

**SUTTON COLDFIELD
DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 25 JULY 2016**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUTTON
COLDFIELD DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 25 JULY 2016 AT 1700 HOURS,
COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

PRESENT: Councillors David Barrie; Lyn Collin; Maureen Cornish,
Meirion Jenkins, David Pears, Robert Pocock, Anne Underwood,
Ken Wood and Alex Yip

CO-OPTED MEMBERS: Eric Shipton – Housing Liaison Board
Lorna Steers – Housing Liaison Board

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Davis – Interim District Head
Patrick Canavan – Area Housing Manager, Housing Services
Sarah Stride – Committee Manager

**ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND VICE CHAIR FOR SUTTON
COLDFIELD DISTRICT**

On the receipt of nominations, it was:-

RESOLVED: -

- a) That Councillor Anne Underwood be elected Chairman (Executive Member) for the Sutton Coldfield District Committee for the Municipal Year 2016/2017, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the 2017/18 Municipal Year;
- b) That Councillor David Barrie be elected Vice-Chairman for the Sutton Coldfield District Committee for the Municipal Year 2016/2017, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Anne Underwood in the Chair and Councillor David Barrie as Vice-Chair).

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 65 The Chairman advised that the meeting was webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site www.birminghamnewsroom.com and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs. The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where there were confidential or exempt items.
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APOLOGIES

- 66 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Andrew Hardie, Ewan Mackey, Margaret Waddington and Supt Brandon Langley, West Midlands Police for their inability to attend the meeting.
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MINUTES

- 67 The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2016, having previously been circulated to Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Pocock made reference to Minute No. 54 (page 36 of the Minutes) and requested an update as to whether the purchase of the freehold of the Red Rose Shopping Centre had now been completed.

The District Head stated that he would investigate the issue and circulate a briefing note to all Members of the District Committee in due course.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUTTON COLDFIELD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- 68 The Membership of the Committee was noted as follows:-.

Councillors Maureen Cornish, Meirion Jenkins and Anne Underwood (Sutton Four Oaks Ward)

Councillors David Barrie, Ken Wood and Alex Yip (Sutton New Hall Ward)

Councillors Ewan Mackey, David Pears and Margaret Waddington (Sutton Trinity Ward)

Councillors Lyn Collin, Andrew Hardie and Rob Pocock (Sutton Vesey Ward)

Co-opted Members:-

Supt Brandon Langley – West Midlands Police

Richard Stanton – Station Commander, West Midlands Fire Service

Eric Shipton – Housing Liaison Board Representative

Lorna Steers – Housing Liaison Board Representative

Andrew Mitchell, MP was also invited to all meetings.

LEAD OFFICER ARRANGEMENTS

69 The lead officer arrangements were noted as follows: -

Lead Officer: - Mike Davis, Interim District Head (Sutton Coldfield)

Support Officers:-

District Contact Lawyer – To be advised.

Committee Manager - Sarah Stride.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

70 **RESOLVED:-**

Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared, a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

No declarations of interests were declared.

CODE OF CONDUCT

71 Members noted the Code of Conduct for District Committees:

(See Document No. 1)

DISTRICT COMMITTEES FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

72 Members noted the Executive Powers, Rules of Governance and Functions for District Committees:

(See Document No. 2)

The Chairman briefly outlined the changes to the remit of District Committees, which over time, would see more interaction with local partner agencies and scrutiny focus on services delivered at a local level.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016/17

The following District Member appointments were made for the Municipal Year 2016 – 2017:-

Young People's Champion – Councillor Alex Yip

Section 33 Visits Champion – Councillor Maureen Cornish

District Housing Panel Champion – Councillor Ken Wood

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Economic Development and Enterprise Group Champion – Councillor Ewan Mackey

Jobs and Skills Champion – Councillor Meirion Jenkins

Health and Wellbeing Champion – Councillor Andrew Hardie

Heritage and Culture Champion – Councillor Margaret Waddington.

The following District Members were appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the following Community Organisations:

- Sutton Coldfield Town Hall Advisory Board – Councillor Margaret Waddington and Councillor David Pears (Substitute Member)
- Falcon Lodge Advisory Board – Councillor Margaret Waddington.

The following two District Members were appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the following:

- Clifton Road Youth Centre – Councillors David Pears and Andrew Hardie

The following three District Members were appointed to serve as representatives on the following Outside Body:

- Sutton Park Advisory Committee – Councillors David Pears, Anne Underwood and Ewan Mackey.

The following two District Members were appointed to serve as representatives on the following Outside Body:

- Sutton Coldfield Business Improvement District Board (BID) – Councillors David Barrie and Anne Underwood.

It was:-

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RESOLVED:-

That the above Sutton Coldfield District Committee Member Appointments for the Municipal Year 2016 – 2017 be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2016/2017

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RESOLVED: -

That the District Committee note the schedule of meetings for 2016/17: -

2016

19 September
21 November

2017

23 January
March – To be arranged.

All meetings will be held on Monday's at 1700 hours. Venues to be determined.

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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Councillor David Pears advised of the following:-

- (i) Website set up – www.suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.
- (ii) Town Councillors will have new email addresses as from 24 September 2016.
- (iii) Town Councillors will conclude their training on 31 July 2016.
- (iv) The next Town Council meeting will be held on 9 August 2016.
- (v) A bank account for the Town Council has been organised.
- (vi) Work on the chosen Logo was being implemented.
- (vii) An Interim Town Clerk has been appointed until the end of December when a new appointment will be made.

Councillor Pocock congratulated Councillor Pears on all works currently undertaken.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Pears for his verbal presentation.

SUTTON COLDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD CHALLENGE

The District Head gave a verbal report on the Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Challenge and made the following particular points:

- Neighbourhood Challenge was introduced to the constitution last year and involved a scrutiny type enquiry at a localised level. The Neighbourhood Challenge could be about any topic or service – whatever Members felt was a local priority and the enquiry will be developed through a series of challenge exercises.
- Other Districts had carried out a Neighbourhood Challenge on Clean and Green, employment related issues, anti-social behaviour etc.
- A report on the Neighbourhood Challenge exercise with recommendations will be submitted to a future meeting of this District Committee.
- Members of the Sutton Coldfield District are required to identify a theme for their Neighbourhood Challenge and invite people from outside organisations to a future meeting to share their expertise.

The Chairman stated that Members had undertaken preliminary work and had liaised with local churches, outside organisations and partners to discuss

dementia and isolation in the elderly with the aim to work together in a collaborative way.

- 76 It was therefore recommended that the Neighbourhood Challenge for the Sutton Coldfield District concentrate on 'dementia and isolation' and that the Chairman (Councillor Underwood), and Councillors Cornish and Collin meet in the near future to discuss the way forward.

WARD MEETINGS AND WARD ACTION TRACKER

The following power point presentation slides from the District Head and Service Lead for Community Government and Support were submitted:-

(See Document No. 3)

The District Head introduced the presentation and responded appropriately to comments raised by Members.

It was –

- 77 **RESOLVED:-**

That the power point slides and the verbal presentation be noted.

UPDATE ON SUTTON COLDFIELD HOUSING LIAISON BOARD

The following presentation from Eric Shipton and Lorna Steers, Housing Liaison Board Representatives, was circulated at the meeting:-

(See Document No. 4)

Eric Shipton, Housing Liaison Board representative introduced the presentation and confirmed that the Board had been granted a budget for 2016/17.

Members welcomed the presentation and congratulated Eric Shipton and Lorna Steers on the work undertaken to date and looked forward to being involved in future projects that have a significant impact to residents and the District as a whole.

It was -

- 78 **RESOLVED:-**

That the presentation and verbal explanation be noted.

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE UPDATE

It was noted that the representative from West Midlands Police was not in attendance at the meeting.

Members raised the following concerns and requested that an officer attend the next meeting to discuss:

- Clarification needed on Police Officer's jurisdiction in relation to vehicles parking on road junctions and kerbs, in particular around Schools.
- Feedback requested on the nuisance of motorbikes in parks and what the Police are doing to combat the situation.
- Shoplifting in Gracechurch Shopping Centre.

It was –

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RESOLVED:-

That a representative from West Midlands Police be requested to attend the next meeting of the Sutton Coldfield District Committee to discuss the concerns raised in the above preamble.

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

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It was noted that the representative from West Midlands Fire Service was not in attendance at the meeting.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)

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No items of Other Urgent Business were submitted.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Chairman to move:-

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"In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee".

The meeting closed at 1815 hours.

CHAIRMAN