

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2024

Present:

Councillor Campbell (in the Chair)

Councillors

Baker	Critchley	Hunter	Sloman
Bamborough	Ellison	Jackson	M Smith
Benson	Farrell	Jones	S Smith
Boughton	Fenlon	Marshall	Taylor
N Brookes	Flanagan	B Mitchell	Thomas
P Brookes	Galley	C Mitchell	Walsh
S Brookes	Hobson	D Mitchell	Warne
Burdess	Hoyle	Roe	Webb
Cartmell	Hugo	D Scott	Williams
Cooper	Humphreys	Mrs Scott	

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

Jenni Cook, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Lancashire Constabulary's Assistant Chief Constable Peter Lawson had sadly passed away and she paid tribute to his work including chairing the Lancashire Resilience Forum which had been a key partner of the Council in supporting and protecting the community during the coronavirus pandemic.

Members were also advised that former Colonel Chris Owen, Regimental Secretary for the Duke of Lancaster Regiment which had Freedom of Entry for Blackpool, had sadly passed away just before Christmas.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor offered condolences to their families and friends.

The Mayor offered congratulations to:

- Andrew Pollock, former Director of Resources and founder of the CLEVR Money credit union, who had received an MBE for services to financial inclusion

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- Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive who had been awarded an OBE in the King's New Year's Honours list for services to local government, receiving the honour for the pivotal part he had played in Blackpool's ongoing regeneration.

3 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Members considered proposals for the award of Honorary Alderman of the Borough to former councillors Don Clapham, Gary Coleman and Allan Matthews for their eminent services to the borough and who had stood down at the last local election.

Motion: Councillor Williams proposed (and Councillor Galley seconded):

'To confer the title of 'Honorary Alderman' of the Borough of Blackpool under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to former councillors Don Clapham, Gary Coleman and Allan Matthews'.

Councillors D Scott and Williams spoke in support of Don Clapham and his role as ward councillor for Bispham and in particular his support for young people as Executive Member, Chair of scrutiny and position with Blackpool Sixth Form as well as his role as Mayor.

In respect of Gary Coleman, Councillors Taylor, Mrs Scott and Bamborough paid tribute to his roles on the Council, in particular as Deputy Mayor and as Mayor in 2018-19 and to the various committee roles that he had held.

Councillors Jackson and Galley spoke in support of Allan Matthews who had served as ward councillor for Tyldesley, having lived in Blackpool all his life and paid tribute to his work on the Council and with the Council companies as well as his role as Mayor.

Motion carried: The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Clapham, Mr Coleman and Mr Matthews were each presented with the Honorary Alderman pendant and then addressed the Council to express their thanks.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.07 pm)

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