



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2009

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

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

Also Present: Honorary Alderman William Egerton, Audrey Jones, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw

CC/09/31 Recording of Proceedings

In accordance with Procedural Rule 28, the Council agreed to the proceedings being filmed and for photographs to be taken during the meeting.

CC/09/32 Election of Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Alison Firth having been nominated, the Council voted by acclamation.

The Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Alison Firth was elected Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Firth then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Council adjourned briefly whilst the new Lord Mayor was robed.

On resuming, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Firth, took the Oath of Allegiance and addressed the Council.

CC/09/33 Chair

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Alison Firth **(In the Chair)**

CC/09/34 Thanks to retiring Lord Mayor

A vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor was moved by Councillor Karney and seconded by Councillor Ashley.

The Lord Mayor then presented badges to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Councillor Smitheman then responded.

Decision

To extend the sincere thanks of the Council to Councillor Mavis Smitheman, the retiring Lord Mayor, for her valuable services to the City of Manchester during her term of office, and to Mrs Irene Etchells, the retiring Lady Mayoress, for the work which she has undertaken to support her.

CC/09/35 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor Mark Hackett having been nominated, the Council voted thereon by acclamation, and the Lord Mayor declared that he had been appointed.

Councillor Hackett then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Badge of Office.

CC/09/36 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had consented to the Minutes of the meeting of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 12th May 2009 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

Decision

To consider the item referred to above as urgent business.

CC/09/37 Deaths of former councillors Eileen Kelly and Grace Cleworth

The Lord Mayor reported to Council the death on 18th April 2009 of former councillor Eileen Kelly.

Council recalled that Eileen served as Labour councillor for the Blackley Ward from 1982 to 1999 when she retired from the Council. She was an active Committee member serving on the Art Galleries, Environmental Services, Planning and Highways and Leisure Committees. She was Deputy Chair of the Art Galleries Committee from 1986-1988 and of the Planning and Highways Committee from 1990-1993.

Council further recalled that In 1987/1988 she was elected to the high office of Lord Mayor of Manchester, an office that she served with great dignity to herself, and in which as an ambassador for Manchester, at home, and overseas, she worked tirelessly to serve the interests of the city and its people.

Outside the Council she contributed to the work of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority.

Former councillor Grace Cleworth died on 15th April 2009.

Council recalled that she served the Council as Conservative councillor for the Lightbowne Ward between 1976 and 1980. She was the founder of the Moston Brook Animal Sanctuary and she served on the Education, Social Services and Personnel Committees during her time on the Council.

The Council, and all those present at its meeting observed a period of quiet reflection dedicated to their memory and the service that they gave to the city.

CC/09/38 Minutes

Decision

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor,

CC/09/39 Election of Councillor and Order of Seniority

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Rita Tavernor to her first meeting of the Council since her election as Councillor for the Moston Ward at the bye-election held on 9th April 2009.

Council also noted the revised Order of Seniority of Members.

CC/09/40 Leader of the Council

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for appointment as Leader of the Council. Councillor Richard Leese having been nominated, and the Council having voted thereon -

Decision

To appoint Councillor Richard Leese as Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

CC/09/41 Appointment of the Executive

Decision

To appoint the Executive Members with the following portfolios -

Arts and Leisure	Councillor Amesbury
Children's Services	Councillor S. Newman
Employment and Skills	Councillor S. Murphy
Finance & Human Resources	Councillor Priest
Adult Services	Councillor Evans
Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Andrews
Environment	Councillor Cowell

CC/09/42 Appointment of Committees

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 12th May 2009, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Loughman in the membership of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CC/09/43 Appointments to Joint Boards and Joint Committees

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 12th May 2009.

CC/09/44 Questions to Executive Members

The Lord Mayor reported that no questions had been received.

CC/09/45 Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Annual Report of the work of Overview and Scrutiny Committees was submitted.

Decision

To receive the Annual Report.

CC/09/46 Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-

Audit Committee – 2nd April 2009

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 12th May 2009

Employee Appeals Committee – 26th March 2009

Planning and Highways Committee – 9th April 2009

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 26th March and 23rd April 2009

Decision

1. To approve the Minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 12th May 2009.
2. To note the Minutes of the other meetings referred to above

CC/09/47 Dates of Meetings

Council noted the dates of the Council meetings during 2009/10.

CC/09/48 Council Constitution 2009/2010

The Leader of the Council moved the recommendations in the City Solicitor's report,

Decision/-

To approve the Constitution for 2009/2010 as attached to the report of the City Solicitor to Council.

CC/09/49 Questions in accordance with Procedural Rule 24

No questions were raised on the work of the Greater Manchester Police Authority, Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

CC/09/50 Key Decisions excluded from Call-in

The Council noted a report of the City Solicitor.

CC/09/51 Civic Sunday

The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that Civic Sunday would take place at Manchester Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 17th May 2009.

City Solicitor

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