GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of Council held in the Ceremony Room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Richard Craig (In the Chair)

Councillor Matt Boles
Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Liz Clews (arrived at 7:07pm)
Councillor Dennis Dannatt
Councillor Tim Davies
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Chris Lambie
Councillor Pat O'Connor
Councillor Keith Panter
Councillor James Plastow
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Denise Schofield
Councillor Baptiste Velan
Councillor James Ward
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

In Attendance:

Claire Hill — Town Clerk
Rachel Allbones — Deputy Clerk

Also Present: One Member of the public

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN / MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Chairman opened the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman. One nomination was received.

RESOLVED that the 2019 / 2020 Chairman and Mayor is Councillor Panter.

Note: Councillor Schofield voted against the above resolution.

Councillor Panter presented the outgoing Mayor with his Past Mayor medal.

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN / MAYOR OF GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Panter signed and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

3. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN / DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Chairman requested nominations for Vice Chairman. One nomination was received.

RESOLVED that the 2019 / 2020 Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor is Councillor Craig.

Note: Councillor Schofield voted against the above resolution.
Note: Councillors Davies, Lambie & Woolley abstained from voting on the above resolution.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE CHAIRMAN / MAYOR OF GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Craig signed and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILLORS

All Members Declarations of Acceptance of Office were received prior to the meeting.

Note: Councillor Clews arrived at the meeting at 7:07pm.

6. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Sally Loates

7. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

8. TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman requested nominations for Leader. One nomination was received.

RESOLVED that the 2019 / 2020 Leader of the Council is Councillor Boles.

RESOLVED under Standing Order 10.a.vi to alter the order of business and take item 10 next.

Note: Councillor Rollings voted against the above resolution.

10. TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

i. Management and Finance Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Management and Finance Committee for 2019 / 2020, Councillors – Clarke, Craig, Dobbie, Key, Rollings, Velan

RESOLVED that Councillor Boles (ex-officio) be appointed Chairman of the Management and Finance Committee for 2019/2020.

Note: Councillors Lambie and Schofield abstained from voting on the above resolution.

ii. Community Services Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Community Services Committee for 2019 / 2020, Councillors – Clews, Dannatt, Lambie, Plastow, Rollings, Ward

Note: Councillor Schofield abstained from voting on the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rollings be appointed Chairman of the Community Services Committee for 2019/2020.

Note: Councillors Davies & Schofield voted against the above resolution.

iii. Planning and Development Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Planning and Development Committee for 2019 / 2020, Councillors – Craig, Dobbie, Plastow, Velan.

Note: Councillors Davies & Schofield voted against the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dobbie be appointed Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee for 2019/2020.

Note: Councillors Davies & Schofield voted against the above resolution.

iv. Personnel Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Personnel Committee for 2019 / 2020, Councillors – Clews, Craig, Dannatt. Key, Rollings

RESOLVED that Councillor Craig be appointed Chairman of the Personnel Committee for 2019 / 2020.

v. Allotments Sub-Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Allotments Sub-Committee for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Clarke, Dannatt, Dobbie, Lambie

vi. Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and War Memorial Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and War Memorial Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Clews, Dannatt, Davies, Plastow, Schofield

vii. Policy Review Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Policy Review Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Davies, Dobbie, O'Connor

viii. Cemeteries Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Cemeteries Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Davies, Lambie, Plastow

Note: Councillor Rollings abstained from voting on the above resolution.

ix. Levellings Improvement Working Group

Councillors Craig, Key, Schofield and Ward were proposed and seconded.

Following a vote it was: -

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Levellings Improvement Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Craig, Key, Ward

x. Wildflower Verges Working Group

Councillors Clews, Dannatt, Lambie and Schofield were proposed and seconded.

Councillor Schofield stood down from the vote.

Following a vote it was: -

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Wildflower Verges Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Clews, Dannatt

xi. Strategic Overview Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Strategic Overview Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Craig, Dobbie, Rollings

Note: Councillors Davies and Schofield voted against the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Woolley abstained from voting on the above resolution.

xii. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group for 2019 / 2020 Councillors – Craig, Dobbie, Ward

Note: Councillors Davies and Schofield voted against the above resolution.

9. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that Councillor Boles be appointed to West Lindsey CAB for 2019 / 2020

RESOLVED that Councillor Dobbie be appointed to Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association for 2019 / 2020

Note: Councillor Schofield voted against the above resolution.
Note: Councillor Lambie abstained from voting on the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dannatt be appointed to Friends of Richmond Park for 2019 / 2020

Note: Councillors Davies & Schofield voted against the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Panter be appointed to the Community Rail Partnership for 2019 / 2020

Note: Councillor Schofield voted against the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dannatt be appointed to Friends of Richmond Park for 2019 / 2020

Note: Councillors Davies & Schofield voted against the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Boles be Safeguarding Champion for Gainsborough Town Council for 2019 / 2020

Note: Councillor Schofield voted against the above resolution.
Note: Councillor Davies abstained from voting on the above resolution.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ward be First Aid Champion for Gainsborough Town Council for 2019 / 2020

Note: Councillor Schofield voted against the above resolution.
Note: Councillors Clarke & Key abstained from voting on the above resolution.

11. COUNCIL MINUTES

i. Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 (Paper A)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Note: Councillors Dannatt, Lambie, O'Connor, Plastow, Rollings, Schofield, Velan and Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were received.

Mr Charlton addressed the Council wishing them all the luck in their endeavours for the town.

Note: Mr Charlton left the meeting.

13. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL (Paper B)

RESOLVED to note Paper B.

14. TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Paper C)

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Committees be received.

Note: Councillors Dannatt, Lambie, O'Connor and Plastow abstained from voting on the above resolution.

15. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS (Paper D)

i. Management and Finance Committee

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to approve end of year accounts for year end 31st March 2019

RESOLVED to approve end of year accounts for year-end 31st March 2019

Note: Councillors Clarke, Dannatt, Lambie, O'Connor and Plastow abstained from voting on the above resolution.

16. ROSES SPORTS GROUND (Paper E)

RESOLVED under Standing Order 10.a.xi to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest.

Members receive progress update from the Clerk.

The Clerk provided a verbal brief history of the project for new Members.

RESOLVED to allow press and public back into the meeting.

17. TOWN CENTRE EVENT JUNE 2019 (Paper F)

Members **NOTED** the update from the Clerk in relation to planning and marketing.

A Member raised concerns that the Town Council was not given recognition for its support and 50% funding on social media promotion for the Gainsborough Food and Garden Festival.

The Clerk advised that there had been a request for a Member to help judge in the Bake-Off competition.

RESOLVED that the Mayor should would represent Gainsborough Town Council as a judge in the Bake-Off competition.

18. CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

RESOLVED that the cheque signatories for 2019 / 2020 be Councillors Key, Panter and Boles.

19. 2019 / 2020 MEETING CALENDAR (Paper G)

RESOLVED that all meetings on the proposed calendar be moved on a day, i.e. Full Council, Community Services, Management and Finance and Planning and Development all become Wednesday meetings, and Personnel becomes a Thursday meeting.

Note: Councillors Clarke, Davies, Key, Lambie, Schofield and Woolley voted against the above resolution.

20. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (Paper H)

Members **NOTED** the current position in relation to eligibility for the General Power of Competence.

21. REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (Paper I)

The Clerk distributed the report and presented same to members accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 8:51pm.