

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**ANNUAL COUNCIL****4.30pm 17 MAY 2018****COUNCIL CHAMBER - BRIGHTON TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Marsh (Chair), Simson (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Meadows, Mears, Mitchell, Moonan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Platts, Robins, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls, West and Yates.

PART ONE**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

2 MAYORAL REPORT 2017/18

2.1 The Mayor introduced the mayoral report for 2017/18 and noted that it had been an engaging year in terms of engagements and events as well as working with her charities. She then moved that the report be noted.

2.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Mayoral report for 2017/18 be noted.

3 MAYOR'S THANKS & PRESENTATIONS

3.1 The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that at the start of her Mayoral term she began by saying how big a *mo-moment* this was for a small person. If nothing else she had learned this year how much a small person could pack into twelve months. It's been astonishing.

3.2 The meetings of full council had been one of her favourite activities of the past year; and she thanked all councillors for responding so kindly to her chairing of the meetings. She was also grateful to the support from officers, for making it a relatively fuss free experience. Whilst she was aware that many mayors it was their least favourite role, but she had enjoyed it immensely.

- 3.3 The Mayor stated that she had also greatly enjoyed the social opportunities provided by the office of the mayoralty. As a councillor of some long-standing she thought she knew the city well, but she had been amazed to discover dozens of organisations, groups and bodies that she had previously been unaware of. There were even parts of the city she had never visited before and that was quite an eye opener for someone who considered themselves knowledgeable about Brighton & Hove.
- 3.4 During some of these events her former theatrical life came in useful. Engagements were like performances except the script was always changing and wardrobe instructions were not always clear. If she had one word of advice for any future Mayors, it was an ability to extemporise! Everywhere there had been welcoming faces, friends old and new and hundreds and hundreds of volunteers. Her predecessors had commented on the value of volunteering and she would happily join their chorus. The city owed a massive debt of thanks to its volunteers. It simply would not function without them and in these days where every penny counted their selflessness, generosity and humanity has a quantifiable value.
- 3.5 The Mayor stated that here mayoralty also coincided with a couple of personal landmarks; she turned 70 and had decided not to seek re-election. These moments made the year additionally meaningful and underlined the emotional impact built into representing one's home. She could not have carried out that role without support and thanked the following individuals for their help.
- Councillor Lynda Hyde for her advice on being a petite, female Mayor, and for being full of insight and advice, including three invaluable tips; black tights, a fiver and a no handbag!
 - Robert Brown MBE for being her consort;
 - Father Robert Brown for being her Chaplain and Rob Coupland for being his deputy; and
 - Robbie Robertson, the Mayor's Chauffeur for his support and guidance.
- 3.6 The Mayor also thanked the Civic Office, Rosemary, Jackie, Anne Meadows, Peter Chivers, James Ledward, and Karl Jones for their personal and professional support. Without them her year would have been so different, and she particularly liked to thank them for supporting her 'famous five' charities; Albion in the Community, The Martlets, RISE, The Clock Tower and Sussex Heart Charity.
- 3.7 It had been an amazing year, full of incident and excitement. The Mayoral role at Citizenship Ceremonies in particular came as a wonderful surprise. She had no idea we hosted so many and that they would be so touching. It was also a tribute to the inclusiveness of our city that so many find a welcome and safe harbour. We should be very proud of our appeal.
- 3.8 The Mayor stated that she would like to close by offering the new Mayor, Councillor Simson her very best wishes; and to thank all Members for gifting her the opportunity. It had been truly memorable and she hoped she had repaid their kindness with her efforts.

4 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/19

- 4.1 The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the municipal year 2018/19.
- 4.2 Councillor Dee Simson was proposed by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Janio.
- 4.3 Councillors Yates and Mac Cafferty supported the nomination of Councillor Simson as Mayor for 2018/19 on behalf of the Labour & Co-operative and Green Groups respectively.
- 4.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Dee Simson be duly elected Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 4.5 The motion was **agreed**.
- 4.6 The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 4.55pm in order for Councillor Simson as the incoming Mayor to be robed and to take the Chair for the meeting.
- 4.7 Councillor Simson reconvened the meeting at 5.10pm and then made and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Simson in the Chair

- 4.8 Deputy Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Councillors, ladies and gentlemen, special guests. Who would have thought that I'd be sitting here one day with my name on a board in the Council Chamber amongst all these important and well known people whose names you can see and who've made Brighton and Hove the fabulous city it is today. Thank you so much to the Council for appointing me and special thanks to Cllrs. Bell, Janio, Yates and Mac Cafferty for your kind words today.
- 4.9 I've been told to be brief so I'm not going to say too much, just explain what I'm hoping to do during my year as Mayor but before I do I want to say some special thankyou's.
- 4.10 Firstly to my family - I'm very happy that my husband Paul has agreed to be my Consort during my Mayoral year so I'd like to thank him and ask him to come forward to be presented with the badge of office. Thanks also to my three beautiful daughters, Sam, Charley and Bobby. Thank you all so much for supporting me over the past 20 years when I've often been out from morning to night. And thank you for my 5 adorable grandchildren Olivia, Brandon, Rafe, Minnie and Rex who are here today. If ever anyone asks them where Nanny is, the response will always be - 'in a meeting! Thank you also to my other family members and friends who've come along today to support me. Welcome to this wonderful building.
- 4.11 There's one other person I'd like to say a special thank you to who can't actually be here today and that's ex councillor Pamela Stiles. It was Pamela who 20 years ago talked me into becoming a councillor. It was something I'd never considered and didn't feel I

had the capability of, but she insisted and insisted and I'm so glad that she did so thank you Pamela.

- 4.12 I'm very pleased to say that Reverend Helen Rose from my own Parish in Woodingdean has agreed to be my Chaplain for the mayoral year. Thank you Helen and I hope you will find it to be an engaging experience.
- 4.13 I've given a lot of thought about what I want to do in my Mayoral year and a lot of thought as to what charities I want as my Mayoral Charities. I love Brighton and Hove & Portslade where one of my daughters actually lives. I've lived here all my life and I want to do everything I can to promote the city during my year. It's such a fun place to be and I want everybody else to enjoy the time they spend here.
- 4.14 Whether it's living, working or just visiting. I want visitors to come and see what a great place it is and all the exciting things on offer, so they come back over and over again and tell their friends to visit as well. I want to support business and the economic development of the city by welcoming conferences and delegations and showing them what an amazing place it is to do business with.
- 4.15 Brighton & Hove has a long and well established history of being a city that is open to visitors and investors alike. As a city we are looking to build on that to develop new ties overseas and attract investment into the city while helping our businesses that are here to export to new markets. I'll therefore be working during my time as Mayor to promote the city where I can; building on the fact the role of Mayor is internationally recognisable. In doing this I hope to contribute to the work the council is doing to strengthen the economy of the city and attract new investment, such as looking to set up a Trade and Inward Investment Team.
- 4.16 When I was thinking about all this my thoughts kept coming back to the seafront. We have an amazing resource in the seafront. If you go anywhere in the world and mention you're from Brighton, they immediately say "oh yes by the sea". I'm hoping to use this to my charities advantage by having several of my fundraising events there. We've got so many places that can offer good facilities from the casino in the marina, Volks railway, and the Palace Pier. There's all the hotels and businesses along on the seafront, the i360, the Bandstand and along to the King Alfred and Hove Lagoon. I'm sure there are plenty of things that we can do along that stretch to raise lots of money - so if anyone here has any contacts please let me know.
- 4.17 Moving onto my Charities:
- Firstly I wanted to a charity that touches almost everyone in the city at one time or another through family members, friends or neighbours, so decided on the Martlets. The Martlets is an amazing charity that needs to raise substantial amounts every year and I'll be really happy to support them.
 - My second theme was children. As I said, I've got five grandchildren at the moment and a 6th on the way, so I wanted to support a children's charity. I decided on Rockinghorse which is actually a small charity that has to work hard to raise funds for all sorts of equipment and other things needed at the Royal Alex hospital.

- As you all know, we have a big problem in the city with homelessness so I really felt it was right to choose a homeless charity. The charity I decided on is doing an amazing amount of "thinking outside of the box" providing mobile washing facilities and other innovative services to our street sleepers. That is Off the Fence.
 - My final charity is one that is very close to my daughter Sam's heart. She does a lot of work with adults with learning disabilities and I wanted to support her in that area of work so I've chosen Grace Eyre Foundation.
- 4.18 I've done things a bit differently this year in that instead of thinking about pound notes, I've asked them all for a wish list so we know exactly what we're working towards. I think that'll help us when we're asking people to attend events, buy raffle tickets and when we're doing bucket collections. Instead of just asking people to throw money in the bucket for charity we can explain exactly what we are raising money to buy. This may be a ventilator for the Royal Alex or 100 sleeping bags for the homeless. At the end of my year I'm hoping to share with you a long list of what we've managed to buy.
- 4.19 We've already had a couple of get-togethers of the charities and want to try some different things this year. We're in the process of organising the Mayor's Variety Show thanks to Jo Jamieson and my daughter Sam. The venue's booked for Saturday 6th October so please put this date in your diary. There are going to be two great performances with a matinee and evening show. We're also hoping to organise a grand ball and a Caribbean evening amongst many other things. I hope many of you will be able to come along to support them.
- 4.20 As well as these four charities I'm hoping to support many other charities, clubs & associations in the City by being invited to attend events that raise their profile and increase their fundraising.
- 4.21 When you got your invitations to my reception today I'm sure many of you were wondering why we weren't going to the Pavilion, which is traditional, but as I've already said I wanted to start my year by having fun, while promoting the seafront. So I thought it would be really good to have a change and go down to the beach and so that's where we're going. Down to Carousels and with fish, chips and donuts instead of canape. I really do hope you enjoy it. It's going to be a lovely evening. We can stay as long as we want and you can ride the Carousel as many times as you want.
- 4.22 In closing, I want to extend my personal congratulations to Councillor Alex Phillips, assuming we all agree shortly, whom I know will make an excellent Deputy Mayor and look forward to working with her. I also want to offer my thanks to Cllr Mo Marsh who has selflessly allowed me to attend many events during her Mayoral year so I have some idea about what lies ahead.
- 4.23 I'm really looking forward to starting my mayoral engagements and in the first two weeks will be attending amongst others:
- a steel erection ceremony at West Blatchington Primary and Nursery School
 - The 80 years' celebration of Preston Circus Fire Station, and
 - The launch of Brighton & Hove new Community Kitchen at Community Base.

- 4.24 These wonderful and varied events reflect the diversity of our inclusive and welcoming city and I hope will be the perfect start to my special year ahead.
- 4.25 Thank you all once again. Please do enjoy the rest of the day with family, friends and colleagues. It's going to be a nice evening and where better to spend it than on Brighton Beach.

5 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

- 5.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Meadows to move a vote of thanks for the previous Mayor, Councillor Marsh.
- 5.2 Councillor Meadows moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Marsh as the retiring Mayor for her services during her term of office.
- 5.3 Councillor Yates seconded the motion and this was supported by Councillors Janio and Mac Cafferty.
- 5.4 The Mayor put the motion to the vote.
- 5.5 The motion was **carried**.
- 5.6 The Mayor presented Councillor Marsh with a commemorative badge in recognition of her year of office.

6 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/19

- 6.1 The Mayor moved that the Council appoint Councillor Alex Phillips as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 6.2 The Motion was seconded by Councillor Mac Cafferty.
- 6.3 Councillors Yates and Janio supported the nomination of Councillor Simson as Deputy Mayor.
- 6.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Alex Phillips be duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year 2018/19.
- 6.5 The motion was **agreed**.
- 6.6 Councillor Alex Phillips made and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with her badge of office by the Mayor.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2018/19

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

- 7.2 Councillor Mitchell proposed that Councillor Yates should be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2018/19.
- 7.3 Councillor Hamilton 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 Yates be appointed as the Leader of the Council for 2018/19.

8 APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018/19

- 8.1 The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2018/2019 the following appointments be agreed:
- (i) Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Gill Mitchell; and
 - (ii) Leader of the Official Opposition, Councillor Tony Janio.
- 8.2 The Mayor also moved that for the municipal year 2018/2019 the following appointments to the positions as agreed by the various Groups represented on the Council be noted:
- (i) Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Group - Councillor Daniel Yates;
 - (ii) Deputy Leaders of the Labour & Co-operative Group - Councillors Les Hamilton (Finance) and Gill Mitchell;
 - (iii) Leader of the Conservative Group - Councillor Tony Janio;
 - (iv) Deputy Leaders of the Conservative Group – Councillors Steve Bell and Lee Wares;
 - (v) Convenor of the Green Group – Councillor Phelim Mac Cafferty;
 - (vi) Deputy Convenors of the Green Group – Councillors Louisa Greenbaum, Leo Littman and Amanda Knight.

- 8.3 The motion was **carried**.

9 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE 2018/19

- 9.1 The Mayor moved the recommendations as listed in the report.
- 9.2 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the appointment of the committees with the sizes and allocation of seats

between political groups as detailed in the report and in appendix 1 to the report be approved;

- (2) That the allocation of seats as detailed in the report and appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (3) That having received nominations for the municipal year 2018/2019 to the following Committees from the 3 political groups as detailed in appendix 2 to the report, these 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:

Policy, Resources & Growth Committee – Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Bell, Daniel, Janio (OS), Mac Cafferty, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls.

Children, Young People & Skills Committee – Councillors Chapman (Chair), Penn (Deputy Chair), Allen, Brown (OS), Hamilton, Knight, O’Quinn, Phillips, Taylor and Wealls.

Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee – Councillors Mitchell (Chair), Horan (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Brown, Littman, Miller, Peltzer Dunn, Robins, Wares (OS) and West.

Housing & New Homes Committee – Councillors Meadows (Chair), Hill (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Barnett, Bell, Druitt, Gibson, Lewry, Mears (OS) and Moonan.

Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee – Councillors Daniel (Chair), Marsh (Deputy Chair), Cattell, Morgan, Nemeth (OS), A. Norman, K. Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips and West.

Tourism, Development & Culture Committee – Councillors Robins (Chair), Platts (Deputy Chair), Allen, Cattell, Druitt, Mac Cafferty, Mears, Morris, Nemeth and A. Norman (OS).

Audit & Standards Committee – Councillors Miller (Chair), Cobb, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Lewry, Morris, Robins and Sykes.

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Councillors K. Norman (Chair), Allen, Barnett, Bennett, Bewick, Deane, Greenbaum, Marsh, Morris and C. Theobald.

Licensing & Licensing (2003) Committee – Councillors O’Quinn (Chair), Morris (Deputy Chair), Bennett, Cattell, Cobb, Deane, Gilbey, Horan, Hyde (OS), Knight, Lewry, Marsh, Page, C. Theobald and Wares.

Planning Committee – Councillors Cattell (Chair), Gilbey (Deputy Chair), Bennett, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Miller, Morgan, Morris, O’Quinn and C. Theobald (OS).

Licensing 2003 Sub-Committee (3 from the parent committee with designated reps) – Councillors O’Quinn (Chair), Deane and Hyde (OS).

Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee – (3 from a pool of Members with designated reps) Councillors Allen, Wares and Littman.

Health & Wellbeing Board – Councillors Barford (Chair), Moonan, Page, Taylor (OS) and Wealls.

Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Chapman (Chair), Bell, Bennett, Hill and Knight.

Procurement Board – Councillors Meadows (Chair), Miller, Platts, Sykes and Wealls (OS).

Strategic Delivery Board – Councillors Yates (Chair), Gibson, Janio (OS), Mitchell and G. Theobald.

Greater Brighton Economic Board – Councillors Yates and Janio.

Great Brighton Economic Board Call-in Panel – Councillor Mac Cafferty.

Orbis Joint Committee – Councillor Hamilton.

Orbis Law Joint Committee – Councillor Hamilton

Royal Pavilion Shadow Trust Board – Councillors Robins, Mac Cafferty and A. Norman.

- (4) That in having regard to (3) above, those Members listed as Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson (OS) of the respective Committees, Sub-Committees and Forums as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- (5) That in having regard to (2) above, an Urgency Sub-Committee for each Committee be approved in accordance with Procedure Rule 22 (such committee being politically balanced but not included in the total number of seats for the purpose of allocating seats);
- (6) That in having regard to (2) above, it be agreed that for the purpose of enabling meetings of the Personnel Appeals Panel (sub-committee) to be convened without disproportionate difficulty, the make-up of such panels need not be politically balanced although every effort would be taken to achieve it and that it also be agreed that:
 - (a) Although the Panel has the Members referred to in Appendix 2 as its standing Members, where any of the 3 Members is not available, any Member of the Council who has received appropriate training shall be eligible to sit on the Panel;

- (b) The Head of Democratic Services be authorised to set up the Panel, as and when needed with the permanent Members or, where any of them is not available, by including any other eligible Member of the Council, having regard to the need, where possible, to secure cross party representation;
- (c) The above arrangements and those set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report are intended to operate as “alternative arrangements” for the pursuant to section 17 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- (7) That the appointment of the various Lead Members’ roles and the designated Members listed against those roles as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report and specified below be agreed; and

	Lead Member	
1	Adult Social Care	Councillor Barford
2	Community Safety	Councillor Marsh
3	Economic Development and Social Value	Councillor Platts
4	Health & Wellbeing	Councillor Barford
5	Mental Health	Councillor Penn
6	Planning Policy	Councillor Cattell
7	Private Rented Sector	Councillor Hill
8	Rough Sleeping	Councillor Moonan
9	Sustainability	Councillor Horan
10	Tourism	Councillor Robins

- (8) That the appointment of representatives to various bodies listed in Appendix 4 of the report be agreed;

	Name of Organisation	Term of Office	Appointments 2018/19
1	Interreg	Annual	Cllr Yates
2	Members Advisory Group on Grants (MAG)	Annual	Cllrs Hamilton, Janio Littman
3	Brighton & Hove Legacy fund	Annual	Cllrs Littman, Marsh, Taylor
4	The Brighton Fund	Annual	Cllrs Simson (Mayor), Cattell, Deane, Marsh, A. Norman
5	Arts & Creative Industries Commission	Annual	Cllrs Mac Cafferty, Morris, Peltzer Dunn
6	Brighton & Hove Connected	Annual	Cllrs Janio, Mac Cafferty, Yates
7	Brighton & Hove Music Trust	Annual	Allen, Mac Cafferty and A. Norman.
8	Brighton Dome & Festival Ltd	3-years	Morris, C. Theobald
9	East Sussex Pension Board	Annual	Allen
10	Local Government Association	Annual	Mac Cafferty, Mitchell, Morgan and G. Theobald.

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

- 10.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited them to join her in the reception area on the ground floor of the Town Hall, in order to process over to the Carousel on the esplanade.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2018

