

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**SPECIAL COUNCIL****3.00pm 21 JULY 2011****COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

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

PART ONE**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.1 There were no declarations of interest in the matter appearing on the agenda.

2. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

2.1 The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that it had been specially convened to consider the appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen.

3. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN

3.1 The Mayor stated that the Council was asked to consider the appointment of previous councillors as Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen of the City of Brighton and Hove and that any such appointment was made in recognition of the service given by those past councillors to the Council, Wards they represented and the City. She therefore proposed that the following should be appointed:

Mr. Kevin Allen, Mrs. Pat Drake, Ms. Par Hawkes, Mr. Ted Kemble, Ms. Juliet McCaffery, Ms. Christine Simpson, and Mr. David Watkins.

3.2 The Mayor then called on the Leaders of the various Groups to support the motion.

- 3.3 Councillor Randall stated that it had been a great pleasure to serve with the former distinguished colleagues during his time on the council and he was pleased to see them here today to be recognised for the service they had given to the council and the city. He wished them well for the future and hoped to see them at various civic events.
- 3.4 Councillor Theobald supported the Leader of the Council's comments and noted that a number of them had been saddened to find they had left the council after the May elections. He noted that his previous colleague, Pat Drake had been unable to attend the meeting but had an enormous number of years service to the city. The proposal to appointment each of them was very well deserved and he fully supported the motion and hoped that they would keep in touch.
- 3.5 Councillor Mitchell stated that it gave her very great pleasure to support the motion and see colleagues from all parties recognised for their services to the residents of the city and Members of the council. She noted that just the combined service of both Pat's came to 62 years of public life and wished them all well in their future endeavours.
- 3.6 The Mayor noted the comments and stated that in accordance with legislation a motion to appointment Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen had been moved and put it to the vote, bearing in mind that two-thirds of those voting needed to be in favour of the motion.
- 3.7 **RESOLVED:** That the following, having duly been proposed and unanimously approved, be appointed as:
- (i) Mr. Kevin Allen, Honorary Alderman,
 - (ii) Mrs. Pat Drake as an Honorary Alderman,
 - (iii) Ms. Pat Hawkes as an Honorary Alderwoman,
 - (iv) Mr. Ted Kemble as an Honorary Alderman,
 - (v) Ms. Juliet McCaffery as an Honorary Alderwoman,
 - (vi) Ms. Christine Simpson as an Honorary Alderwoman, and
 - (vii) Mr. David Watkins as an Honorary Alderman.
- 3.8 The Mayor then invited each of the newly appointed Aldermen and Alderwomen to come forward to collect a certificate in recognition of their appointment and to address the council.
- 3.9 Alderman Allen thanked the Mayor and the Members of the Council and stated that he was very honoured to have been recognised in such a way. Having represented the old Marine Ward and then Preston Park Ward, he had enjoyed his period of office, particularly in regard to Housing and establishing the Health & Overview & Scrutiny function.
- 3.10 Alderwoman Hawkes thanked the Mayor and the Members of the Council and stated that she had been very fortunate to be able to serve on both Brighton and Brighton & Hove councils. She had been able to take her personal development forward and to work in areas of interest with colleagues and officers that meant she felt she had made a difference to the lives of people.

- 3.11 Alderman Kemble thanked the Mayor and the Members of the Council for the honour and stated that he had enjoyed his time as a councillor and missed the opportunity to serve on the East Sussex Fire Authority. He thanked Councillor Randall for his kind words and wished him well as the Leader of a new Administration.
- 3.12 Alderwoman McCaffery thanked the Mayor and the Members of the Council and stated that she found it difficult to stand before the council in such a way. She was delighted to accept the appointment and noted that becoming a councillor had not been in her life-plan but had come along and proved to have been a rewarding part of her life, enabling her to get involved in education and to promote equalities and inclusion.
- 3.13 Alderwoman Simson thanked the Mayor and the Members of the Council and stated that it was a privilege to accept the appointment as an Alderwoman. She felt that she had learned a great deal and in some ways knew a little about a lot; having been able to work with colleagues across all parties and with so many excellent officers. She wished the new council well and noted that difficult times were ahead and thanked them again for her recognition.
- 3.14 Alderman Watkins thanked the Mayor and the Members of the Council for the honour and stated that he had been very proud to serve as a Liberal Democrat Councillor on the City Council. He hoped that he had made a worthwhile contribution during his time of office and felt that the role and work of scrutiny had been taken forward. He also wished to thank his wife for her support and understanding over the years and thanked the Council for this recognition.
- 3.15 The Mayor noted the comments and offered her congratulations to the Aldermen and Alderwomen on their appointments. She also noted that Alderman Drake had been unable to attend the meeting and that her certificate and the council's congratulations would be passed onto her.

4. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 4.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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