

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

4.30pm 23 MAY 2013

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Randall (Chair), Meadows (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Bennett, Bowden, Brown, Buckley, Carden, Cobb, Cox, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Farrow, Fitch, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hawtree, Hyde, Janio, Jarrett, Jones, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Lepper, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, A Norman, K Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pidgeon, Pissaridou, Powell, Robins, Rufus, Shanks, Simson, Smith, Summers, Sykes, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wakefield, Wealls, Wells, West and Wilson.

PART ONE

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 There were no declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda.

2. MAYORAL REPORT 2012-13

2.1 The Mayor introduced the report which detailed the activities of the Mayor during the civic year for 2012/13 and stated that he had had an excellent and enjoyable year and wished to thank all those involved in the various activities and events that took place.

2.2 The Mayor then took the opportunity to say that he had been delighted and honoured to have served the city as Mayor for the previous year. He had enjoyed every moment and wished to thank the mayoral staff for their help and assistance and the officers for their support prior to and at the council meetings. He had been pleased to oversee the giving of the Freedom of the City to Steve Ovet and to have welcomed the Olympic Torch to the city as well as attending many other events throughout the city. He had also been deeply moved by the number of volunteers that were in the city and especially a young woman who worked for St John's Ambulance supporting homeless people in the city after working all day at the hospital, an 11-year old carer who looked after his mother whilst keeping a good record at school and without any respite and the husband and wife who for nearly 30 years had been organising the Moulseccomb Family Day. With such people around he believed that the city was in good heart and he was very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet them and represent the city as Mayor.

2.3 The Mayor then moved that the mayoral report for 2012/13 be noted.

2.4 **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

3. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14

3.1 The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the municipal year 2013/14.

3.2 Councillor Denise Cobb was proposed by Councillor Mears and seconded by Councillor Cox.

3.3 Councillors J. Kitcat, Theobald and Morgan supported the nomination of Councillor Cobb as Mayor for 2013/14.

3.4 The Mayor moved that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Denise Cobb be duly elected Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year of 2013/14.

3.5 **The motion was agreed.**

3.6 The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 4.55pm in order for Councillor Cobb as the incoming Mayor to be robed and to take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Cobb in the Chair

3.7 Councillor Cobb reconvened the meeting at 5.05pm and then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3.8 The Mayor then thanked the Council for her appointment,

“Councillors: ladies: gentlemen: honoured guests, friends & family. Thank you all for being here today on this memorable occasion. Firstly, I’d like to thank Councillor Bill Randall for the way he fulfilled his role as Mayor over the past year. Supported by Heather as Consort, and assisted by Councillor Meadows as Deputy this team represented the city at home and abroad offering a warm, respectful welcome to visitors. I thank them all for their hard work.

I was first elected in 1999 and I clearly remember the first Annual Council I attended. The Member being made Mayor was Councillor Jenny Langston; I remember it well and was very moved by the occasion. At the time I felt somewhat isolated and had a number of personal issues which were very difficult, so when Jenny thanked her family and friends for their support I remember thinking. ‘I’d love to be Mayor one day, but who will I have to thank?’ Fourteen years later – here I am, unbelievable. I have lots of people to thank. Councillors - from all parties - my family, my friends and especially my colleagues without whose support I would not be sitting here today. I feel extremely honoured and it really means a lot to me. I was born in Brighton and although I’ve lived and worked in other parts of the country and abroad, Brighton is home. My children and grandchildren are here and I’m delighted that my grand daughter Luna-Rose has agreed to be my Consort.

Many of you will be aware that my working life involves a lot of physical activity. I intend to apply some of those elements during my Mayoralty, but I don't want Councillors expecting a therapeutic treatment, I'm more likely to treat you like an aqua-aerobic class, so be warned! One wrong step and you may end up in deep water.

People are drawn to Brighton & Hove. It's a place they feel they belong too. It *is* different from other places; its history, population, geography, culture and values combine to make it quite unlike anywhere else.

The charities that I will be supporting this year reflect, in part, that diversity, and unique set of qualities. I hope that; 'Brighton & Hove Age UK', 'The Argus Appeal', 'Off The Fence', 'The Martlets' and 'Rockinghorse' will all benefit from your support as well as mine. The popular image of our city is one that is contemporary, cosmopolitan, mindful of its heritage but embracing of the future; respectful of tradition and open to new ideas. In recognition of this, my year as Mayor will be a multi-faith one, and I have invited faith representatives from my ward to act as my Chaplains. I invite everyone here to the initial Civic Service at the Unitarian Church on New Road this Sunday 26th May at 11am. I hope we will be able to fully represent the diversity and difference of belief throughout the City.

I'm looking forward to meeting new people, excited by the prospect of seeing the city in a new way and slightly anxious about chairing meetings of Full Council. I'd like to thank all of you for being here today, especially those who have already done so much to support me, the distinguished guests, my family and my grandson Tyrus (who I promised I'd make a special mention) for being witness to a small piece of history for the city, but a huge moment for me. Thank you."

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

- 4.1 The Mayor called on Councillor J. Kitcat to move a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor, Councillor Randall.
- 4.2 Councillor Kitcat moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Randall as the retiring Mayor for his services during his term of office. He stated that Councillor Randall had had an incredible year, becoming the first Mayor to tweet and to have an electric car, as well as welcoming the Olympic Torch to the city and driving the Volks Train. He was also responsible for the party at the Amex for Looked After Children and had attended a number of the citizenship ceremonies held in the city. Both he and his wife, Heather had been wonderful ambassadors for the city, always welcoming at events and having time to speak to everyone.
- 4.3 Councillor Bowden formally seconded the motion and stated that Councillor Randall had been the first Green Mayor in the country and that could only be topped by having been the first teen correspondent for Jackie magazine. It had been a pleasure to follow his exploits as Mayor and he believed Councillor Randall had taken to the role as Mayor and the city should be proud of his achievements over the year. He wished to thank him for all his fundraising efforts and for leaving the mayoralty in good shape.
- 4.4 Councillor G. Theobald stated that the appointment of Mayor was the highest honour that the council could bestow on a councillor and he believed that Councillor Randall had fulfilled this role to the highest standard. Acting as the first citizen he had welcomed

delegates, conferences and organisations to the city, he had raised a significant amount of revenue for his chosen charities and as Chair of the Council had acted fairly and when necessary robustly. He thanked him for an excellent year and knew that he would support the new Mayor in his role as Deputy Mayor to the full.

4.5 Councillor Morgan stated that he wished to extend the warmest thanks to Councillor Randall on behalf of the Labour & Co-operative Group; he had provided a human aspect to the role and chaired a number of difficult meetings with calmness and humour. He also welcomed his return to the Housing Committee and was sure that he would continue and thanked him again for his work as Mayor.

4.6 The Mayor put the motion to the vote.

4.7 **The motion was carried.**

4.8 The Mayor presented Councillor Bill Randall and Mrs. Heather Randall with commemorative badges in recognition of their year of office.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BRIGHTON & HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14

5.1 The Mayor moved that the Council appoint Councillor Bill Randall as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

5.2 The Motion was seconded by Councillor J. Kitcat.

5.3 The Mayor noted that there were no other nominations, and therefore sought the Council's agreement to Councillor Bill Randall being duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year 2013/14.

5.4 **The motion was agreed.**

5.5 Councillor Bill Randall made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with his badge of office by the Mayor.

6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 The Mayor he had noted that her five Mayor's charities for the year were; 'Brighton & Hove Age UK', 'The Argus Appeal', 'Off The Fence', 'The Martlets' and 'Rockinghorse' and she hoped that they would all benefit from councillors support as well as hers.

6.2 Secondly, she intended that her year as Mayor would be a multi-faith one, and had invited faith representatives from her ward to act as her Chaplains, and was looking forward to having different forms of prayer prior to each council meeting.

6.3 She also wished to remind Members that a Civic Service would be held at the Unitarian Church on New Road on Sunday 26th May at 11am and that everyone was welcome to attend.

6.4 Finally she stated that her first charity event was tea at 3pm in the Mayors Parlour tomorrow and she hoped that colleagues would join her, as she would be collecting raffle and tombola prizes to support her chosen charities.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

7.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Deane to propose the appointment of the Leader of the Council.

7.2 Councillor Deane proposed that Councillor Jason Kitcat should be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2013/14.

7.3 Councillor Davey formally seconded the proposal.

7.4 The Mayor noted that there were no other nominations and put the motion to the vote which was agreed.

7.5 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Jason Kitcat be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2013/14.

8. APPOINTMENTS

8.1 The Mayor moved the appointments of Councillors Davey and Deane as Deputy Leaders of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year 2013/14 be agreed.

8.2 **The motion was carried.**

8.3 The Mayor moved that Councillor Geoffrey Theobald be appointed as the Leader of the Official Opposition, in recognition that he was the Leader of the Conservative Group which had the largest number of Members of the two minority groups represented on the council.

8.4 **The motion was agreed.**

8.5 The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2013/2014 the following appointments to the positions as agreed by the various Groups represented on the Council be noted:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| (i) Convenor of the Green Group | Councillor Jason Kitcat |
| (ii) Leader of the Conservative Group | Councillor Geoffrey Theobald |
| (iii) Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Group | Councillor Warren Morgan |

8.6 **The motion was carried.**

8.7 The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2013/2014 the following councillors put forward by the Leader of the Council be designated as Lead Members for the respective areas of responsibility as listed below:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| (i) Lead Member for Communities & Equalities | Councillor Bill Randall |
|--|-------------------------|

- (ii) Lead Member for Community Safety
- (iii) Lead Member for Transport

Councillor Liz Wakefield
Councillor Ian Davey.

8.8 The motion was carried.

9. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, FORUMS, PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES 2013/14

- 9.1 The Mayor noted that the next item on the agenda concerned the review of the political balance and appointment of committees, sub-committees, forums and outside bodies.
- 9.2 Councillor G. Theobald expressed his concern over the proposed allocations to committees noting that the Green Group would have control of the Policy & Resources and Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committees by virtue of having the Chair's casting vote. He did not feel that this reflected the overall position on the Council and felt that it should be given further consideration.
- 9.3 The Mayor noted the comments and that no other speakers had indicated and therefore put the recommendations as detailed in the report to the vote:
- (i) The allocation of seats as detailed in the report and in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
 - (ii) For the municipal year 2013/2014 the following Committees and Sub-Committees be constituted and appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and the number of Members and allocation of seats to the Party Groups (apart from co-opted Members) as detailed in appendix 1 to the report and as specified below be agreed:

Committee/Sub-Committee	Seats	Green	Conservative	Labour	Independent
Policy & Resources	10	5	3	2	
Adult Care & Health	10	4	3	2	1
Children & Young People	10	4	3	3	
Economic Development & Culture	10	4	4	2	
Environment, Transport & Sustainability	10	5	3	2	
Housing	10	4	3	3	

Audit & Standards	8	2	3	2	1
Licensing*	15	6	5	4	
Planning	12	5	4	3	
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10	5	3	2	
Health & Well Being Overview & Scrutiny	8	3	3	2	
Personnel Appeals Sub	3	1	1	1	
Housing Management Consultative Sub	8	3	3	2	
Total	124	51	41	30	2
<i>Licensing 2003 Act* - has the same membership as Licensing and does not come into the equation for the allocation of seats</i>	15	6	5	4	

- (iii) That the membership of the committees and sub-committees as detailed in appendix 2 to the report and set out below be agreed;

Policy & Resources Committee – Councillors J. Kitcat (Chair), Littman (Deputy Chair), Hamilton, Morgan, A. Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Randall, Shanks, G. Theobald and West.

Adult Care & Health Committee – Councillors Jarrett (Chair), Phillips (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Bowden, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, K. Norman, Summers and Wakefield.

Children & Young People Committee – Councillors Shanks (Chair), Buckley (Deputy Chair), Brown, Gilbey, A. Kitcat, Lepper, Pissaridou, Powell, Simson and Wealls.

Economic Development & Culture Committee – Councillors Bowden (Chair), Hawtree (Deputy Chair), Brown, Buckley, Fitch, Janio, Mac Cafferty, Morgan, Smith and C. Theobald.

Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee – Councillors West (Chair), Sykes (Deputy Chair), Cox, Davey, Deane, Hawtree, Janio, Mitchell, Robins and G. Theobald.

Housing Committee – Councillors Randall (Chair), Kennedy (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Duncan, Farrow, Fitch, Mears, Peltzer Dunn, Rufus and Wilson.

Audit & Standards Committee – (8 Councillors and 2 Independent Members) Councillors Hamilton (Chair), Follett, Lepper, A. Norman, Smith, Summers, Sykes and Wealls.

Independent Members - Dr D. Home and Dr. L. Meleyal.

Licensing & Licensing (2003) Committee – Councillors Powell (Chair), Deane (Deputy Chair), Bennett, Duncan, Gilbey, Hyde, Jones, Kennedy, Lepper, Marsh, Pidgeon, Robins, Rufus, Simson and C. Theobald.

Planning Committee – Councillors Mac Cafferty (Chair), Jones (Deputy Chair), Carden, Cox, Davey, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hyde, Littman, C Theobald, Wakefield and Wells.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Councillors Mitchell (Chair), Janio (Deputy Chair), Brown, Davey, Follett, Kennedy, A. Kitcat, K. Norman, Phillips and Wilson.

Health & Well Being Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Councillors Rufus (Chair), C Theobald (Deputy Chair), Buckley, Cox, Marsh, Robins, Sykes and Wealls.

Licensing 2003 Sub-Committee (3 from the parent committee with designated reps) – Councillors Powell (Chair), Simson and Lepper.

Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee – (3 from a pool of Members with designated reps) Councillors Powell, Cox and Marsh as appointees and the Pool of Councillors being Deane, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hawtree, Hyde, Jarrett, Jones, Lepper, Littman, Meadows, Phillips, Pissaridou, Robins, Rufus, Shanks, Simson and Wealls.

Housing Management Consultative Sub-Committee – Councillors Randall (Chair), Davey, Farrow, Kennedy, Mears, Peltzer Dunn, Pidgeon and Wilson.

Community Safety Forum – Councillors J. Kitcat (Chair), Barnett, Carden, Mac Cafferty, Morgan, Phillips, Pidgeon, Robins, Simson and Wakefield.

Health & Wellbeing Board – Councillors Jarrett (Chair), Bennett, Bowden, Meadows, K. Norman, Pissaridou and Shanks.

- (iv) That in having regard to (iii) above, those Members listed as Chair and Deputy Chair of the respective Committees, Sub-Committees and Forums as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- (iv) (a) That with regard to (iii) above and subject to (b) and (c) below, all Members of the Council be appointed as Substitute Members of each Committee of the Council in accordance with Standing Orders.

- (b) That no Member may act as a Substitute Member of the Planning Committee or the Personnel Committee unless he/she has received the appropriate training to enable them to serve on the respective Committee.
- (c) There are restrictions on membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees as set out in the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure rules.
- (v) That in having regard to (ii) above, an Urgency Sub-Committee for each Committee be approved in accordance with Procedure Rule 22;
- (vi) That the appointments of representatives to the list of Outside Bodies as detailed in appendix 3 to the report and specified below be agreed:

	Name of Organisation	Term of Office	Nominations 2013/14
1	Adoption & Permanence Panel	Annual	Littman/Shanks (Job Share)
2	Age Concern	Annual	Jarrett and K. Norman
3	Arts Commission	Annual	Bowden, A Kitcat, Mac Cafferty, Brown, C Theobald Fitch
4	Brighton Dome & Festival Limited	Annual	Bowden Fitch
5	Brighton Housing Trust	Annual	Wakefield
6	Brighton & Hove City in Bloom Community Group	Annual	Rufus, Shanks, West, K Norman, C. Theobald, Pissaridou
7	Brighton & Hove Allotment Federation	Annual	Deane
8	Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership	Annual	Bowden G. Theobald
9	Brighton & Hove Estates Conservation Trust	Annual	West Mitchell
10	Brighton & Hove Federation of Disabled People	Annual	Powell
11	Brighton & Hove Food Partnership Board of Directors	Annual	Sykes
12	Brighton & Hove Foster Panel	Annual	Littman/Shanks (Job Share)
13	Brighton & Hove Foyer	Annual	Duncan
14	Brighton & Hove Music Trust	Annual	Mac Cafferty, Shanks, A Norman
15	Brighton & Hove Seaside Community Homes	3-year	Randall for Wakefield

	Ltd	2011-14	
16	Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Board of Governors	May 2013	Duncan
17	Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project	Annual	Duncan
18	Citizen's Advice Bureau	Annual	MacCafferty, Robins
19	City Inclusion Partnership	Annual	Randall, Wakefield, Simson Marsh
20	City Sustainability Partnership	Annual	Sykes, West Janio Mitchell
21	City Sports Forum	Annual	Bowden, Phillips Smith, Robins
22	Coast 2 Capital Local Transport Body	Annual	Davey
23	Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board	Annual	Mac Cafferty
24	Corporate Parenting Board	Annual	J. Kitcat, Shanks, Bennett, Hyde, Gilbey
25	Cornerstone Community Centre Board of Management	Annual	Sykes
26	Councillor Disability Champion	Annual	Powell
27	East Sussex Fire Authority	Annual	Hawtree, Powell, Rufus, Peltzer Dunn, C Theobald Carden
28	East Sussex Pension Fund Investment Panel	Annual	Littman Wealls
29	Eurocities Network	Annual	A Kitcat
30	Fair Trade Steering Group	Annual	Deane, Littman
31	Healthy City Partnership	Annual	Jones, K. Norman
32	INTERREG Iva	Annual	Randall
33	Local Government Association	Annual	Buckley, J Kitcat G Theobald Morgan
34	LGA Rural Commission	Annual	West
35	LGA Urban Commission	Annual	Kennedy, Wakefield
36	Local Strategic Partnership	4 year term	Morgan for Mitchell

		2011-15	
37	Members Advisory Group on Grants (MAG)	Annual	Rufus Simson Hamilton
38	MIND	Annual	Jarrett
39	Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee (Appointee also sits on the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee)	Annual	Davey
40	Pre-School Learning Alliance (South)	Annual	Buckley
41	Police & Crime Panel	No Max	Duncan
		Annual	Morgan
42	Race Ground Trustees	Annual	West (Board), Deane, Duncan, Kennedy Brown, C Theobald Fitch (Board), Lepper
43	Resource Centre	Annual	Davey
44	Shoreham Port Authority LA Liaison Committee	Annual	Bowden Peltzer Dunn
45	South East England Employers	Annual	Rufus, Cox, Marsh
46	Southern Regional Flood & Coastal Committee	Annual	West
47	The Brighton Fund	Annual	Mayor (ex-officio) Cobb
		4 year tem 05/11-15	Bowden, Powell A. Norman Lepper
48	The Sussex Deaf Association	Annual	Duncan
49	The Royal Pavilion and Museums Foundation	Annual	Bowden
50	United Nations Association	Annual	Duncan
51	University of Sussex Court	01/08/13- 31/07/14	Shanks, A. Norman
52	West Pier Trust	Annual	Buckley

9.4 **The motion was carried.**

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

10.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and making it such a special day for her and declared the meeting closed.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of