

THE MAYOR, MRS JOYCE PAWSON

MINUTES OF: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO CONFER THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Date of Meeting: 16th May 2008

**PRESENT: The Mayor Mrs J Pawson (in the Chair)
Councillors Aldred, A. Barnes, L. Barnes, Challinor, Cheetham, Crawforth, Dickinson, Driver, Eaton, Essex, Evans, Farrington, Forshaw, Gill, Gledhill, Graham, Haworth, Lamb, Lynskey, May, Morris, Neal, Nuttall, S. Pawson, C. Pilling, J. Pilling, Robertson, Sandiford, Smith, Stansfield, H. Steen, P. Steen, Swain, Thorne and Unsworth**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive
Linda Fisher, Executive Director of Regulatory Services
Bill Lawley, Interim Legal and Democratic Services Manager
Heather Moore, Committee and Member Services Manager
Elaine Craven, Civic Services Officer and Leader's Personal Assistant**

CIVIC MATTERS

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/2009. Councillor Christine Gill was proposed by Councillor A. Barnes and seconded by Councillor Swain.

Resolved:

That Councillor Christine Gill be appointed as the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Joyce Thorne was proposed by Councillor Swain and seconded by Councillor A. Barnes.

Resolved:

That Councillor Joyce Thorne be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

3. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR, MAYORESS AND CONSORT

Councillor Driver spoke in relation to the retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort, seconded by Councillor Robertson, to which Mrs Joyce Pawson responded.

Resolved:

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Mrs Joyce Pawson, Councillor Joyce Thorne and Councillor Stuart Pawson for the excellent manner in which they have fulfilled their duties as Mayor, Mayoress and Consort.

4. HONORARY ALDERMEN

In accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council considered nominations to receive the title of Honorary Alderman in recognition of eminent service to the Borough.

Councillor Cheetham proposed Mr Philip Dunne, Mr David Johnson and Mrs Dorothy Ramsden, seconded by Councillor Aldred.

Councillor Lamb proposed Mr Geoffrey Atkinson, Ms Mollie Disley and Mr Michael McShea, seconded by Councillor P Steen.

Councillor C. Pilling proposed Mr James Holt, seconded by Councillor Neal.

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on the following individuals in recognition of their service and dedication to the local community as a Councillor for the Borough of Rossendale.

Mr Geoffrey Atkinson
Ms Mollie Disley
Mr Philip Dunne
Mr James Holt
Mr David Johnson
Mr Michael McShea
Mrs Dorothy Ramsden

BUSINESS MATTERS

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th March 2008 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of made.

8. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items of business.

9. RETIRING COUNCILLORS VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor Neal spoke in relation to those Councillors who had retired or who had not been returned following the Elections on 1st May 2008, seconded by Councillor Swain and supported by Councillor A. Barnes.

Resolved:

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Tina Durkin, David Hancock, Amanda Hewlett, Joyce Pawson, Duncan Ruddick and Alison Tickner, for their hard work throughout their service as elected members of the Borough.

10. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chief Executive reported that the following persons had been elected Councillors on 1st May 2008 and had each made the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor welcomed all new and returned Councillors to the Council.

Resolved:-

That it be noted that the following persons were elected on 1st May 2008.

Name of Person Elected Ward

Janet Graham	Cribden
Darryl Smith	Eden
Lynda Barnes	Facit and Shawforth
Dorothy Farrington	Goodshaw
Gladys Sandiford	Greenfield

Judith Driver	Greensclough
Nicola May	Hareholme
Peter Evans	Helmshore
Hazel Steen	Irwell
Jason Gledhill	Longholme
Tim Nuttall	Whitewell
Jim Pilling	Whitewell
David Stansfield	Worsley

11. APPOINTMENTS OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council.

Councillor Smith moved and Councillor Sandiford seconded that Councillor Swain be appointed Leader of the Council.

Resolved:

That Councillor Swain be appointed Leader of the Council for 2008/09.

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillor Essex moved and Councillor C. Pilling seconded that Councillor Challinor be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for 2008/09.

Resolved:

That Councillor Challinor be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for 2008/09.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, THE LEADER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

There were no communications to report.

13. CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

Members considered the report of the Executive Director of Regulatory Services on the adoption of the Constitution of the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the Council adopts the Constitution of the Council, as amended in relation to the items in the report relating to the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee, and to the Standards Committee.
2. That a further Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2008/09

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive on the size of and appointments to the Cabinet and Committees; the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees; the allocation of seats to the Political Groups; appointments to outside bodies and the programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year. The Mayor referred to an addendum which had been circulated at the meeting.

Resolved:-

1. That the Committees identified at Appendix 1 be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year in accordance with Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, as amended, and that the allocation of seats to each Group be as indicated against each Committee listed.
3. That a Cabinet of six Members be appointed comprising the membership as set out at Appendix 2.
4. That the appointments listed at Appendix 3 be agreed for the ensuing Municipal Year and that the allocation of seats to each Group be as indicated against each Committee, body or position listed.
5. That the list of appointments to outside bodies as set out at Appendix 4 be agreed.
6. That the Public Meetings Schedule for 2008/09 as set out in Appendix 5 be agreed.

(The meeting started at 6.35pm and finished at 8.15pm)