



Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 9th July 2008 specially convened by the Lord Mayor, for the purpose of adopting a resolution in pursuance of the Local Government Act, 1972, to admit Audrey Jones as an Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester, there being present -

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor
Councillor Mavis Smitheman – In the Chair

Councillors Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Ankers Ashley, Barnes, Barrett, J. Battle, R. Battle, Bethell, Bhatti, Bridges, Burns, Cameron, Carmody, Chohan, Chowdhury, Clayton, Commons, Cooley, Cooper, Cowan, Cowell, Cox, Curley, Dobson, Donaldson, Eakins, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, Fisher, Flanagan, Glover, Grant, Green, Hackett, Harrison, Hassan, Helsby, Hitchen, Isherwood, Jones, Judge, Karney, Keegan, Keller, A. Khan, Kirkpatrick, Leese, Lewis, Lomax, Longsdon, Loughman, Lyons, McCulley, Morrison, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman S. Newman, O'Callaghan, O'Connor, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Parkinson, Pearcey, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Ramsbottom, Risby, Royle, Ryan, Sandiford, Shannon, Shaw, Siddiqi, Smith, Smitheman, Stevens, Swannick, Trafford, Trotman, Walters, Watson, Wheale, Whitmore, and

Also Present: Honorary Aldermen William Egerton and John Smith.

CC/08/56 Welcome

The Lord Mayor extended a welcome to a number of guests who were present at the meeting. As well as her personal guests there were the family members and personal guests of Mrs Audrey Jones, including Mr Barry Dixon, Chief Fire Officer for Greater Manchester, and she took the opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater Manchester.

She also welcomed members of the Park View Community School Council. She informed them that as Lord Mayor she was following the progress of Park View Community School in Miles Platting closely. She reminded the Council that in September 2007 Nicholas Varley and St Marks School had joined together to form Park View and that the school council, staff, pupils and parents had worked hard creating Park View Community School making it a very happy and hard working school. She wished the School Council well as they played an important part in designing a brand new school building which is due to open in December 2009 and she looked forward to visiting them at Park View Community School in September when they could show her around their school introducing her to pupils, staff and

parents. She indicated that she would also be interested to hear more about the work of their School Council.

CC/08/57 Admission of Mrs Audrey Jones JP to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester

It was moved by the Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor (Councillor Mavis Smitheman) and seconded by Councillor Simon Ashley, and then -

Decided Unanimously –

That this Council hereby records its view that the powers entrusted to it by law of recognising persons who have rendered eminent service to the Council as a former member, would be fittingly exercised by admitting to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City Audrey Jones JP, who rendered meritorious service to the City as a Councillor for over 29 years.

Audrey Jones was first elected as Councillor for the Withington Ward of the City in November 1978 at which time she was the sole Liberal member of the Council, and she has continued to be returned as Councillor for that Ward until her retirement from the Council in May 2008.

During her membership of the Council Mrs Jones served on numerous committees of the Council, including Policy and Resources, Housing and Social Services.

She has also represented the Council on outside organisations, including the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and has been associated with many other organisations in the city far too numerous to mention.

She has served as the Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council and In 2003/4 she was elected to the high office of Lord Mayor of Manchester which she served with great dignity and distinction and as a sterling ambassador for the city both at home and overseas.

Her commitment and faithful service to her fellow citizens and to supporting the development of strong and vibrant communities has been the cornerstone of her public service for over 29 year.

Mrs Jones' ability, integrity, affability and enthusiasm for the public service have earned for her the highest regard and respect of everyone who knows her, and in the opinion of the members of the Council, Audrey Jones is a distinguished former colleague whom it is fitting to admit to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.

The Council accordingly resolves that pursuant to the powers contained in Section 249 of the Local Government act, 1972, Audrey Jones JP be and is hereby admitted to be an Honorary Alderman of the City.

Honorary Alderman Jones was then received by the Lord Mayor, presented with an inscribed silver salver and she then addressed the Council by way of thanks.

The Lord Mayor then installed her on the Aldermanic Bench.

City Solicitor

**Lord Mayor
Chair of the Meeting of the Council**