

Agenda

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| Meeting name | Meeting of the Council |
| Date | Tuesday, 26 April 2022 |
| Start time | 6.30 pm |
| Venue | Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray LE13 1GH |
| Other information | This meeting is open to the public |

Members of the Council are summoned to the above meeting to consider the following items of business.

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Chief Executive

Membership

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| Councillors | P. Faulkner (Chair) | A. Hewson (Vice-Chair) |
| | S. Atherton | R. Bindloss |
| | R. Browne | S. Carter |
| | P. Chandler | R. Child |
| | P. Cumbers | R. de Burle |
| | J. Douglas | C. Evans |
| | C. Fisher | A. Freer |
| | M. Glancy | M. Graham MBE |
| | L. Higgins | E. Holmes |
| | J. Illingworth | S. Lumley |
| | J. Orson | P. Posnett MBE |
| | D. Pritchett | R. Smith |
| | M. Steadman | T. Webster |
| | J. Wilkinson | P. Wood |

Quorum: 14 Councillors

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| Meeting enquiries | Democratic Services |
| Email | democracy@melton.gov.uk |
| Agenda despatched | Thursday, 14 April 2022 |

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| 1. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| 2. | HONORARY ALDERMAN PRESENTATION CEREMONY The title of Honorary Alderman will be conferred upon Mr Gerald Botterill with the Mayor presenting a scroll. Members will be given an opportunity to comment. | |
| 3. | MINUTES To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2022. | 1 - 14 |
| 4. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Members to declare any interest as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting. | 15 - 16 |
| 5. | MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
| 6. | LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
| 7. | PUBLIC QUESTION TIME In accordance with the Constitution, Members of the Council may answer questions from the public of which notice has been given. One question has been received. | |
| 8. | QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS In accordance with the Constitution, a Member may ask the Leader, the Chair of the Council or a Committee Chair, a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Borough. One question has been received. | |
| 9. | MOTIONS ON NOTICE In accordance with the Constitution, motions on notice must be signed by at least two Members and be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Melton Borough. Reverend Ashby The following motion was received from Councillor Posnett (Seconded by Councillor Orson). Reverend Kevin Ashby has been the rector of St Mary's Church since 2009 and has decided to retire, with his last day being 1 May. | |

Kevin has faced a number of challenges during his time in Melton including the biggest renovation of St Mary's Church in the last two centuries. Kevin had to cope with the Church being closed for a year in 2017 while heating was installed, lighting was upgraded, flooring was levelled, toilets were put in and other features were added for project that cost £2m.

Kevin has also faced the challenge of continuing his ministry during the Covid pandemic, delivering services online and maintaining links with the community including with many elderly people who were confined to their homes.

Kevin will be remembered for commitment, leadership and enthusiasm and I am sure Members will all join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

I request that Members join me in supporting the following motion:

That the Council recognises and thanks Reverend Kevin Ashby for his service to Melton Mowbray and the prayers he has provided to this Council.

John Skerritt

The following motion was received from Councillor Browne (Seconded by Councillor Orson).

John Skerritt, former Mayor of Melton, has served as Chairman of the Tenants Forum Executive Committee (TFEC) for over 20 years and has made a huge contribution to improving the councils landlord services as a driving force for giving tenants and leaseholders of Melton Borough Council a voice. Before his involvement with TFEC he was a District Councillor between 1973 and 1999 representing Melton Egerton ward.

John stepped down as TFEC chair in February, and whilst TFEC is no longer in place I will ensure that as we move into a new era of engagement and accountability through introduction of the Charter for Social Housing Residents, this Council continues to commit wholeheartedly to tenant and leaseholder engagement and to ensuring our tenants and leaseholders can hold us to account as a landlord, something that John was instrumental in leading and developing.

It has been a pleasure to work with John and he will forever stand out as a hugely committed and effective councillor and tenant leader. His public service contribution to the Borough has been immense and he has impacted positively on so many people's lives.

I request that Members join me in supporting the following motion:

That Council gives thanks to John Skerritt for the dedication and service he has given to the community for almost 50 years.

Safer Communities

The following motion was received from Councillor Fisher (Seconded by Councillor Smith).

The safety and wellbeing of our communities should be at the forefront of our minds at all times. Melton is generally a safe place, where people can go about their lives without fear of crime, and we should not tolerate behaviour or incidents that jeopardise this in any way.

For some time now, our Borough has been subjected to unacceptable anti-social behaviour. Often involving groups of teenagers and attributed to a small minority of our community, this type of issue is not unique to Melton but needs to be addressed before it spirals out of control. Members, I am certain that many of you will have witnessed groups of young people congregating outside McDonald's in the town, in parks and even supermarket car parks which can be quite intimidating for passers-by and whilst this is nothing new there certainly seems to be less available for the younger generations to do nowadays.

Local Police and Council Officers are working extremely hard to identify and take action against those that are responsible for this unacceptable behaviour. However, we need to understand the root causes of this behaviour. We need to create more opportunities to engage with young people in ways that give them a voice and something as simple as a safe place to meet with their peers. The recent pandemic has hit our communities hard. It is likely to have impacted on our young people in ways that we can only understand by reaching out and giving them a voice.

Additionally, over the last eighteen months in Melton alone we have lost two well used facilities; Terminal one an indoor skate park and Yoof which provided an indoor area to meet up and carry out gaming and sports activities. Local scouting groups and sports activity providers do a fantastic job of engaging with young people of all ages, introducing them to new skills and new friends but these don't run full time and don't always appeal to everyone for various reasons.

Whilst commissioning of youth services may not be within this Council's remit, our young people are our future generation. We need to play our part in empowering them and giving them a voice. We need to better understand what they need to grow and prosper and to become responsible adults. We need to work with our partners to create the right opportunities for young people, and to ensure they can access them. We need to understand the root causes for antisocial behaviour and to work with our young people to address them.

I request that Members join me in supporting the following

motion:

- 1. That as a community leader, Melton Borough Council is a driving force in making positive changes for our younger generation, working closely with other partners and with young people across Melton to understand what Melton has to offer young people, what is needed and to develop a clear plan for empowering and supporting young people.**
- 2. To commit to giving young people across Melton a voice. To learn from our young people and to work with them to understand what is needed to improve services and facilities across Melton, and to reduce antisocial behaviour.**
- 3. To support the emerging Action Melton Youth (AMY) project as a key opportunity to engage with, support and empower young people through collaboration with other key partners who collectively, can make a difference.**

Recognition for the Armed Forces who were involved with the Falklands War

The following motion was received from Councillor Higgins (Seconded by Councillor Glancy).

The Falkland's War remains one of the largest air naval combat operations between modern forces since the end of the second world war. This year we mark the 40th anniversary and felt it important to recognise this and give our gratitude to those serving today, who stand ready should they be called upon and recognise that the readiness and professionalism of our Armed Forces is second to none.

As a Council, we signed the Armed Forces Covenant in partnership with Rushcliffe and Charnwood Borough Council in 2013 and since then we have supported veterans in a number of ways. To name a few:

1. The support we give to people in terms of recruitment / employment. I know we have a Guaranteed Interview Scheme for Veterans and Reservists and the Council have recently applied for Gold Standard Employer status.
2. We offer a range of support and advocacy through training, building awareness and engaging community-based groups.
3. We have reviewed the allocations policy to support veterans in the Borough.
4. We play an active part in supporting the Armed Forces in Leicestershire.

I request members join me in supporting the following motion:

As a Council, we reaffirm our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and in particular we recognise those who served and

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| | pay tribute to those who laid down their lives, suffered injury (whether mental or physical) and recognise all those families who lost loved ones on all sides during the Falklands War. | |
| 10. | MELTON LOCAL PLAN 2011-2036 REVIEW The Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity is to present the Melton Local Plan 2011-2036 Review. | 17 - 34 |
| 11. | ASSET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE The Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity is to present the Asset Development Programme Update. | 35 - 48 |
| 12. | GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2022-2025 The Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement is to present the Gambling Act 2005, Statement of Principles. | 49 - 86 |
| 13. | REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS The Monitoring Officer is to present the review of political balance and allocation of seats to political groups. | 87 - 96 |