

COUNCILLOR BARBARA ASHWORTH, MAYOR

MINUTES OF: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 21st May 2021

**PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor Ashworth (in the Chair)
Councillors Adshead, A. Barnes, S. Barnes, Cheetham, James Eaton, Essex, Foxcroft, Gill, Haworth, Hughes, Johnson, Kempson, Lythgoe, MacNae, Marriott, Neal, Oakes, Pendlebury, Powell, Procter, Rigby, Rooke, Serridge, Steen, Stevens, Thompson, Walmsley, Whitehead and Woods.**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager
Stephanie Carroll, Civic Services Officer and Leader's PA
John Illingworth, Mayor's Attendant**

**ALSO PRESENT: By remote access - public and guest observers.
Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer**

At the start of the meeting a silence was observed as a mark of respect following the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

CIVIC MATTERS

1. Election of the Mayor

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022. Councillor Jackie Oakes was proposed by Councillor Andrew Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Margaret Pendlebury.

Resolved:

That Councillor Jackie Oakes be appointed as the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

NB: The New Mayor, Councillor Jackie Oakes, 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 2021/2022. Councillor Anne Cheetham was proposed by Councillor Margaret Pendlebury and seconded by Councillor Alyson Barnes.

Resolved:

That Councillor Anne Cheetham be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

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 Margaret Pendlebury, to which Councillor Ashworth responded.

Resolved:

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Councillor Barbara Ashworth for the excellent manner in which she has fulfilled her duties as Mayor.

BUSINESS MATTERS

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors Lynda Barnes, Sue Brennan, Janet Eaton, Ann Kenyon, Denis Kostyan and Granville Morris.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

6. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

7. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

8. Retiring Councillors – Vote of Thanks

Councillor Sean Serridge spoke in relation to those councillors who had retired following the Elections on 6th May 2021, this was seconded by Councillor Margaret Pendlebury.

Resolved:

That the grateful thanks of this Council be offered to Tom Aldred, Pam Bromley, Dorothy Farrington, Andrea Fletcher, Val Roberts and David Stansfield for their hard work throughout their service as elected members of the Borough.

9. Election of Councillors

The Committee and Member Services Manager reported that the following persons had been elected councillors on 6th May 2021 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 6th May 2021.

Name of Person Elected Ward

Gemma Rooke	Cribden
Janice Johnson	Eden
Janet Whitehead	Facit and Shawforth
David Foxcroft	Goodshaw
Laura-Beth Thompson	Greenfield
Barbara Ashworth	Greensclough
Samara Barnes	Hareholme
Alan Woods	Helmshore
Andrew Walmsley	Irwell
Steve Hughes	Longholme
Andy MacNae	Stacksteads (by-election)
Jenny Rigby	Whitewell
Marilyn Procter	Worsley

The Mayor wished them well in their role as a councillor.

10. Communications from the Mayor, the Leader or Head of Paid Service

There were no communications from the Mayor, Head of Paid Service or Leader of the

Council.

11. Urgent decisions

Council noted the Special Urgency Decision taken 20th April 2021 relating to a contract variation as detailed on the public notice.

12. Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies

The Council considered the Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies report.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Essex that:

Appendix B be amended to reflect that Councillor Powell would replace Councillor Neal on Licensing Committee and that Councillor Neal would not be on Appointments and Appeals Committee or Standards Committee.

Members voted on the amendment which became the substantive motion.

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, member champions and other meetings
- That Appendix B be amended as follows: that Councillor Powell replace Councillor Neal on Licensing Committee and that Councillor Neal would not be on Appointments and Appeals or Standards.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Council can effectively conduct its business.

Alternative Options Considered

None.

(The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.15pm)

Signed.....

(Chair)

Date