

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH
HELD AT SWANSPool HOUSE, WELLINGBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor P Bell and Councillors Abram, Allebone, Aslam, Anslow, Bailey, Beirne, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Graves, Griffiths, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Maguire, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, M Waters, V Waters, Watts and York.

Officers present: Mrs L Elliott, (Managing Director), Mrs B Gamble, (Director), Miss J Thomas, (Director/Monitoring Officer), Miss K Denton, Mrs V Jessop, Mrs S Knowles (Assistant Directors), Mr G Betts and Miss S Gibson (Mayor's Sergeant and Deputy Sergeant) and Mrs F Hubbard (Democratic Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that an apology for absence was received from Councillor Hallam.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the council's code of conduct and the council's constitution, the following declarations were made.

Name of Councillor	Item	Interest
Abram	9	Other – son works at the Castle Theatre
Maguire	Planning 14/03/2018 WP/18/00012/FUL	Other – is a ward councillor and supporter of the planning application
Partridge-Underwood	9	Other – daughter works at the Castle Theatre

3. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 FEBRUARY 2018

The minutes of the council meeting held on 27 February 2018 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 27 February 2018 be confirmed and signed.

4. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 1 MARCH 2018

The minutes of the extraordinary council meeting held on 1 March 2018 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the extraordinary council meeting held on 1 March 2018 be confirmed and signed.

5. QUESTIONS/PETITIONS/REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

RESOLVED to note that no questions, petitions or requests to address the meeting had been received.

5. MINUTES TO NOTE

The minutes of the following meetings were received to note:

Planning Committee	21 February 2018
Planning Committee	14 March 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meetings be noted.

6. STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE – 9 MARCH 2018

The minutes of the standards assessment sub-committee of 9 March 2018 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the standards assessment sub-committee of 9 March 2018 be adopted.

7. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 19 MARCH 2018

The minutes of the development committee of 19 March 2018 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the development committee of 19 March 2018 be adopted.

8. REPORT OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2018

The minutes of the resources committee of 21 March 2018 were received.

Reference was made to minute 6 - Reserves Policy 2018-19 - and the recommendation that the policy be adopted, which on being put to the vote was declared carried.

Minute 7 - Capital Strategy for the Medium Term – and the recommendation therein, that the strategy be agreed, which on being put to the vote was declared carried.

Minute 8 - Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy 2018-19 and the recommendation therein, which on being put to the vote was declared carried.

Minute 9 - Asset Management Policy and Strategy 2018-28 - and the recommendation therein, which on being put to the vote was declared carried.

RESOLVED that approval be given to:

- (i) the reserves policy 2018-19;
- (ii) the capital strategy for the medium term;
- (iii) the treasury management strategy statement;
- (iv) increasing the Lloyds Bank total investment limit to £7m;
- (v) borrowing being considered as a source of financing for certain capital schemes, based on a strong business case for investment and revenue returns to cover the costs;
- (vi) the asset management policy and strategy 2018-28;
- (vii) the adoption of the minutes of the resources committee held on 21 March 2018.

9. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

The annexed circulated report of the managing director was received in relation to the review of the constitution, with the revised version being appended to the report.

The constitution working party had met on a number of occasions, along with senior officers and a local government lawyer, to identify any omissions or weaknesses in the current constitution. The constitution had been updated and agreed by the working party. The report detailed the salient changes that had been made.

The leader of the council thanked officers for their hard work on the constitution. He acknowledged that a further review was required to address punctuation and typographical issues raised by members. He also noted that the working party had agreed that responsibility for Twinning should be moved from the remit of resources committee to services committee; this change was still to be made. He suggested the constitution be adopted in its current form for the next municipal year and that there be one more sitting of the working group in the autumn to discuss any further changes/corrections.

The leader of the opposition considered the constitution to be a tremendous piece of work, a more user friendly helpful document and a big step forward.

The recommendation to approve and adopt the constitution was proposed by Councillor Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Scarborough.

On being put to the vote It was agreed to adopt the updated constitution for the next municipal year and to reconvene the working party in the autumn to review and recommend any necessary changes.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the adopted of the constitution entitled Constitution April 2018, Version 1.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

There was no further business in relation to the above.

(Councillor Abram and Partridge-Underwood left the meeting during the following item having declared interests).

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in accordance with section 100A(4) to the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information of the descriptions shown in schedule 12A to the Act:

Minute No.	Items	Paragraph of Schedule 12A
12	Theatre Management Contract	E3

12. THEATRE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

The annexed circulated exempt report of the director was received in relation to the tender for the contract to manage and operate the Castle Theatre, Wellingborough.

The report detailed the tender process, which had been completed in accordance with the relevant regulations.

A working group of councillors and officers had agreed the tender documentation and the leader of the council, leader of the opposition and the senior management team had carried out a scoring exercise against the tender to identify a preferred bidder, who they believed was capable of providing a good service to the current and future users of the Castle Theatre and the residents of the borough.

The scrutiny process of the tender included questions of clarification and a visit to other theatres, both of which were satisfactory.

The leader of the council acknowledged the work of officers in bringing this project to a satisfactory conclusion and took the view that the award of the contract would be an opportunity to provide a local theatre for local people for the next 10 to 15 years.

The leader of the council proposed the recommendation that the contract for the management and operation of the Castle Theatre be awarded to Parkwood Creative Ltd. This was seconded by the leader of the opposition who, having been part of the tender evaluation process, was satisfied that Parkwood Creative Ltd met the council's requirements and could deliver the contract.

The leader of the council proposed a recorded vote and under rule 4.1.6 (d) of the constitution, more than seven councillors supported this request for a recorded vote on this item.

The following votes were cast:

For: Councillors Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Beirne, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Graves, Griffiths, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Maguire, Morrall, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, M Waters, V Waters, Watts and York (No.32);

Against: None.

Abstention: None.

Absent: Councillor Hallam (no.1). Councillors Abram and Partridge-Underwood had left the room following their declaration of interest (no.2).

The motion was unanimously declared carried with 32 votes in favour.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the contract for the management and operation of the Castle Theatre being awarded to Parkwood Creative Ltd, as detailed in the tender process.

Mayor

The mayor closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

