

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL duly convened and held at The Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury on 12 May 2004

Present: Councillor Eden-Green (Lord Mayor)
Councillors Ashmore-Fish, Mrs Attwood, Austin, Avery, Berridge, Bright, Cavell, Cragg, Mrs Davis, Dixey, Mrs Doyle, Farthing, Flaherty, Gilbey, Halfpenny, Hando, Mrs Harrison, Kay-Bradley, Mrs Law, Lee, Mrs McCabe, MacCaul, McLachlan, Matthews, Mavers, Nee, Norris, Oakes, Parkinson, Patterson, Pepper, Perkins, Rampling, Mrs Reuby, Miss Samper, Seager, Mrs Seath, Sharp, Street-Williams, Thomas, Todd, Took, Vye, Whitemore, Windsor, Wratten and Wright.

1 PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Pamela Lloyd.

2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Brett.

3 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Perkins and seconded by Councillor Pepper that Councillor Martin Vye be elected Lord Mayor of Canterbury for the year 2004/05. There were no other nominations for the election of Lord Mayor and it was

RESOLVED – That Councillor Martin Vye be elected Lord Mayor of Canterbury for the year 2004/05.

(Councillor Vye then made a declaration of acceptance of the office of Lord Mayor of Canterbury. He then took the Chair and thanked the Council for electing him and informed the Council that his Chaplain would be Dr Joseph O'Hanlon and his wife Jennifer Vye would be the Lady Mayoress for the Council year 2004/05. He informed the Council that the Lady Mayoress' Charities for the year 2004/05 would be announced in due course.

4 PRESENTATION OF PAST LORD MAYOR'S BADGE TO COUNCILLOR EDEN-GREEN

The Lord Mayor presented a past Lord Mayor's badge to Councillor Eden-Green and thanked him and the former Lady Mayoress Mrs Monica Eden-Green, for their services to the Council during the year 2003/04. Councillor Eden-Green expressed his thanks to the Council, his chaplain, Reverend Pamela Lloyd, the Lady Mayoress, the Vice-Chairman and Sheriff, Councillor Fred Whitemore and staff at Tower House for their support during his term of office for the year 2003/04.

He also expressed his thanks –

- (i) to Invicta Motors for the supply of a vehicle for use by the Lord Mayor over the last 12 years and to Barretts for the current vehicle at no cost to the Council Tax payers;
- (ii) to those individuals who had assisted with the events that had raised approximately £55,000 for the Lady Mayoress' Charities last year – Pilgrims Hospice and The Samaritans.

5 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND SHERIFF OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2004/05

It was proposed by Councillor Perkins and seconded by Councillor Pepper that Councillor Richard Parkinson be elected Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of the Council for the year 2004/05.

It was then proposed by Councillor Cragg and seconded by Councillor Mrs Doyle that Councillor Lewis Norris be elected Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of the Council for the year 2004/05.

The Lord Mayor put the two nominations to a vote and there was an equality of votes for each nomination and in the circumstances, the Lord Mayor used his casting vote in support of the nomination for Councillor Parkinson and it was

RESOLVED – That Councillor Richard Parkinson be elected Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of the Council for the year 2004/05.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated Councillor Parkinson upon his election as Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of the Council for the year 2004/05.

Councillor Parkinson then made a declaration of acceptance of the office of Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of Canterbury and expressed his thanks to the Council for his election.

6 COUNCILLOR WHITEMORE – FORMER VICE-CHAIRMAN AND SHERIFF OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2003/04

The Lord Mayor expressed the Council's thanks to Councillor Whitemore for his services to the Council during his term of office as Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of Canterbury for the Council year 2003/04. The Lord Mayor presented him with a past Sheriff's badge.

Councillor Whitemore then expressed his thanks to the Council for his election as Vice-Chairman and Sheriff of Canterbury for the Council year 2003/04 and thanked the former Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and his consort Anne Seller, for their support during his term of office.

7 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At this point, the Lord Mayor adjourned the Annual Meeting of the Council for a period of five minutes.

(The meeting thereupon adjourned and resumed accordingly).

8 ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Ashmore-Fish and seconded by Councillor Pepper that Councillor Perkins be elected Leader of the Council for the Council year 2004/05.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs Doyle and seconded by Councillor Avery that Councillor Cragg be elected Leader of the Council for the Council year 2004/05.

The Lord Mayor put the two nominations to a vote and there was an equality of votes for each nomination and in these circumstances the Lord Mayor used his casting vote in support of the nomination for Councillor Perkins and it was

RESOLVED – That Councillor Perkins be elected Leader of the Council for the Council year 2004/05.

9 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE

It was proposed by Councillor Perkins, jointly seconded by Councillor Pepper and Cragg and

RESOLVED – That the Executive for the Council year 2004/05 shall comprise the Leader plus seven Executive Members.

It was then proposed by Councillor Perkins and seconded by Councillor Pepper that the following Councillors be appointed as the remaining Executive Members:-

Councillors Ashmore-Fish, Eden-Green, Halfpenny, MacCaul, Matthews, Pepper and Seath.

There was an equality of votes for and against the proposal and in these circumstances the Lord Mayor used his casting vote in support of the proposal for the appointment at these Councillors as the remaining Executive Members for the Council year 2004/05 and it was

RESOLVED accordingly.

10 COMMUNICATIONS

The Leader of the Council congratulated Councillor Vye upon his election as Lord Mayor of Canterbury for the year 2004/05. The Leader of the Council also expressed his thanks to those who had participated in the sponsored cycle ride to Reims, France. These included Councillors Nee and Took, Mark Everett, Theatre Director; Velia Coffey, Head of Housing and Community Development; Viv Pritchard, Head of Transportation and Engineering; Kim Bennett, Head of Development Services and Colin Carmichael, the Chief Executive.

11 MINUTES

The Lord Mayor signed as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 April 2004.

12 CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND THE WHITSTABLE HARBOUR BOARD FOR 2004/05

It was proposed by Councillor Perkins, seconded by Councillor Pepper and

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Council appoint the Committees, Panels and the Whitstable Harbour Board for the year 2004/05 as detailed in the report of the Chief Executive, now submitted, and that the membership of the Committees, Panels and the Whitstable Harbour Board be as set out on pages 8 and 9 inclusive to these minutes.
- (b) That where required, the quorum of the Committees, Panels and the Whitstable Harbour Board be as set out in the report of the Chief Executive referred to above.
- (c) That the terms of reference of the Committees, Panels and the Whitstable Harbour Board, as now reported, be approved.

13 SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

It was proposed by Councillor Perkins, seconded by Councillor Pepper and

RESOLVED – That the scheme of delegation to officers, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive, now submitted, be approved.

14 APPOINTMENT OF PROPER OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Perkins, seconded by Councillor Pepper and

RESOLVED – That the appointment of the Proper Officers of the Council, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive, now submitted, for the year 2004/05, be approved.

15 WHITSTABLE HARBOUR BOARD

RESOLVED –

- (a) That Geoff Bush, Sharon Higenbottam, Christopher Mendoza, Alex Stanmore and Ian Waddington be appointed as co-opted Independent Members of the Whitstable Harbour Board until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2005.
- (b) That Councillors Dixey, Hando, Mrs Harrison, Thomas and Wratten (Conservative substitutes – Councillors Cavell and Mrs Law; Labour substitute Councillor McLachlan) be appointed as the five City Councillors to serve on the Whitstable Harbour Board until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2005.

16 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – That the following individuals be appointed as the co-opted Independent Members and Parish Member of the Standards Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2005.

Two Independent Members, Mr P N Gottschalk and Mr P Lennard.

Parish Council representative – Mr R Evison (substitute Mr R Fullbrook).

17 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive on the appointment or nomination of the Council's representatives to outside bodies for the Council year 2004/05.

WHEREUPON

- A. Councillors Flaherty and McLachlan were appointed as the Council's representatives on Active Life.
- B. The nominations for Councillors Mrs Reuby and Matthews as the Council's representative on the British Resorts Associations were put to a vote and there was an equality of votes for each nomination. In these circumstances, the Lord Mayor used his casting vote in support of the nomination for Councillor Matthews and it was RESOLVED accordingly.
- C. Councillor Vye withdrew his nomination for appointment as one of the two Council representatives on the Canterbury District Citizen's Advice Bureau. Councillors Lee and Wratten had also been nominated for the two vacancies and would act as the Council's representatives on that body.
- D. It was noted that there was a vacancy for the appointment of a Conservative Member as one of the three Council representatives on Canterbury Housing Advice Centre. The Leader of the Conservative Group would consider a nomination.
- E. In view of the nominations for Councillors Eden-Green and Miss Samper to fill the vacancy for the appointment of a representative of the Council on the Canterbury-Reims Twinning Association, the Council requested the Chief Executive to approach the Association to see if two representatives of the Council would be allowed. The appointment of the representative(s) was, therefore, deferred for the time being.
- F. The nominations for Councillors MacCaul and Mrs Reuby for the vacancy of a Council representative on the Canterbury Shop Mobility Executive Committee were put to a vote and there was an equality of votes for each nomination. In these circumstances the Lord Mayor used his casting vote in support of the nomination for Councillor MacCaul and it was RESOLVED accordingly.
- G. Councillor Berridge withdrew his nomination to serve on the Canterbury Transport Advisory Group and in these circumstances the other Members listed in the report of the Chief Executive to fill the four vacancies would be appointed to serve on that body.
- H. Councillor Anderson was appointed as the Council's representative on the Cross Channel Arts Association.
- I. Councillor Berridge was nominated for the vacancy for a Council representative on the East Kent Council for Voluntary Service.
- J. Councillor Halfpenny withdrew his nomination for appointment as the Council's representative on East Kent Cyrenians Management Committee and Councillor Whitemore was nominated for this vacancy.

- K. The nominations for Councillors Cragg and Pepper for the appointment of a Council representative on the East Kent Triangle Area Strategic Partnership were put to a vote and there was an equality of votes for each nomination. In these circumstances the Lord Mayor used his casting vote in support of the nomination for Councillor Pepper and it was RESOLVED accordingly.
- L. Councillor MacCaul withdrew her nomination as one of the two Council representatives on The Horsebridge Centre Trust and Councillor Mrs Harrison was nominated to fill this vacancy in addition to the nomination that had already been received for Councillor McLachlan.
- M. Councillor Cragg was nominated as the Council's representative on the Local Government Association (Councillor McLachlan would be the substitute Member).
- N. Councillor McLachlan was nominated as the Council's representative on the Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group. (Councillor McLachlan would be the substitute Member).
- O. The Council requested the Chief Executive to check whether the Local Government Association – Tourism Forum had been disbanded and the appointment of a Council representative to that body was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.
- P. (Councillor Thomas sought clarification on whether he should declare his interest in the appointment of the Council's representative on the Manston Airport Consultative Committee in view of his personal interest as a shareholder of the company operating Manston Airport. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that he was allowed to vote on the appointment).
- Councillor Wratten withdrew his nomination for appointment as the Council's representative on the Manston Airport Consultative Committee. Councillor Flaherty had already been nominated for the position and a further nomination was received for Councillor Street-Williams. The nominations for Councillor Flaherty and Street-Williams were put to a vote and it was agreed that Councillor Flaherty be appointed as the Council's representative on the Manston Airport Consultative Committee and Councillor Wratten the substitute Member.
- Q. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Reuby would be the substitute Member for Councillor Flaherty as the Council's representative on South East Employers.
- R. Councillor Vye withdrew his nomination for appointment as the Council's representative on the South East England Regional Assembly. Councillor Anderson had already been nominated for this position and a further nomination was received for Councillor Flaherty. The nominations for Councillors Anderson and Flaherty were put to a vote and it was agreed that Councillor Flaherty be nominated as the Council's representative on the South East England Regional Assembly.
- S. Councillors Seager and Patterson had been nominated for the vacancy for a Council representative on Tourism South East (formerly known as South East England Tourist Board) and upon being put, there was an equality votes for

each of these nominations. It was agreed that the appointment of a Council representative on the body be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

- T. Councillor Hando was appointed as the Council's representative on the Water Safety Committee (Herne Bay and Whitstable).
- U. It was then RESOLVED that the appointment of the representatives to outside bodies required to be made in 2004, as set out in pages 10 to 12 inclusive to these minutes, which take into account the nominations or appointments dealt with above, be approved.

18 **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2004/05 AND 2005/06**

The Council considered the programme of meetings for the next two years.

WHEREUPON

- A. It was proposed by Councillor Gilbey and seconded by Councillor Miss Samper that the programme of meetings of full Council be varied to provide for a gap of one week between the dates of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and full Council.

Following a debate and, with the concurrence of the proposer and seconder of the foregoing motion, it was

RESOLVED – That with the exception of the full Council meeting to be held on 1 July 2004, the Chief Executive reconsider the remaining programme of meetings of full Council and report back.

- B. It was proposed by Councillor McLachlan, seconded by Councillor Halfpenny that the officers look again at the programme of meetings for the Whitstable Area Member Panel with a view to avoiding the meetings being held the same night as for the meetings affecting Labour Members that are held in Whitstable on the first Monday in each month and it was

RESOLVED accordingly.

- C. Subject to the foregoing amendments, the remaining programme of meetings for the years 2004/05 and 2005/06 as set out on pages 13 to 16 inclusive to these minutes was RESOLVED accordingly.