

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018

Present:

Councillors

Benson	Critchley	Matthews	Mrs Scott
Blackburn	Cross	Mitchell	Singleton
Cain	Elmes	O'Hara	Smith
Callow	Galley	Owen	Stansfield
Mrs Callow JP	Mrs Henderson MBE	Robertson BEM	I Taylor
Campbell	Humphreys	Roberts	L Williams
D Coleman	Hunter	Rowson	T Williams
G Coleman	Hutton	Ryan	Mrs Wright
Collett	Jackson	D Scott	

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive
John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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3 THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor I Taylor, seconded by Councillor Critchley and

Resolved: That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Gary Coleman be elected Mayor of the Borough of Blackpool for the municipal year 2018/2019.

4 THE MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor G Coleman made a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor according to the requirements of the law and then took the Chair.

5 THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor G Coleman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and

Resolved: That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Kath Rowson be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Blackpool, for the municipal year 2018/2019.

6 THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Kath Rowson 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 G Coleman, then addressed the meeting in relation to his forthcoming year as Mayor and in relation to the duties undertaken by the previous Mayor, Councillor Ian Coleman.

Council then resolved:

'Blackpool Council places on record its appreciation of the duties undertaken by Councillor Ian Coleman, as Mayor of Blackpool.

The Blackpool mayoralty again maintained its status as a busy one this year with a variety of civic engagements.

Ian and Mavis began the mayoral year with the Royal Garden Party in London and opened the World Dance Championships at the Winter Gardens.

Throughout the year they attended many high profile local events such as the Pride Launch, Lytham Proms and the Manchester to Blackpool Car Run. Ian and Mavis were fortunate to meet international celebrity Will Smith and also met with Simon Cowell, Ant and Dec and the Britain's Got Talent crew.

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Blackpool 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 Congress, to name a few.

Many Ex-Service organisations still hold their annual reunions in Blackpool and Ian and Mavis attended reunions of the Canal Zoners, the Royal Artillery Association, Aden Veterans, the Royal Air Force Association and the HMS Penelope Association. National 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.

In July, the Mayor and Mayoress were able to welcome The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment to the town for the Freedom of the Borough ceremony and parade, a very prestigious event for Blackpool.

The Mayor took great pleasure in welcoming our new citizens to the town at the many very popular Citizenship Ceremonies that were held throughout the year.

This year, the Mayor chose Blackpool Carers Centre and Blackpool Royal British Legion Club as his charities and raised just over £20,000 this mayoral year.

A special reference has to be made to the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Gary and Debbie, for their support and contribution to this mayoral year and to Rev Augusta Gibrill who acted as Mayor's Chaplain and has assisted at Council meetings and other civic events.

This appreciation would not be complete without particular reference to the Mayoress, Mavis, who supported Ian in his role.

To Ian and Mavis, Blackpool Council places on record its sincere appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress.'

8 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING MAYOR AND WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE EX-MAYOR

Councillors Blackburn and T Williams congratulated Councillor G Coleman upon his election as Mayor. On behalf of the ex-Mayor, Councillor Ian Coleman, the Mayor thanked those people who had supported him during the year.

9 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council held on 21 March 2018 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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11 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Council received the report on the appointment of committees for the 2018/2019 municipal year which included proposals for all of the committees to be reappointed according to their current powers and duties.

A full schedule of committees was submitted to the Council based upon the political balance calculations and which contained the notified names of committee members, Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship nominees.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

- '1. To appoint the following Council committees, in line with the political balance calculations and adjustments at Appendix 11(a) to the report and to agree that the powers and duties remain as set out in the Council's Constitution:
 - Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee (membership of eight with a composition of five Labour and three Conservative)
 - Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour and three Conservative)
 - Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Audit Committee (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour, three Conservative plus one co-opted member)
 - Appeals Committee (membership of six and with a composition of five Labour and one Conservative)
 - Planning Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Standards Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Chief Officers Employment Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Shareholder's Advisory Board (membership of four and with a composition of three Labour and one Conservative)
2. That in relation to scrutiny, to agree to continue with two diocesan co-opted representatives and the two governor co-opted representatives to the Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee and for that committee to make the necessary appointments.
3. That the Licensing Committee also be re-appointed with the powers and duties as set out in the Constitution (membership of fifteen and a composition of ten Labour and five Conservative).

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4. 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.
5. To note the appointment of members to committees as set out in Appendix 11(b) to the report and thereafter any nominations or changes to nominations reported to the Director of Governance and Partnerships by the relevant Group Leader.
6. To agree to the appointment of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for those committees as identified at Appendix 11(b) to report based on the above recommendations.
7. To confirm the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board as set out in Appendix 11(b) to the report.
8. To agree that the Director of Governance and Partnerships be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.'

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

12 SCHEME OF DELEGATION/CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council considered whether to make any changes to the scheme of delegation and received proposals for a change to Procedural Standing Order 10, to allow responses to be given immediately after questions or comments were raised on Executive Member and Council appointed representatives reports to Council, in instances where members had declared disclosable pecuniary interests or prejudicial interests.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

- '1. To agree that no changes are made to the scheme of delegation for which the Council has responsibility.
2. To amend Procedural Standing Order 10 in Part 4a of the constitution to incorporate a new paragraph at 10.7 (as set out in Appendix 12(a) to the report) to reflect the process to be followed should a member have either a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest and have to leave the room during the consideration of Executive Member and Council appointed representatives' reports at Council meetings.'

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

13 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council considered a programme of meetings for the municipal year 2018/2019.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

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' To approve the calendar of meetings and the start times of meeting as set out in Appendix 13(a) to the Council report.'

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 3.30 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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