
COUNCIL

Saturday, 21st May, 2016

Present: Councillor Tim O'Kane (Mayor), Councillors Judith Addison, Lisa Allen, Mohammad Ayub, Noordad Aziz, Jean Battle, Peter Britcliffe, Stephen Button, Clare Cleary, Loraine Cox, Paul Cox, Munsif Dad, Bernard Dawson, Diane Fielding, Melissa Fisher, Stewart Eaves, June Harrison, Glen Harrison, Eamonn Higgins, Terry Hurn, Stephanie Haworth, Abdul Khan, Gareth Molineux, Jenny Nedwell, Bernadette Parkinson, Miles Parkinson, Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt, Paul Thompson, Jeff Scales and Paddy Short

Apologies: Councillors Tony Dobson, Julie Livesey, Ken Moss and Malcolm Pritchard

17 Welcome

The Chief Executive welcomed Honorary Freeman, Aldermen, Councillors and guests to this year's Mayor-making ceremony, to install the Mayor and to honour four new Honorary Aldermen.

18 Declaration of Mayor, 2016/17

It was announced that at the Annual Meeting of the Council, on 19th May 2016, Councillor Tim O'Kane had been elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

The Mayor read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office and was presented with the Mayoral Fob by the retiring Mayor, Mrs Marlene Haworth. Councillor Gareth Molineux made a speech of welcome, which was supported by Councillor Terry Hurn.

The Mayor then made a speech of thanks.

19 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress

The Mayor invited Councillor Kath Pratt and Councillor Munsif Dad to propose and second a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Marlene Haworth and Mrs Dorothy Berry. The retiring Mayor responded, thanking officers and Councillors for their support during her mayoral year.

The Mayor made a presentation of an illuminated resolution and engraved past Mayor's and Mayoress's badges to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

The Mayor also made floral presentations to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress and to the new Mayoress, Mrs Melanie Storey.

20 Declaration of Deputy Mayor, 2016/17

The Mayor announced that at the Annual General Meeting of the Council, held on 19th May 2016, Councillor Peter Britcliffe had been elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17. Councillor Britcliffe read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor then invited Councillor Judith Addison to welcome the new Deputy Mayor.

21 Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman

The Mayor announced that at the Council meeting on 24th March 2016, the Council had decided to confer the title of Honorary Alderman to four former Councillors, to acknowledge their eminent service as past members of the Council. The nominees, Mr Paul Barton, Mrs Wendy Dwyer, Mr Bill Pinder and Mrs Lynn Wilson, were present at this meeting to be presented with the honour.

Councillors Lisa Allen, Bernard Dawson, and Peter Britcliffe spoke in support and to acknowledge their service as past Councillors.

The new Honorary Aldermen then signed the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and were each presented with a commemorative badge.

The new Honorary Aldermen each responded, thanking the Council for the honour.

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The Mayor then closed the meeting and invited Councillors, Honorary Freeman, Aldermen and guests to join him in parading to the Civic Service at St James' Church, Accrington.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed