

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 13TH MAY 2013

### Present:

#### Councillors

Blackburn	Cross	Hutton	Rowson
Boughton	Mrs Delves	Jackson	Ryan
Brown	Doherty	Jones	Smith
Cain	Elmes	Lee	Stansfield
Callow	Galley	Matthews	Taylor
Mrs Callow JP	Green	H Mitchell	Mrs Taylor JP
Campbell	Mrs Greenhalgh	M Mitchell	Williams
Clapham	Hardy	O'Hara	Wright
Coleman	Mrs Haynes	Owen	
Collett	Mrs Henderson MBE	Riding	

### In attendance:

N Jack, Chief Executive  
C McKeogh - Deputy Chief Executive - Human Resources, Communication and Engagement  
C Baker, Assistant Chief Executive - Organisation, Property and Information Technology  
J Blackledge, Assistant Chief Executive - Leisure and Operational Services  
A Cavill, Assistant Chief Executive - Regeneration, Tourism and Culture  
D Curtis, Assistant Chief Executive / Director Adult Services  
J Donnellon, Assistant Chief Executive - Built Environment  
A Rajpura, Director of Public Health  
S Thompson, Assistant Chief Executive - Treasurer Services  
M Towers, Head of Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer  
L Hurst, Assistant Head of Democratic Services  
Y Burnett, Democratic Services Project Officer

### 1. MINUTE'S SILENCE

Councillor and guests observed a minute's silence following the sad loss recently of former Mayor, Councillor and Alderman Edmund Wynne and former Mayoress Sallie Brierley.

### 2. EDMUND WYNNE - RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

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The Council considered a resolution of condolence following the sad loss of Mr Edmund Wynne, former Mayor, Councillor and Alderman who sadly passed away on Wednesday 17th April.

**Motion:** Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Green seconded):

'This Council and the people of Blackpool were deeply saddened to learn of the death on 17th April 2013 of former Mayor, Councillor and Alderman Edmund Ernest Wynne.

Edmund was born in Huddersfield, one of five children and brought up and educated in Scotland.

During World War II, Edmund's military career began in the Northamptonshire Regiment where he was an instructor at the War Office Weapon Training School prior to joining the newly formed Reconnaissance Corps. After training at Sandhurst Military College, he was commissioned in 1943, reaching the rank of Captain and took part in the Normandy landings in 1944. He was wounded whilst serving in Europe and returned to hospital in Northampton.

After his military career, Edmund took up residence in Blackpool in 1948 as a private hotelier and started his political career. In 1953, he fought his first Municipal Election as a Liberal candidate for the Alexandra ward and inflicted a surprise defeat on this Conservative opponent who had been a Member of the Council for 17 years. He named his daughter Alexandra in honour of the people in the area who voted for him. Edmund became Chief Spokesperson for the Liberal party and was elevated to the Aldermanic seat in 1958. It was during this period that the Liberal party became the largest in the Council Chamber. He stood down from this position in 1964 and was then re-elected as a Councillor in 1968 for the Squires Gate ward as an Independent.

His greatest achievement was in 1941 when he married his beloved wife the late Hon. Nancy Clare Eden, the youngest daughter of the Lord and Lady Henley of Watford Court, Rugby and Grand daughter of the Earl of Carlisle. They were married for 71 happy years. Nancy sadly passed away in August 2012. It has been a sad 12 months for the Wynne family with Edmund and Nancy's second daughter Deborah dying of cancer earlier this year.

During his 38 years serving the people of Blackpool, Edmund represented Alexandra, Squires Gate and Highfield wards and served on many and varied Committees, including Policy and Finance, Health, Housing and Transport, Trading and Allied Services, Planning and Development, Policy and Resources and Transport. He was Chairman of the Transport Committee and in 1958/59 whilst Vice Chairman of the Watch Committee he took an active part in the reorganisation and strengthening of the Police Service. His service to the people of Blackpool and his strong links with the Transport Committee was recognised by the Council with one of the new trams being named in his honour in February this year.

In 1972, Edmund was elected Mayor of the Borough and Nancy was his Mayoress. He was also Deputy Mayor in 1961/ 1962, with Nancy as his Deputy Mayoress.

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Politics was clearly in the family blood, with his wife Nancy first being elected to the Council on 12th May 1969 until her last successful election in May 1983. Their son Robert has also served as a Councillor between May 1991 and May 2011 becoming Leader of the Liberal Democrat party and also Mayor. His daughter in law (Robert's wife) Gaynor was also a Councillor between 2000 and 2004.

Edmund was also a successful businessman with many ventures including starting his own Soft Drink Manufacturing Company in the late 1960's, running most of the town's car parks in the 1960's, operating the Bispham Gold Driving range and latterly being a key figure in the family business the West Coast Rock Cafe. Outside of the Council Chamber in his younger years, he was a keen walker, enjoyed golf and was a talented pianist who could play entirely by ear.

Edmund was 96 when he sadly passed away and he leaves four daughters, one son, 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and our deepest sympathy goes out to his family in their great loss.'

**Motion carried:** The motion on being submitted to the Council was carried unanimously.

### 3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Boughton and

**Resolved:** That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Edward George Collett be elected Mayor of the Borough of Blackpool for the municipal year 2013/2014.

### 4. THE MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Collett made a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor according to the requirements of the law and thereupon took the Chair.

### 5. THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor Collett, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and

**Resolved:** That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Davind Owen be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Blackpool, for the municipal year 2013/2014.

### 6. THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Owen made a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Deputy Mayor according to the requirements of the law.

### 7. THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor, Councillor Eddie Collett, addressed the meeting.

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### 8. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING MAYOR

Councillors Blackburn, Williams and Green congratulated Councillor Collett upon his election as Mayor. Bürgermeister Klaus Strehl had sent his apologies to the meeting, therefore Ratsfrau Anja Kohmann passed on her congratulations on behalf of the people of Bottrop.

### 9. APPRECIATION OF THE EX-MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Cain and

**Resolved:** 'It is with great pleasure, that Blackpool Council places on record its appreciation of the duties so very ably and enthusiastically undertaken by Councillor Sylvia Taylor, as Mayor of Blackpool. Her dedication for the town, together with her many years of service on the Council have stood her in good stead for her year as Blackpool's civic head.

The Blackpool Mayoralty again maintained its status as a busy one this year with a variety of civic engagements. No sooner had Sylvia taken on the role of Mayor, she and Julia attended a reception at Accrington Town Hall to meet Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh in celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The following week they were down to London for the Royal Garden Party followed the same afternoon by The Royal Mail's launch, at the House of Lords, of their Landscapes of the UK stamp with our iconic Tower as one of the scenes.

The town still attracts a large number of conferences and the Mayor and Mayoress attended a variety of annual gatherings such as; National Pensioners Convention, UK Bus Driver of the Year Awards, WMCIU, Royal Pigeon Racing Association and USDAW, to name a few.

Many Ex-Service organisations still hold their Annual Reunions in Blackpool and Sylvia and Julia attended reunions of the Canal Zoners, the Royal Artillery Association, Aden Veterans, Tumbledown Veterans, the Royal Air Force Association, 5th Royal Tank Regiment, and the HMS Penelope Association.

Blackpool Armed Forces Week, during June, was again a great success attracting thousands of visitors to the town and the Mayor and Mayoress attended a variety of events during the week, amongst the highlights being the Flag Raising Ceremony at the beginning of the week and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

During her mayoral year, Sylvia took great interest in older peoples' organisations attending the Pensioners' Parliament, the Carer's Centre and various care and rest homes and a couple 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

Blackpool's regeneration played a large part in Sylvia's year in office, seeing the commencement of the new Talbot Gateway project. Sylvia hosted in the Parlour and attended many school events and welcomed to the Town Hall various foreign school and group visitors along with our annual visit by a team of Australian Athletes.

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Sylvia and Julia enjoyed meeting many prominent people throughout the mayoral year especially, the North West Team GB Olympic gold medal winners at Illuminations Switch On, which was once again a special event in the civic diary. They met cyclist Mark Cavendish in September as the Tour of Britain Cycle Race passed through the town and The Duke of Kent on a Royal Visit to Keighley. Sylvia and Julia were delighted to take part in the Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, which streamed a live broadcast of our Mayor and Mayoress on prime time TV in front of the Tower.

In late September the Mayor and Mayoress headed a civic delegation for a visit to our twin town Bottrop for Michaelsmarkt and during the visit attended, with great interest, a presentation on InnovationCity Ruhr an environmentally friendly housing project for the area.

Sylvia took great pleasure in welcoming our new citizens to the town at the many very popular Citizenship Ceremonies that were held throughout the year. During this mayoral year also saw the Council Chamber and the Mayoralty hosting the Army Recruitment team and new army recruits at their Junior Oaths of Allegiance proving a proud and moving event for all involved.

This year, the Mayoral team had chosen four local charities to benefit from the Mayor's Charity Appeal. These were The Salvation Army Bridge Project, Blackpool Boys and Girls Club, Claremont First Step Community Centre and Claremont West Family Centre and over £12,000 has been raised for these charities.

A number of charity events took place during this mayoral year, Quiz Nights at the Red Lion and the Devonshire Club, a very successful Fashion Show, Music Night and, last but not least, the very well received Mayor's Charity Ball at Blackpool Football Club, where more than 260 people attended and raised just over £4,500 for the appeal. On 27<sup>th</sup> March, Sylvia underwent a knee operation, but was determined to resume her mayoral duties as quickly as possible and was back on duty two weeks later for her charity quiz in April.

A special reference has to be made to the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, John and Jaki Boughton, for their support and contribution to this mayoral year, to Mayor Ian Harris who acted as Mayor's Chaplain up to Christmas and Canon Dick Cartmell, both who have assisted at Council Meetings and other civic events.

This resolution would not be complete without particular reference to the Mayoress, Julia, who supported Sylvia at all major events throughout the year.

To Sylvia and Julia, Blackpool Council places on record its sincere appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress, and expresses the hope that memories of their mayoral year will stay with them forever.

The Council extends to them both, every good wish for the future.'

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### **10. THE EX-MAYOR'S REPLY TO THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

Councillor Mrs Taylor replied to the resolution of appreciation.

### **11. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council held on 13th March 2013 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements on this occasion.

### **13. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The Council considered the appointment of its committees for the 2013/2014 municipal year. In doing so, it noted that under legislation, a political group could only be treated as being constituted when it comprised of two or more members of the Council and that a single member had no legal entitlement to places on committees, unless there was a resolution of Council, which no member voted against.

Members noted that the Licensing Committee was not subject to these calculations and it was recommended that the Liberal Democrat member be appointed to that Committee and continue to be involved in the scrutiny panels appointed by the Scrutiny Committee.

It was reported that new regulations were in place following the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2011 which called for the Council to reaffirm the role of the Health Scrutiny Committee in referring a contested substantial variation of service to the Secretary of State. Members noted that for the municipal year it was also the responsibility of the Council to formally appoint a Health and Well Being Board.

In relation to other committees (namely the Planning Committee, Appeals Committee, Finance and Audit Committee and Standards Committee) it was recommended for these to be reappointed according to their current terms of reference. It was also recommended to reappoint the Chief Officers Employment Committee with its current powers and duties, subject to the addition of the power to appoint the H.M. Corner for the Blackpool and Fylde Coronial district.

Members went on to consider proposals to reappoint the Area Panels and Forums on the same basis as was agreed in 2012, subject to the transfer of Tyldesley ward from Gateway Area Forum/Panel to the Revoe Area Forum/Panel. This was following representations from the ward councillors for Tyldesley due to its synergy with the wards that were currently part of the Revoe area.

A full schedule of committees was submitted to the Council containing the notified names of committee members, Lead Scrutiny Members/Shadow Cabinet Members and proposed Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship nominees.

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**Motion:** Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Jackson seconded):

- '1. To appoint a Scrutiny Committee, in line with the political balance calculations at Appendix 12(a) to the Council report, (membership of fifteen and with a composition of ten Labour and five Conservative), with the powers and duties as set out in the Constitution.
2. That the Scrutiny Committee also appoints the two diocesan co-opted representatives and the two governor co-opted representatives.
3. That the Scrutiny Committee be requested to appoint a Call In Sub-Committee, (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour and three Conservative), to meet as and when required, with the powers and duties, as set out in the Constitution.
4. That the Scrutiny Committee continues to set up short life scrutiny panels for review purposes, to include where appropriate, any other non-executive member of the Council, including the Liberal Democrat member.
5. That six 'lead' scrutiny members continue be appointed on the basis of four Conservative lead members and two Labour lead members, the lead members to be as set out in Appendix 12(b) to the Council report (these to also be standing members of the Scrutiny Committee).
6. To also appoint the following committees, in line with the political balance calculations and adjustments at Appendix 12(a) to the Council report:
  - Health Scrutiny Committee (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour and three Conservative)
  - Planning Committee (membership of ten and with a composition of seven Labour and three Conservative)
  - Appeals Committee (membership of six and with a composition of four Labour and two Conservative)
  - Finance and Audit Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
  - Standards Committee (membership of six and with a composition of four Labour and two Conservative)
  - Chief Officers Employment Committee (membership of six and with a composition of four Labour and two Conservative).
7. To agree that the powers and duties of those committees remain as set out in the Constitution, with the exception of the following committees where the following adjustments are made:
  - Chief Officers Employment Committee - the addition of the responsibility to appoint the H.M. Coroner for the Blackpool and Fylde Coronial district
  - Health Scrutiny Committee - the revision of the powers and duties to include all of the 'scrutiny' statutory responsibilities of S190 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, including the power to refer a contested substantial variation of service to the Secretary of State.

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8. That the Licensing Committee be re-appointed with the powers and duties as set out in the Constitution (membership of fifteen and a composition of ten Labour, four Conservative and one Liberal Democrat).

9. That the Licensing Committee be requested to re-appoint the Public Protection Sub-Committee, with the powers and duties, as set out in the Constitution (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative).

10. To note the appointment of members to committees as set out in Appendix 12(b) of the Council report.

11. That the seven Area Forums/Panels be re-appointed with the continuing membership and powers and duties as agreed at the Annual Council 2012, subject to the transfer of Tyldesley ward from Gateway Area Forum/ Panel to Revoe Area Forum/ Panel.

12. To agree the appointment of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for those Committees identified at Appendix 12(b) of the Council report based on the above recommendations.

13. That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly and make any arrangements necessary relating to the implementation of recommendation 11 above.'

**Motion carried:** The motion on being submitted to the Council was carried.

### 14. FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Members were aware that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 had introduced a requirement on all upper tier Councils to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board with the intention of providing a shared leadership and strategic approach to the health and wellbeing of communities that reached across all relevant organisations and an impetus to driving action and change to improve services and outcomes. The Council considered proposals for the formal establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which had existed in a shadow form since November 2012.

**Motion:** Councillor Taylor proposed (and Councillor Blackburn seconded):

'1. To agree to the formation of a Health and Wellbeing Board for Blackpool with the membership as set out at Appendix 13(a) to the Council report and all identified members to have voting rights and the powers and duties of the Board be as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the Council report.

2. That the Leader of the Council be asked to confirm the councillor representatives for the Board to the Head of Democratic Services.

3. That the position of Chairman be filled by the Council's 'councillor' statutory representative, currently identified as the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.



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4. That the Health and Wellbeing Board be asked to confirm its acceptance of the non-statutory representatives for the Board, at its first formal meeting on 19th June 2013.
5. That the Health and Wellbeing Board be asked to confirm a representative from the Voluntary Sector, without referral back to the Council meeting.
6. To note that with the approval of the Shadow Board, the Head of Democratic Services has written to the organisations listed in the first column of Appendix 13a to the Council report, to ask them to confirm their representatives for the Board, subject to Council approval of the formation of the Board.
7. That in line with the regulations, all members of the Board be required to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct for members, including completing and maintaining the register of interests form and undergoing training.
8. To agree that members of the public, other elected members, other organisation representatives and officers from the Council be permitted to speak at meetings of the Board, with the permission of the Chairman.
9. To note that the Board will be subject to the Local Government Access to Information Act 1985 as set out in paragraph eight and the quorum be a quarter of the membership with at least representatives from two organisations in attendance.
10. To agree that no substitutes (or alternate representatives) be permitted, due to the size and nature of the Board.
11. That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised following agreement of this report, to amend the Constitution accordingly.'

**Motion carried:** The motion on being submitted to the Council was carried.

### 15. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Council considered whether to make any changes to the scheme of delegation for which it had responsibility.

**Motion:** Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Jackson seconded):

'That no changes be made to the scheme of delegation for which the Council has responsibility'.

**Motion carried:** The motion on being submitted to the Council was carried.

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### 16. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council considered a programme of meetings for the municipal year 2013/2014.

**Motion:** Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Jackson seconded):

'To approve the calendar of meetings for the 2013/2014 municipal year'.

**Motion carried:** The motion on being submitted to the Council was carried.

### Mayor

(The meeting ended at 1:03 pm)

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