

COUNCIL

HELD: Wednesday, 15 May 2019

Start: 7.30 pm

Finish: 8.15 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

N Delaney (Mayor)	
G Owen (Deputy Mayor)	
T Aldridge	I Ashcroft
Mrs P Baybutt	Mrs M Blake
T Blane	A Blundell
J Cairns	C Cooper
R Cooper	C Coughlan
V Cummins	S Currie
I Davis	C Dereli
T Devine	G Dowling
D Evans	S Evans
J Finch	N Furey
Y Gagen	J Gordon
G Hodson	G Johnson
K Lockie	Mrs J Marshall
J Mee	M Mills
K Mitchell	J Monaghan
I Moran	M Nixon
P O`Neill	D O`Toole
J Forshaw	E Pope
A Pritchard	I Rigby
N Pryce-Roberts	Mrs D Stephenson
A Sutton	J Thompson
D West	D Westley
Mrs M Westley	D Whittington
K Wilkie	J Witter
K Wright	A Yates

Officers:

Kim Webber, Chief Executive
Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Director of Housing and Inclusion
John Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration
Heidi McDougall, Director of Leisure & Environment
Terry Broderick, Borough Solicitor
Jacky Denning, Member & Executive Services Manager

1 PRAYERS

The Mayor welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting, particularly the new Members, Councillors Blundell, Coughlan, Finch, Johnson, Mitchell, Monaghan, O'Neill, Rigby, Sutton and Thompson.

The Mayor's Chaplain for the evening, Father Godric, led Members and officers in prayer.

The Mayor presented Father Godric with a token of appreciation for his support

during his Mayoral year in office.

2 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Carolyn Evans and Adrian Owens.

The Mayor paid tribute to those who were no longer Councillors following the elections held on 2 May 2019, namely, John Bullock, Paul Cotterill, Nikki Hennessy, John Hodson, Phil Hudson, Charles Marshall, Frank McKenna, Liz Savage and Chris Wynn, and thanked them for their service to the Council. He advised that the election results were available on the Council's website.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **A. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING YEAR**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Delaney, thanked Council Members and staff, friends and family for their part in making his year of office so enjoyable and wished the incoming Mayor a successful year of office and invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing Municipal year 2019/20.

The following Motion, was moved and seconded:

"That Councillor Gaynar Owen be elected Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year."

A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gaynar Owen be elected as Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

(Note, during this item:

1. Councillor Owen signified her acceptance of the Office and after she had been dressed in the Mayor's robes and invested in the Mayor's Chain and Badge of Office, she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, following which she assumed the Chair.
2. The New Mayor, Councillor Owen, expressed her thanks to the proposer and seconder, and to the Council for the honour conferred upon her in electing her as Mayor, before presenting Councillor Delaney, the retiring Mayor, with his Past Mayor's engraved Shield.
3. The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayoress, Ms Ann Stubbert, with her past Mayoress's engraved Shield.
4. The New Mayor, Councillor Owen, presented the New Mayoress, Ms Lisa Packer, with the Mayoress' Chain and Badge.)

B. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor.

The following Motion was moved and seconded:
"That Councillor Terry Aldridge be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year."

A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Terry Aldridge be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

(Note, during this item:

1. Councillor Aldridge signified his acceptance of Office and after he had been invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain and Badge of Office, he made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Deputy Mayor's Chair. The Deputy Mayor then thanked the Council for the honour of allowing him to serve as Deputy Mayor.
2. The Mayor presented the Deputy Mayoress, Miss Megan Aldridge, with the Deputy Mayoress' Chain and Badge.)

5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Mayor announced:

- A. That her Chaplain for the year would be Rev Pauline Bicknell of Ormskirk Parish Church
- B. That Civic Sunday will be held on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2pm at Ormskirk Parish Church
- C. That fund raising activities for her year in office would be in aid of Up Holland Scout Group (51st Ormskirk) and Crawford Village Hut and Play Park and she sought the support of Members at the various fund raising events to be held throughout the year.
- D. That an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 7.30pm, to consider the Sustainable Organisation Review Project final report.

6 **ELECTION OF THE LEADER, THE LEADER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET, AND 'PROPER OFFICER PROVISIONS AND SCHEMES OF DELEGATION'**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 5 to 8 of the Book of Reports, which sought to elect the Leader of the Council

until the Annual Meeting in 2020, receive notification of the Leader's appointment of a Deputy Leader for the same term and Cabinet for the Municipal Year 2019/20 and to confirm the 'Proper Officer Provisions and Schemes of Delegation'.

- RESOLVED: A. That Councillor Ian Moran be elected as the Leader of the Council for a term of office expiring on the date of the Annual Meeting in 2020.
- B. That the Member appointed by the Leader as Deputy Leader for the same term of office, and the Members appointed by the Leader as Members of the Cabinet for 2019/20, with the Portfolios identified by the Leader, be noted as follows:
- Councillor Moran – Leader, Economic Regeneration
 - Councillor Gagen – Deputy Leader, Leisure and Human Resources
 - Councillor Wright – Health and Community Safety
 - Councillor D Evans – Planning
 - Councillor Forshaw – Housing and Landlord Services
 - Councillor Wilkie – Street Scene
 - Councillor Yates – Resources and Transformation
- C. That the 'Proper Officer Provisions and Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers', insofar as they are Council functions be confirmed and insofar as they are Cabinet functions it be noted that the Leader has delegated these to the officers stated therein.
- D. That the Leader's Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet members, as updated to reflect the Portfolios/Portfolio Holders now appointed, be noted.

7 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUPS AND SHADOW CABINET

The Council noted that Councillor David Westley had been appointed Leader of the Conservative Group and that Councillor Iain Ashcroft was the Deputy Leader of the Group and members were advised that details of the Shadow Cabinet and Spokesmen would be circulated after the meeting.

The Council also noted that Councillor Adrian Owens had been appointed Leader of the Our West Lancs Group and that Councillor Ian Davis was Deputy Leader of the Group.

8 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ETC 2019/20

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 9 to 10 of the Book of Reports, which set out the appointment of Committees

etc. and their terms of reference and allocation of seats thereon to the political groups for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Members were advised that details listing the nominations from Labour and Our West Lancashire had been circulated prior to the meeting and Conservative nominations would be circulated following the meeting.

A Motion was moved and seconded in relation to the appointment of Parish Council representatives on the Standards Committee.

A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

- RESOLVED
- A. That, for the period ending with the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or such lesser period should the political balance or allocation to political groups change during the year requiring a review under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Committees, Sub-Committees etc be appointed as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and that the allocation of seats to the political groups be as indicated.
 - B. That the representatives of the political groups on the Committees etc now appointed shall be as indicated on Appendix 1 to the report.
 - C. That the appointment of the Independent Person and Reserve Independent Person on the Standards Committee and the appointment of 2 Parish Councillor representatives, shall be as indicated on Appendix 1 to the report and that the Borough Solicitor establish a procedure for the nomination and appointment of those Parish Representatives.
 - D. That the terms of reference for the Committees etc now appointed be agreed as set out in the Constitution.
 - E. That it be noted that the Leader has appointed Cabinet Working Groups as indicated on Appendix 1 to the report, with the terms of reference included in the Constitution and set out in Appendix 2 as follows:
 - (i) The addition of the Flooding & Drainage Cabinet Working Group
 - (ii) The change of title of the Estates Revival Cabinet Working Group to the Estates Regeneration Cabinet Working Group and its wider terms of reference to incorporate the functions of the Hall Green Cabinet Working Group.

Consideration was given to the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of

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Committees for the ensuing year. Members noted that details of nominations had been incorporated in Appendix 1 to the report considered at agenda item 8.

RESOLVED: That Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for 2019/20 be appointed as indicated in Appendix 1 to the report at agenda item 8.

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THE MAYOR