

THE MAYOR, DR COLIN CRAWFORTH

MINUTES OF: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 18th May 2018

PRESENT: The Mayor Dr Crawford (in the Chair)
Councillors Aldred, Ashworth, A. Barnes, L. Barnes, Essex, Fletcher, Gill, Haworth, Hughes, Johnson, Kempson, Kenyon, Kostyan, Lamb, Lythgoe, MacNae, Marriott, Morris, Neal, Oakes, Procter, Roberts, Robertson, Serridge, Smallridge, Stansfield, Stevens and Walmsley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Sugarman, Chief Executive
Clare Birtwistle, Monitoring Officer
Cath Burns, Director of Economic Development
Sam Plum, Director of Communities
Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager
Stephanie Carroll, Civic Services Officer and Leader's PA
Jenni Cook, Committee and Member Services Officer
Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer
George Taylor, Mayor's Attendant
John Illingworth, Mayor's Attendant

ALSO PRESENT: 44 members of the public and invited guests

Tributes were made, followed by a short silence as a mark of respect for former councillor and Honorary Alderman Michael McShea.

CIVIC MATTERS

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/2019. Councillor Ann Kenyon was proposed by Councillor Procter and seconded by Councillor Essex.

Resolved:

That Councillor Ann Kenyon be appointed as the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

NB: The New Mayor, Councillor Ann Kenyon, chaired the meeting from this point forward.

2. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/2019. Councillor Alyson Barnes made the following proposal which was seconded

by Councillor Essex:

- To forgo having a Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019 and to designate a chairperson for Council meetings to cover if the Mayor is unavailable.
- That Councillor Barbara Ashworth be nominated as Mayor for 2019/2020 at the Annual Meeting to be held in May 2019.
- That Councillor Sean Serridge be agreed as the chairperson for Council meetings to cover if the Mayor is unavailable.

Resolved:

1. To forgo having a Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019 and to designate a chairperson for Council meetings to cover if the Mayor is unavailable.
2. That Councillor Barbara Ashworth be nominated as Mayor for 2019/2020 at the Annual Meeting to be held in May 2019.
3. That Councillor Sean Serridge be agreed as the chairperson for Council meetings to cover if the Mayor is unavailable.

3. PRESENTATION AND VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Alyson Barnes moved the vote of thanks and spoke in relation to the retiring Mayor, seconded by Councillor Granville Morris, to which Dr Crawforth responded.

Resolved:

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Dr Colin Crawforth for the excellent manner in which he has fulfilled his duties as Mayor.

BUSINESS MATTERS

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bromley, Cheetham, James Eaton, Janet Eaton, Farrington, Graham, Shipley and Steen.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st March 2018 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

6. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chief Executive informed members that there was one urgent item of business regarding Councillor Janet Graham who had failed to attend a meeting of the Council since 13th December 2017, where she attended the full Council Meeting. The Local Government Act 1972 stated that when a Council member fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of the last attendance, they cease to be a member of the authority unless the Council approves their reasons prior to the expiry period. The reason for non-attendance was owing to ill health, and members were asked to vote on accepting Councillor Graham's reasons for non-attendance.

Resolved:

The reasons for non-attendance were accepted.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

8. RETIRING COUNCILLORS – VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor Christine Lamb spoke in relation to those councillors who had retired or who had not been returned following the Elections on 3rd May 2018, this was seconded by Councillor Brian Essex.

Resolved:

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Colin Crawforth, Annie McMahon and Michelle Smith for their hard work throughout their service as elected members of the Borough.

9. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chief Executive reported that the following persons had been elected councillors on 3rd May 2018 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 3rd May 2018.

<u>Name of Person Elected</u>	<u>Ward</u>
Anne Cheetham	Eden
Alyson Barnes	Goodshaw
Granville Morris	Greenfield
James Eaton	Greensclough
Christine Gill	Hareholme
Alan Neal	Healey and Whitworth
Brian Essex	Helmshore
Denis Kostyan	Irwell
Joseph Stevens	Longholme
Jackie Oakes	Stacksteads
Karl Kempson	Whitewell
Ann Kenyon	Worsley

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, THE LEADER AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

There were no communications.

11. POLITICAL BALANCE, COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive on the size of committees and appointments, including the appointment of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees;

the allocation of seats to the Political Groups, and appointments to Outside Bodies of the Council.

Resolved:

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

- Appendix A - Draft political balance calculation
- Appendix B - Draft Committees of the Council, Working Groups, other meetings and Member Champions
- Appendix C - Draft representatives on outside bodies

In considering the report members discussed the following:

- Issues with one of the outside bodies.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Council can effectively conduct its business.

Alternative Options Considered

None

12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Members considered the report of the Monitoring Officer on the adoption of the Constitution of the Council.

Resolved:

That the Council adopts the Constitution for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

Reason for Decision

The Council is required by law to implement a Constitution and agree the contents on an annual basis.

Alternative Options Considered

None

(The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.35pm)

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