J. Manderson (VC) J.T. Orson M.R. Sheldon N. Slater	Conservative G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler
	Labour T. Moncrieff	Labour G. Bush
	Independent A. Freer-Jones	Independent E. Holmes
	M. Gordon	-
	Conservative P. Baguley G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler (C) P. Cumbers J. Illingworth M.R. Sheldon J. Simpson (VC)	Conservative P.M. Posnett J.T. Orson J.B. Rhodes
Labour G. Bush Vacancy	Labour	
<u>Planning</u> 11 Members Political Balance Required 7 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent Substitutes 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	Independent A. Freer-Jones E. Holmes	Independent E. Hutchison
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Committee	Appointments 2014/15	Substitutes 2014/15
<u>Policy, Finance & Administration</u> 10 Members Political Balance Required 6 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent 1 Single Cllr Substitutes 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	Conservative M.W. Barnes P.M. Posnett (VC) J.B. Rhodes (C) J. Simpson D.R. Wright J. Wyatt	Conservative G.E. Botterill J.T. Orson
	Labour G. Bush M. O'Callaghan	
	Independent E. Hutchison	Independent A. Freer-Jones
	M. Gordon	-
<u>Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs</u> 11 Members Political Balance Required 7 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent Substitutes 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	Conservative P. Baguley G.E. Botterill J. Douglas V.J. Manderson J.T. Orson (C) J.B. Rhodes M.R. Sheldon(VC)	Conservative P.M. Chandler N. Slater D.R. Wright
	Labour T. Moncrieff J. Moulding	Labour G. Bush
	Independent E. Holmes E. Hutchison	Independent A. Freer-Jones M. Twitney
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Committee	Appointments 2014/15	Substitutes 2014/15
<u>Governance Sub- Committee 1</u> 5 Members Political Balance Required 3 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent Substitutes 2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent	Conservative P. Cumbers M.C.R. Graham MBE (C) N. Slater	Conservative G.E. Botterill P. Chandler
	Labour T. Moncrieff	Labour G. Bush
	Independent A Freer-Jones	Independent E. Holmes
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<u>Governance Sub- Committee 2</u> 5 Members Political Balance Required 3 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent Substitutes 2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent	Conservative J.M. Douglas V. Manderson (C) J.T. Orson	Conservative G.E. Botterill P. Chandler
	Labour T. Moncrieff	Labour G. Bush
	Independent A Freer-Jones	Independent E. Holmes
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<u>Licensing & Regulatory</u> 10 Members Political Balance Not required Substitutes 3 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Independent	Conservative M.W. Barnes P. Baguley P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers (C) P.M. Posnett N. Slater (VC) J. Wyatt	Conservative
	Labour G. Bush	Labour T. Moncrieff
	Independent E. Holmes	Independent E. Hutchison
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(3) the following be appointed as the Committee Spokespersons/Consultees 2014/15:

Committee	Administration 2014/15	Opposition 2014/15	Independent 2014/15
Community & Social Affairs	D.R. Wright	T. Moncrieff	M. Twitney
Governance	M.C.R. Graham MBE	T. Moncrieff	A. Freer-Jones
Licensing & Regulatory	P. Cumbers	G. Bush	E. Holmes
Planning	P. Chandler	G. Bush	A Freer-Jones
Policy, Finance & Administration*	J.B. Rhodes	G. Bush	E. Hutchison
Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs	J.T. Orson	T. Moncrieff	E. Holmes

(4) the following be appointed as the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees and the Sub-Committee until the Annual Meeting in 2015 :-

Committee	Chairman 2014/15	Vice-Chairman 2014/15
Appeals	S. Lumley	
Community & Social Affairs	D.R. Wright	J. Illingworth
Governance	M.C.R.Graham	V.J. Manderson
Planning	P.M. Chandler	J. Simpson

Committee	Chairman 2014/15	Vice-Chairman 2014/15
Licensing & Regulatory	P. Cumbers	N. Slater
Policy, Finance & Administration*	J.B. Rhodes	P.M. Posnett
Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs	J.T. Orson	M.R. Sheldon
Sub-Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Governance Sub-Committee 1	M.C.R. Graham MBE	
Governance Sub-Committee 2	V.J. Manderson	

(5) the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Forums, Partnerships and Working Groups until the Annual Meeting in 2015 :-

Forums	No. of Cllrs.	Appointments 2014/15
Leicestershire County Council Highway Forum	4	P.M. Chandler E. Holmes S. Lumley J. Wyatt
Seniors' Forum	4	P. Cumbers N. Slater
Tenants' Forum	4	P.M. Chandler J. Illingworth S. Lumley D.R. Wright

Partnerships	No. of Cllrs.	Appointments 2014/15
Leicestershire Household Waste Management Steering Group	1	J.T. Orson M.R. Sheldon (Sub)
Leicestershire Rural Partnership	1	Representative no longer required
Melton Safer Communities Partnership	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
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 2014/15
Budget & Strategic Planning Working Group Political Balance required: 4 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr	6	Conservative M.C.R. Graham MBE J.T. Orson J.B. Rhodes D.R. Wright
		Labour G. Bush
		Independent M. Twitney
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Cattle Market Working Group Political Balance required: 5 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr	8	Conservative P.M. Chandler J.T. Orson P.M. Posnett J. Simpson J. Wyatt
		Labour G. Bush T. Moncrieff
		Independent E. Holmes

Working Group	No. of Cllrs.	Appointments 2014/15
<p>Joint Staff Working Group</p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i> 5 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr</p>	7	<p>Conservative J. Douglas M.C.R. Graham MBE J. Illingworth P.M. Posnett N. Slater</p> <hr/> <p>Labour T. Moncrieff</p> <hr/> <p>Independent E. Holmes</p>
<p>Melton Local Plan Working Group</p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i> 6 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr</p>	9	<p>Conservative P.M. Chandler J.M. Douglas J. Illingworth V. Manderson J. Simpson D.R. Wright</p> <hr/> <p>Labour G. Bush J. Moulding</p> <hr/> <p>Independent E. Hutchison</p>
<p>Tenant Consultative Working Group</p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i> 4 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr 6 Council Tenant representatives Quorum: 2 Members and 2 Council</p>	6	<p>Conservative P.M. Chandler J. Illingworth P.M. Posnett D.R. Wright</p> <hr/> <p>Labour T. Moncrieff</p> <hr/> <p>Independent M. Twitney</p> <hr/> <p>-</p>

Working Groups – Not politically balanced

Planning Enforcement Working Group <i>Political Balance not required</i>	6	Conservative G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers J. Illingworth
		Labour G. Bush
		Independent E. Holmes

(6) the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Outside Organisations until the Annual Meeting in 2015 :-

Organisation	No. Cllrs	Appointments 2014/15
De Montfort University Court	2	Mayor – J. Wyatt Deputy Mayor – J. Douglas
East Midlands Councils Representative	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	S. Lumley
LGA – General Assembly	1	J.B. Rhodes
Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum	1	J. Wyatt
Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association	1	P.M. Chandler

Organisation	No. Cllrs	Appointments 2014/15
Melton & Oakham Waterways Local Authority Working Group	1	P. Cumbers
Melton & District Furniture Project	1	P. Cumbers
Melton Young Singles Trust (MYST)	1	S. Lumley
Police and Crime Panel	1	J.B. Rhodes M.C.R.Graham MBE (Sub)
Rural Services Network & SPARSE	1	P.M. Posnett
Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Voluntary Action Melton	1	P.M. Posnett

(7) the following be appointed as the Council's Lead Members until the Annual Meeting in 2015:-

Subject area	Detail	No	2014/15
Place	Affordable Housing Economic Development Neighbourhoods Transport Environment/Waste Arts/Heritage	1	D.R. Wright
People	Youth/Vulnerable People Health Seniors/Older People Community Safety	1	P.M. Posnett

Resources	Assets Efficiencies Procurement Training/Culture/ Workforce Strategic Finance	1	J.B. Rhodes
Regulation	Planning Regulation	1	P.M. Chandler
Town Centre		1	P. M. Posnett
Access		1	N. Slater
Performance Management		1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Risk		1	J. Douglas
Customer Service		1	D.Wright
Twinning		1	P.M. Posnett

(8) it be noted that political balance was not required for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

(9) 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 meeting which commenced at 7 p.m., closed at 8.03 p.m.

Mayor