

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 21 MAY 2015**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Fitch (Chair), Cobb (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Barradell, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Penn, Robins, Simson, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls, West and Yates

**PART ONE**

**1 COUNCIL BUSINESS - NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

**(a) Newly Elected Councillors**

1.1 The Mayor welcomed the newly elected councillors to the Council Chamber and introduced them to the council:

Councillor Allen representing Preston Park Ward;  
Councillor Atkinson representing North Portslade Ward;  
Councillor Barford representing Queen's Park Ward;  
Councillor Barradell representing East Brighton Ward;  
Councillor Bell representing Woodingdean Ward;  
Councillor Bewick representing Westbourne Ward;  
Councillor Cattell representing Preston Park Ward;  
Councillor Chapman representing Queen's Park Ward;  
Councillor Druitt representing Regency Ward;  
Councillor Gibson representing Hanover & Elm Grove Ward;  
Councillor Greenbaum representing St Peter's & North Laine Ward;  
Councillor Hill representing Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward;  
Councillor Horan representing Goldsmid Ward;  
Councillor Inkpin-Leissner representing Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward;  
Councillor Knight representing Goldsmid Ward;  
Councillor Lewry representing Hollingdean & Knoll Ward;  
Councillor Miller representing Rottingdean Coastal Ward;  
Councillor Moonan representing Central Hove Ward;

Councillor Morris representing Queen's Park Ward;  
Councillor Nemeth representing Wish Ward;  
Councillor O'Quinn representing Goldsmid Ward;  
Councillor Page representing Hanover & Elm Grove Ward;  
Councillor Penn representing Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward;  
Councillor Taylor representing Withdean Ward,  
Councillor Wares representing Patcham Ward;  
Councillor Yates representing Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Ward.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.2 There were no declarations of interest in items appearing on the agenda.

## **3 MAYORAL REPORT 2015-16**

3.1 The Mayor formally moved the Mayoral report for 2014/15 be noted.

3.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

3.3 The Mayor then chose to formally thank the Council for his year in office and stated that it had been varied and exceptional in many ways and would leave him with countless memories of the people that he had met. There were a number of experiences that stood out including Bernie Jordan's adventure to France and his conferral as an Alderman, the Pride event, meeting so many volunteers and raising funds for the mayoral charities. However all of these would not be possible without the support of a number of people within the council and he wished to thank a number of these personally. From within the Mayoral Office he called on Siobhan Williams, Martin Warren, Robbie Robertson, Darren Patching, and Kieran Madden to come forward and receive a small gift.

3.4 He also wished to thank Elaine Barber in Democratic Services and noted that she could not be present. He then called on Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services, who he had known for over 25 years an officer and now as a friend, to come forward and receive a gift as a mark of his dedication and professionalism.

3.5 He then thanked Father John Wall for his service as his chaplain for the year and support at many of the mayoral events over the year.

3.6 Finally, he wanted to thank his wife, Nora for her support and advice throughout this year and for taking the decision to retire early so that she could support him fully. He then presented Nora with a small gift.

## **4 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16**

4.1 The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the municipal year 2015/16.

4.2 Councillor Lynda Hyde was proposed by Councillor Geoffrey Theobald and seconded by Councillor Simson.

- 4.3 Councillors Morgan and Mac Cafferty supported the nomination of Councillor Hyde as Mayor for 2015/16.
- 4.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Lynda Hyde be duly elected Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 4.5 **The motion was agreed.**
- 4.6 The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 5.15pm in order for Councillor Hyde as the incoming Mayor to be robed and to take the Chair for the meeting.

#### **Councillor Hyde in the Chair**

- 4.7 Councillor Hyde reconvened the meeting at 5.30pm and then made and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 4.8 The Mayor then thanked the Council for her appointment and stated that she was delighted to be making my maiden speech as Mayor in your presence. She then paid tribute to the Former Mayor and former Councillor and Alderman Brian Fitch. He and his wife Norah had given great service to the city during their Mayoralty, adding zest and passion to the dignity of office. She stated that it would be remiss of her not to mention Brian's forty years' service in local government and that in the view of many in the Chamber his term as Mayor was an apt conclusion to his public life. She then thanked Brian Fitch for his service.
- 4.9 The Mayor noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor of Brighton was Major John Fawcett in 1855 so there had been a Mayor in Brighton for 160 years and she understood the chain she was wearing today had been worn by all past Mayors in Brighton. Hove and Portslade had their own Mayors in the past when they were towns in their own right. However, we became a Unitary Authority on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1997, and she had on occasions albeit, luckily not too many, seen the significance of the April the 1<sup>st</sup> date. On 15 February 2001 the Mayor received Letters Patent from the Vice Lord Lieutenant conferring City status on Brighton and Hove on behalf of her Majesty the Queen. Subsequently, we are now the City of Brighton and Hove. However, those of us born here know we are really the City of Brighton, Hove and Portslade.
- 4.10 The Mayor stated that during her year as Mayor she wished to meet all sections of the communities in the City. There will obviously be some very formal and maybe grand occasions which she will attend and she wanted the presence of the Mayor to add a sense of occasion and gravitas. Some of the events would be to raise funds for charities and she wished to give her full support to these. She looked forward to supporting tourism and the business community when she could. One of her great wishes was to visit schools and inspire our young people to do their very best and to tell them if you set your mind to achieving your goal you can do it. She had some interesting little stories she could tell of her own school days which her 3 secondary school friends who were present would be able to confirm.

- 4.11 The Mayor stated that she had a belief that many of the City's volunteers were the glue which held society together and she wanted to visit them and thank them for their contributions. Often they are the unsung heroes of the City. She hoped that some of the charities would invite her to their fund raising events and if they did she promised she would buy some raffle tickets.
- 4.12 Finally the Mayor stated that she wished to thank her Group for putting her name forward to the Council and the Council for voting for her to be the Mayor of the City of Brighton and Hove. She also wished to mention the Councillors who voted to put her forward at the December Council meeting and were no longer in this chamber.

## **5 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

- 5.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Mitchell to move a vote of thanks for the previous Mayor, Brian Fitch.
- 5.2 Councillor Mitchell moved a vote of thanks to Brian Fitch as the retiring Mayor for his services during his term of office.
- 5.3 Councillor G. Theobald formally seconded the motion and this was supported by Councillor Mac Cafferty.
- 5.4 The Mayor put the motion to the vote.
- 5.5 **The motion was carried.**
- 5.6 The Mayor presented Brian Fitch and Mrs Norah Fitch with commemorative badges in recognition of their year of office.

## **6 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16**

- 6.1 The Mayor moved that the Council appoint Councillor Pete West as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 6.2 The Motion was seconded by Councillor Mac Cafferty.
- 6.3 Councillors Morgan and G. Theobald supported the nomination of Councillor West as Deputy Mayor.
- 6.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Pete West be duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year 2015/16.
- 6.5 **The motion was agreed.**
- 6.6 Councillor Pete West made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with his badge of office by the Mayor.

## 7 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 The Mayor stated that she was very happy to say that Alison Peters had agreed to be her principal Consort during her mayoral year and invited her to come forward to be presented with her chain of office.
- 7.2 The Mayor stated that she was also pleased to say that Father John had agreed to be her Chaplain for the forthcoming year and that her three Mayor's charities for the year were; 'The Argus Appeal', 'The Martlets' and the 'Grace Eyre Foundation' and she hoped that they would all benefit from Members' support as well as hers.
- 7.3 The Mayor invited councillors to join her at the civic service to be held at 11.00am in the Unitarian Church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- 7.4 The Mayor informed the council that she wished to announce that she had agreed to call a Special Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> July to consider the conferral of Honorary Aldermen, and to present those previous councillors who were not re-elected with certificates in recognition of their services. The special meeting would take place prior to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## 8 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL 2015/16

- 8.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Mitchell to propose the appointment of the Leader of the Council.
- 8.2 Councillor Mitchell proposed that Councillor Warren Morgan should be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the term of the council.
- 8.3 Councillor Hamilton formally seconded the proposal.
- 8.4 The Mayor noted that there were no other nominations and put the motion to the vote which was agreed.
- 8.5 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Morgan be appointed as the Leader of the Council.

## 9 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

- 9.1 Councillor Morgan introduced the report which outlined changes to the constitution and the creation of a new Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee and discontinuance of the Community Safety Forum. He noted that the various changes outlined in the report had been agreed at the Leaders Group and moved the recommendations.
- 9.2 The Mayor noted that the report had been moved and put the recommendations to the vote which were carried.
- 9.3 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the proposal to create a Neighbourhoods, Communities and Equalities Committee, with a membership of 10, be approved together with the terms of

reference set out in Appendix 1 and the arrangements for invitees referred to in paragraph 3.2 of the report;

- (2) That the proposal to discontinue the Community Safety Forum be approved;
- (3) That the Children & Young People Committee be renamed as Children, Young People and Skills Committee and the Housing Committee be renamed as the Housing and New Homes Committee;
- (4) That the Chief Executive be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by Council and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and re-publish the Council's constitution to reflect the changes referred to in (1), (2) and (3) above; and
- (5) That the above changes come into force with immediate effect.

## 10 APPOINTMENTS 2015/16

10.1. The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2015/2016 the following appointments be agreed:

- (i) Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Mitchell; and
- (ii) Leader of the Official Opposition, Councillor G. Theobald.

10.2. The Mayor also moved that for the municipal year 2015/2016 the following appointments to the positions as agreed by the various Groups represented on the Council be noted:

- (i) Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Group - Councillor Warren Morgan;
- (ii) Deputy Leaders of the Labour & Co-operative Group - Councillors Hamilton and Mitchell;
- (iii) Leader of the Conservative Group - Councillor Geoffrey Theobald;
- (iv) Deputy Leaders of the Conservative Group – Councillors Simson and Wealls;
- (v) Convenor of the Green Group – Councillor Phelim Mac Cafferty;
- (vi) Deputy Convenors of the Green Group – Councillors Deane and Phillips.

10.3. **The motion was carried.**

**11 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, JOINT COMMITTEES, FORUMS, PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/16.**

11.1 The Mayor moved that:

- (i) The allocation of seats as detailed in the report and in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (ii) For the municipal year 2015/2016 the following Committees and Sub-Committees be constituted and appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and the number of Members and allocation of seats to the Party Groups (apart from co-opted Members) as detailed in appendix 1 to the report and as specified below be agreed:

<b>Committee/Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Labour &amp; Co-operative</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>
Policy & Resources	10	4	4	2
Children, Young People & Skills	10	5	3	2
Economic Development & Culture	10	5	3	2
Environment, Transport & Sustainability	10	4	4	2
Housing & New Homes	10	4	4	2
Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities	10	4	4	2

Licensing*	15	6	6	3
Planning	12	6	4	2
Audit & Standards Committee	8	3	3	2
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10	4	4	2
Personnel Sub-Committee	3	1	1	1
Greater Brighton Board	2	1	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>

<i>Licensing 2003 Act* - has the same membership as Licensing and does not come into the equation for the allocation of seats</i>	15	6	6	3
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- (iii) That the membership of the committees and sub-committees as detailed in appendix 2 to the report and set out below be agreed;

**Policy & Resources Committee** – Councillors Morgan (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Bewick, Janio, Mac Cafferty, Mitchell, A. Norman, Sykes, G. Theobald and Wealls.

**Children, Young People & Skills Committee** – Councillors Bewick (Chair), Chapman (Deputy Chair), Barradell, Brown, Daniel, Knight, Marsh, Phillips, Taylor and Wealls.

**Economic Development & Culture Committee** – Councillors Morgan (Chair), Robins (Deputy Chair), Druitt, Greenbaum, Morris, Nemeth, O’Quinn, Peltzer Dunn, C. Theobald and Yates.

**Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee** – Councillors Mitchell (Chair), Barradell (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Greenbaum, Janio, Miller, Nemeth, Robins, C. Theobald and West.

**Housing & New Homes Committee** – Councillors Meadows (Chair), Hill (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Barnett, Gibson, Lewry, Mears, Miller, Moonan and Phillips.

**Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee** – Councillors Daniel (Chair), Moonan (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Bell, Gibson, Hill, Horan, Lewry, Littman and Simson.

**Licensing & Licensing (2003) Committee** – Councillors Marsh (Chair), Horan (Deputy Chair), Allen, Bell, Cobb, Deane, Gilbey, Lewry, Moonan, O’Quinn, Page, Simson, C. Theobald, Wares and West.

**Planning Committee** – Councillors Cattell (Chair), Gilbey (Deputy Chair), Barradell, Hamilton, Inkpin-Leissner, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Miller, Morris, Peltzer Dunn, C. Theobald and Wares.

**Audit & Standards Committee** – Councillors A. Norman (Chair), Chapman, Cobb, Druitt, Morris, Robins, Sykes and Taylor.

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – Councillors Simson (Chair), Allen, Bennett, Deane, Marsh, K. Norman, O’Quinn, Page, Penn and Wares.

**Licensing 2003 Sub-Committee** (3 from the parent committee with designated reps) – Councillors Marsh (Chair), Simson and Deane.



**Personnel Committee** – (3 from a pool of Members with designated reps)  
Councillors O’Quinn, Simson and Littman.

**Greater Brighton Board** – Councillors Morgan and G. Theobald.

**Great Brighton Board Call-in Panel** – Councillor Mac Cafferty.

**Health & Wellbeing Board** – Councillors Yates (Chair), Barford, Mac Cafferty, K. Norman and G. Theobald.

**Corporate Parenting Board** - Councillors Gilbey (Chair), Bell, Bennett, Chapman and Knight.

**Procurement Board** – Councillors Meadows (Chair), Miller, Robins, Sykes and Wealls.

- (iv) That in having regard to (iii) above, those Members listed as Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the respective Committees, Sub-Committees and Forums as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- (v) That in having regard to (ii) above, an Urgency Sub-Committee for each Committee be approved in accordance with Procedure Rule 22;
- (vi) That in having regard to (ii) above, it be agreed that for the purpose of enabling meetings of the Personnel Appeal Panel (sub-committee) to be convened without disproportionate difficulty, the make-up of such panels need not be politically balanced although every effort would be taken to achieve it and that it also be agreed that:
  - (a) Although the Panel has the Members referred to in Appendix 2 as its standing Members, where any of the 3 Members is not available, any Member of the Council who has received appropriate training shall be eligible to sit on the Panel;
  - (b) The Head of Democratic Services be authorised to set up the Panel, as and when needed with the permanent Members or, where any of them is not available, by including any other eligible Member of the Council, having regard to the need, where possible, to secure cross party representation;
  - (c) The above arrangements and those set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report (and (v) above), are intended to operate as “alternative arrangements” for the pursuant to section 17 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- (vii) That the appointment of representatives to various bodies listed in Appendix 2 of the report be agreed;
- (viii) That the appointment of the various Lead Members’ roles and the designated Members listed against those roles as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report be agreed; and

- (ix) That the appointments of representatives to the list of Outside Bodies as detailed in appendix 4 to the report and specified below be agreed:

	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Nominations 2015/16</b>
1	Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership	4-year	<b>Morgan</b>
2	Coast to Capital Local Transport Body	4-year	<b>Mitchell</b>
3	East Sussex Fire Authority	4-year	<b>Penn, O'Quinn, Morris Peltzer Dunn, C. Theobald Deane</b>
4	Gorham's Gift	4-year	<b>Barradell K. Norman Knight</b>
5	Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee (Appointee also sits on the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee)	4-year	<b>Horan</b>
6	Police & Crime Panel	4-year	<b>Daniel</b>
7	South Downs National Park Authority	4 -Year	<b>West</b>
8	Sothern Regional Flood & Coastal Committee	4 Year	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>

11.2 **The motion was carried.**

## 12 **CLOSE OF MEETING**

12.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2015