

**THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR JOYCE THORNE**

**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: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor Thorne (in the Chair)  
Councillors Aldred, A. Barnes, L. Barnes, Challinor, Cheetham, Christie, Crawforth, Driver, Eaton, Essex, Evans, Farrington, Gledhill, Graham, Kenyon, Lamb, McInnes, Milling, Morris, Neal, Nuttall, C. Pilling, J. Pilling, Robertson, Sandiford, Smith, Stansfield, H. Steen, P. Steen, Swain, and Unsworth**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Helen Lockwood, Chief Executive  
Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business  
Fiona Meechan, Director of Customers and Communities  
Sian Roxborough, Assistant Head of Legal  
Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager  
Elaine Craven, Civic Services Officer and Leader's Personal Assistant**

**ALSO PRESENT: 2 representatives of the press  
53 members of the public**

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**CIVIC MATTERS**

**1. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011. Councillor Trevor Unsworth was proposed by Councillor A.Barnes and seconded by Councillor Swain.

**Resolved:**

That Councillor Trevor Unsworth be appointed as the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

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

**Resolved:**

That Councillor Gladys Sandiford be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

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

Councillor Essex moved the vote of thanks and spoke in relation to the retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort, seconded by Councillor Lamb, to which Councillor Thorne responded.

**Resolved:**

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Councillor Joyce Thorne, Mrs Luba Reeder and Mr Lee Thorne 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 Kenyon proposed Mrs June Forshaw, seconded by Councillor Neal.

Councillor Evans proposed Mr Michael Manning, 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.

Mrs June Forshaw  
Mr Michael Manning

**5. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MINI MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF THE MINI MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011**

Councillor Thorne, the retiring Mayor, thanked Joshua Proctor, the retiring Mini Mayor, for the work he had done during 2009 to 2010.

The Mayor announced that Charlie Bishop had been appointed as Mini Mayor for 2010/2011 and he was looking forward to working with him during his Mayoral year.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gill, May and Oakes.

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

## 8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 9. URGENT ITEMS

The Mayor reported that there were no urgent items of business.

## 10. RETIRING COUNCILLORS VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor Swain spoke in relation to those Councillors who had retired or who had not been returned following the Elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and was seconded by Councillor A. Barnes.

### Resolved:

1. That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Pat Dickinson, June Forshaw, Graham Haworth and Fred Lynskey, for their hard work throughout their service as elected members of the Borough, in addition to Janet Anderson for her hard work and service whilst M.P. for Rossendale and Darwen.
2. That the Leader of the Council would send a letter of thanks on the Council's behalf to Janet Anderson.

## 11. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chief Executive reported that the following persons had been elected Councillors on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

### **Name of Person Elected   Ward**

Anne Cartner Cheetham	Eden
Alan Neal	Healey & Whitworth
Alyson Barnes	Goodshaw
Granville Morris	Greenfield
Jimmy Eaton	Greensclough
Colin Crawforth	Hareholme
Brian Walter Essex	Helmshore

Michael Robert Christie	Irwell
Liz McInnes	Longholme
Jackie Oakes	Stacksteads
Jim Pilling	Whitewell
Ann Kenyon	Worsley

That in addition to the Ward Councillors, Jake Berry was elected M.P for Rossendale and Darwen Constituency.

## **12. 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 Gledhill moved and Councillor P.Steen seconded that Councillor Swain be appointed Leader of the Council.

### **Resolved:**

- That Councillor Swain be appointed Leader of the Council for 2010/2011.

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 2010/2011.

### **Resolved:**

- That Councillor Challinor be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for 2010/2011.

## **13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, THE LEADER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Mayor had no communications to report.

The Leader of the Council had no communications to report.

The Chief Executive reported that a letter had been received from Jake Berry MP who had sent his apologies for not being able to attend the Annual Meeting and congratulated the Mayor and Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and her consort for their Mayoral year.

## **14. CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Members considered the report of the Director – Business (Monitoring Officer) on the adoption of the Constitution of the Council.

**Resolved:**

1. That the Council adopts the Constitution, as amended.
2. That the Council notes that the Director of Business has made minor amendments to the Constitution comprising typographical, grammatical and formatting amendments.
3. That future minor amendments to the Constitution be delegated to the Director of Business in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

**15. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2010/11**

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, and appointments to Outside Bodies of the Council for the year.

**Resolved:-**

That the Council approve the appointments proposed by the various political groups set out in the following appendices:

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.
2. That a Cabinet of six Members be appointed comprising the membership as set out at Appendix 2.
3. 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.
4. That the list of appointments to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix 4 be agreed.

**(The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.30pm)**

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CHAIR