

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the  
Town Hall Chapel Road Worthing**

**22 May 2015**

**12 noon**

The Mayor, Councillor Vic Walker  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Michael Donin

Councillor Noel Atkins	Councillor Sean Mc Donald
*Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Heather Mercer
Councillor Keith Bickers	Councillor Louise Murphy
Councillor Joan Bradley	Councillor Nigel Murphy
*Councillor Callum Buxton	Councillor Mark Nolan
Councillor Michael Cloake	Councillor Luke Proudfoot
Councillor Edward Crouch	Councillor Clive Roberts
Councillor James Doyle	Councillor Bob Smytherman
Councillor Norah Fisher	Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes
Councillor Diane Guest	Councillor Keith Sunderland
Councillor Alex Harman	Councillor Bryan Turner
Councillor Lionel Harman	Councillor Val Turner
Councillor Joshua High	Councillor Vicki Vaughan
Councillor Paul High	Councillor Vino Vinojan
Councillor Daniel Humphreys	Councillor Paul Yallop
*Councillor Charles James	Councillor Tom Wye
Councillor Susan Jelliss	
Councillor Kevin Jenkins	
Councillor Mary Lermite	

\*=absent

(The Mayor, Councillor Vic Walker in the Chair)

**C/001/15-16 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Roy Barraclough, Callum Buxton and Charles James.

**C/002/15-16 Election of the Mayor**

Proposed by Councillor Tom Wye, seconded by Councillor Keith Sunderland

**Resolved** that Councillor Michael Donin be elected Mayor of the Borough of Worthing for the 2015-16 Municipal Year.

Councillor Donin made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Mayor, Councillor Donin, in the Chair)

### **C/003/15-16 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Sean McDonald be appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2015/16, this was seconded by Councillor Val Turner.

**Resolved** that Councillor Sean McDonald be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2015-16 Municipal Year.

Councillor McDonald made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **C/004/15-16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

### **C/005/15-16 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2015 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Mayor.

### **C/006/15-16 Vote of thanks to outgoing Mayor and presentation of past Mayor and Mayoress' insignia**

Proposed by Councillor Michael Donin, seconded by Councillor Smytherman and

**Resolved** that the Council places on record its sincere thanks to Councillor Vic Walker for the fine manner in which he upheld the tradition of the Office of Mayor of the Borough, for his service to the community of Worthing during the year, and for the fair business like way in which he presided over the meetings of the Council during the year; and that the Council also expresses its sincere thanks to Rosemary for the dedicated and friendly manner in which she carried out the duties of Mayoress.

### **C/007/15-16 Returning Officers Return of Persons Elected**

Council noted the Returning Officer's, Return of Persons elected as Councillors for the Borough of Worthing held on 7 May 2015.

### **C/008/15-16 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions**

There were no urgent items.

### **C/009/15-16 Announcements by the Mayor and/or Head of Paid Service**

The Mayor invited those present to his Civic Service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Christ Church in Grafton Road beginning at 3pm.

### **C/010/15-16 Election of the Leader of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor Bryan Turner, seconded by Councillor Vicky Vaughan that Councillor Daniel Humphreys be elected Leader of the Council.

On a vote this was agreed.

**Resolved** that Councillor Daniel Humphreys be the Leader of the Council for the period of his term of office as Councillor; namely to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

### **C/011/15-16 Political Balance on the Council**

Council received a report by the Director for Communities, copy attached to these minutes as item 13, the report asked Council to note the political balance following the elections in May 2015.

#### **Resolved**

- i That the Council noted the Committee structure and numbers of seats applicable to each, in accordance with the Constitution as set out in paragraph (a) of Annex A to the report;
- ii That the Council confirmed the political groups and the number and proportion of seats held as set out in paragraph (b) of Annex A to the report;

### **C/012/15-16 Announcements by the Leader of the Council**

The Leader announced his Executive; Councillor Bryan Turner to be the Deputy Leader and he would also have the Regeneration Portfolio. Environment would remain with Councillor Roberts, as would Health and Wellbeing with Councillor Val Turner. Two new Executive members would be Councillor Dr Heather Mercer for Customer Services and Councillor Mark Nolan with Recourses.

The Leader thanked Councillor Lermite for her work on the improvements to the Theatres within the Town which had seen a marked improvement.

### **C/013/15-16 Appointments 2015-16: Appointment of Leader of the Main Opposition; Appointment of Members to Non-Executive Committees; Notification of Group Leaders**

Council considered a report by the Director for Communities, copy attached to these minutes as item 13, the report asked Council to agree various appointments for 2015-16.

Councillor Smytherman proposed recommendation 6.1 it was seconded by Councillor Fisher. Councillor Humphreys proposed the remaining recommendations for which Councillor Sunderland was the seconder.

On a vote it was,

#### **Resolved** that Council

- i. Notes that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the Leader of the Liberal Democratic Group on the Council is appointed the Leader of the Main Opposition for 2015/16.
- ii. agrees the membership of the Council's Non-Executive Committees, and appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman as appropriate, for 2015-16 as set out in the revised Annex A of the report, and attached to these minutes
- iii. That the Council note the Substitute Members Listed for 2015-16 as included in the Annex A;
- iv. notes the Group Leaders as identified to the Proper Officer, included in Annex A.
- v. appoints Councillor Tom Wye as it's representative on the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care committee to the Annual Meeting in 2016.

## **C/014/15-16 Youth Mayor**

Council noted the appointment of the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for 2015-16, Harry Williams and David Price.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.05 pm

Mayor