

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 17 July 2019

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Claire Darke (Lab)
Deputy Mayor Cllr Greg Brackenridge (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed	Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Harman Banger	Cllr Celia Hibbert	Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Alan Bolshaw	Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal	Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Rashpal Kaur	Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Paula Brookfield	Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur	Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Alan Butt	Cllr Roger Lawrence	Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Linda Leach	Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz
Cllr Jacqui Coogan	Cllr Hazel Malcolm	Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar	Cllr Asha Mattu	Cllr Clare Simm
Cllr Steve Evans	Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN	Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Val Evans	Cllr Louise Miles	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Beverley Momenabadi	Cllr Martin Waite

Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby	Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Simon Bennett	Cllr Jane Stevenson
Cllr Jonathan Crofts	Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Christopher Haynes	Cllr Jonathan Yardley
Cllr Sohail Khan	

Employees

Tim Johnson	Managing Director
Tracey Christie	Head of Legal Services
Ross Cook	Director of City Environment
John Denley	Director of Public Health
Ian Fegan	Director of Communications and External Relations
David Watts	Director of Adult Services
Alison Shannon	Chief Accountant
Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services Manager
Shelley Humphries	Democratic Services Officer

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Payal Bedi-Chadha, Peter Bilson, Olivia Birch, Dr Paul Birch J.P, John Rowley and Paul Singh.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the report on Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman. He requested that pursuant to the powers contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman to former Councillors Peter O'Neill and Tersaim Singh.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield added Mr O'Neill had a total of 27 years' distinguished service. He had served the residents of both Low Hill Ward and Bushbury South Ward, but also held many important positions within the Council impacting on the lives of the citizens of our whole City and served on many committees.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield added Mr Singh had a total of 28 years' distinguished service. He had served the residents of St Peters Ward but also held many important positions within the Council impacting on the lives of the citizens of our whole City. He was the Mayor of the City of Wolverhampton in 2000-2001 and served on many committees.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield proposed the recommendation, Councillor Wendy Thompson seconded the recommendation. They paid tribute to the contributions of former Councillors Peter O'Neill and Tersaim Singh.

Resolved:

That the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors Peter O'Neill and Tersaim Singh.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented Mr O'Neill with a badge to commemorate his appointment. Honorary Alderman O'Neill then gave an acceptance speech.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented Mr Singh with a badge to commemorate his appointment. Honorary Alderman Singh then gave an acceptance speech.

4 Friendship Agreement with Arjunthara Municipality, Nepal

Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, presented the report on Friendship Agreement with Arjunthara Municipality, Nepal. She advised the Ambassador of Nepal to England had approached the former Mayor, Councillor Phil Page in October 2018 to explore

forming a sister city relationship. Since then a Memorandum of Understanding had been developed and accepted by the Government of Nepal. The friendship agreement had also been reviewed by the Council.

She added a dinner to celebrate the occasion would take place later this evening and that the Ambassador of Nepal had also invited Councillors this Saturday to a celebratory event and dinner in London.

Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE proposed the recommendation and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield seconded the recommendation.

Resolved:

That the proposed friendship agreement with the Arjundhara Municipality in Nepal be agreed.