



Council Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Wyre Borough Council meeting held at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde on Thursday 9 May 2013.

Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Hodgkinson, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Anderson.

Councillor Amos	Councillor Gibson	Councillor Pimbley
Councillor E Anderton	Councillor Greenhough	Councillor Robinson
Councillor M Anderton	Councillor Henderson	Councillor Rogers
Councillor Lady Atkins	Councillor Hewitt	Councillor Shewan
Councillor Balmain	Councillor Jones	Councillor Smith
Councillor Bannister	Councillor Kay	Councillor B Stephenson
Councillor Beavers	Councillor Lawrenson	Councillor E Stephenson
Councillor Berry	Councillor Lees	Councillor Swift
Councillor Birch MBE	Councillor Martin	Councillor V Taylor
Councillor Bowen	Councillor MacNaughton	Councillor Treece-Birch
Councillor Bridge	Councillor McCann	Councillor Turner
Councillor Catterall	Councillor McKay	Councillor A Vincent
Councillor I Duffy	Councillor Moon	Councillor M Vincent
Councillor R Duffy	Councillor Murphy	Councillor Walmsley
Councillor M Gandhi	Councillor Newsham	Councillor Williams
Councillor R Gandhi OBE	Councillor Ormrod	

Apologies: Councillors Brooks, Cocker, Collinson, Hargreaves, T Taylor and Wilson

Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)
Michael Ryan (Corporate Director, People and Places)
Philippa Davies (Corporate Director, Resources)
Peter Foulsham (Democratic Services Officer)
Joanne Billington (Head of Governance)
Andrea Mullin (Electoral Registration Assistant)
Nikki Wilcock (Communications Manager)

Also present: The Mayor's Chaplain for 2012/13 (Father Shaun Baldwin) and the Mayor's Chaplain for 2013/14 (Reverend Jayne Ward).

1. **Mayor's Charity 2012/13**

The Mayor for 2012/13 referred briefly to the highlights of his year of office. He announced that a total of £11,585 had been raised for the Mayor's Charities, Brian House Children's Hospice and Help for Heroes. Half of that amount had recently been paid to each of the two charities.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **Presentation of the HMS Sheraton Trophy**

The Mayor for 2012/13 (Councillor Lawrenson) presented the HMS Sheraton Trophy to Francesca Hearty, from Cardinal Allen High School in Fleetwood, in recognition of her talent at football and her dedication to coaching the sport. The Mayor added that not only was Francesca extremely talented, she was also very generous with her time in encouraging girls' football and was an inspirational role model for other youngsters.

4. **Election of Mayor 2013/14**

Councillor Lawrenson invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Vincent and seconded by Councillor V. Taylor and

RESOLVED that Councillor John Hodgkinson be elected to the office of Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

The outgoing Mayor for 2012/13 (Councillor Lawrenson) retired from the chair which was then taken by Councillor Hodgkinson, who signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

As Mayor of the Borough he thanked the Council for the honour bestowed upon him. He announced that the Mayor's Charities for 2013/14 would be Macmillan Nurses and Hearts of Gold.

5. **Retiring Mayor**

Councillor Balmain proposed a vote of thanks to the Retiring Mayor.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor Lawrenson for the valuable services which he had rendered to the Borough during his term of office as Mayor and that the thanks of the Council also be tendered to Mrs Lawrenson for the valuable services which she had rendered as Mayoress.

6. Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2013/14

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Gandhi and seconded by Councillor Turner and

RESOLVED that Councillor Julia Anderson be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

Councillor Anderson thanked the Council and then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

7. Mayor's Communications

The Chief Executive read out a number of 'Congratulations' cards that had been received in recognition of Cllr Hodgkinson's election as Mayor.

8. Establishment of and Appointments to Committees 2013/14

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointment to the Council's Committees, other panels and groups for the 2013/14 Council year. Councillor Gibson proposed the appointments as set out in the Appendix 6.

Councillor Martin proposed an amendment to the proposed appointments as set out in Appendix 6, with Councillor Lees to replace Councillor Shewan on the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the amendment proposed by Councillor Martin be accepted.
- (ii) That the following Committees be appointed for 2013/14, with a total membership of 76 places

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14
Planning Committee	14
Licensing Committee	14
Audit Committee	14
Standards Committee	6
Employment and Appeals Committee	10
Senior Officers Appointments Committee	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>76</u>

- (iii) That places on each of the above Committees be allocated to members of the Conservative Group and the Labour Group in accordance with the statutory political balance rules described in paragraph 4.3 of this report.

- (iv) That individual Councillors be appointed to each of the above Committees on the basis of nominations, which comply with the political balance rules, made by the Group Leaders and circulated at the meeting.
- (v) That the following other bodies, with a total membership of 43 members, to which the statutory political balance rules do not have to be applied, also be appointed:
 - (a) Housing Benefit & Council Tax Review Board Panel (Panel of 10 from which 3 Members will be appointed for each hearing). 10
 - (b) Councillor Development Group 12
 - (c) Wyre 3 Tier Forum 8
 - (d) Planning Policy Group (plus 1 Executive Member) 13
- (vi) That, although not a statutory requirement, places on each of the bodies listed in recommendation 3.4 of the report also be allocated to members of the Conservative Group and the Labour Group in accordance with the political balance rules described in paragraph 4.3 of this report.
- (vii) That individual Councillors be appointed to each of the bodies listed in recommendation 3.4 on the basis of nominations submitted by the Group Leaders and circulated at the meeting (attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes).

9. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointments to outside bodies on which vacancies currently existed or where changes were proposed.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Councillor T Taylor be appointed to the Fleetwood Neighbourhood Watch Association.
- (ii) That Councillor Jones be appointed to the Board of Trustees of Thornton Baines Endowed School.
- (iii) That Councillor M Anderton be appointed to the Fylde Coast YMCA Leisure Management Partnership Board.

- (iv) That Councillor Greenhough be appointed as the Council's representative on the North West Design and Heritage Members Champions Network.
- (v) That Councillor Murphy be appointed to the West Lancashire Citizens Advice Bureau Board.
- (vi) That all the above appointments be made for the period until the next Council elections in May 2015.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.21pm

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APPENDIX 1 TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2013

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES 2013/14

Note: Membership of these Committees has to be politically balanced in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (11)	Anderson, Balmain, Cocker, M Gandhi, Jones, McKay, Newsham, Pimbley, V Taylor, Walmsley and Williams.
Labour Councillors (3)	Hewitt, Lees and Shewan.

AUDIT COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10)	Amos, Balmain, Brooks, Collinson, Greenhough, Kay, MacNaughton, Moon, Turner and Wilson.
Labour Councillors (4)	E. Anderton, Hewitt, Rogers and T. Taylor.

EMPLOYMENT AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Councillors (7)	Amos, Bridge, Cocker, Pimbley, Robinson, Turner and Wilson.
Labour Councillors (3)	I. Duffy, R. Duffy and T. Taylor.

PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10)	Lady Atkins, Bannister, Birch, Catterall, Greenhough, Henderson, Lawrenson, Moon, Newsham and Williams.
Labour Councillors (4)	E. Anderton, Rogers, Lees and E. Stephenson.

LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10)	Bridge, Collinson, R. Gandhi, Hargreaves, MacNaughton, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, Swift, and M. Vincent.
Labour Councillors (4)	M. Anderton, Beavers, Smith and Treece-Birch.

SENIOR OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (4)

Conservative Councillors (3) Gibson, A. Vincent and Murphy.

Labour Councillors (1) Martin.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6)

Conservative Councillors (4) Bridge, Collinson, M. Gandhi, and V. Taylor.

Labour Councillors (2) M. Anderton and Lees.

**APPENDIX 2 TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
9 MAY 2013**

**APPOINTMENTS TO NON-STATUTORY COMMITTEES, PANELS AND GROUPS
2013/2014**

HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT REVIEW BOARD (10)

Conservative Councillors (7)	Anderson, Bannister, Cocker, Collinson, Hargreaves, Turner and Williams.
Labour Councillors (3)	M. Anderton, B. Stephenson and E. Stephenson.

COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP (12)

Conservative Councillors (9)	Amos, Balmain, Bannister, R. Gandhi, Jones, Lawrenson, Murphy, Ormrod and Swift.
Labour Councillors (3)	Hewitt, Smith and Treece-Birch

PLANNING POLICY GROUP (14)

Economy Portfolio Holder	McCann
Planning Committee Chairman	Henderson
Planning Committee V. Chairman	Greenhough
Conservative Councillors (8)	Balmain, Birch, Brooks, Cocker, Jones, Newsham, Pimbley and Walmsley.
Labour Councillors (3)	Lees, Rogers and T. Taylor.

WYRE 3 TIER FORUM (8)

Conservative Councillors (6)	Lady Atkins, R. Gandhi, Murphy, Newsham, Robinson and Walmsley.
Labour Councillors (2)	T. Taylor and B. Stephenson