

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 18 May 2012 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Morley, Baker, M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, L. Cassidy, A.Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fraser, Fry, Gerrard, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Hodge, Horabin, Jones, Lea, M Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, Macmanus, A.McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Nolan, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. +Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadllo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Howard and McDermott

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, A. Scott, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan, D. Parr and A. Jones

Also in attendance: None

		<i>Action</i>
COU1	MINUTE'S SILENCE	
	<p>The Mayor reported on the sad passing of Mrs Elsie Hughes, former Mayoress of Halton.</p> <p>Her funeral arrangements were announced as follows:</p> <p>Funeral service on Tuesday 29th May 2012, at 1.30pm at St Basil & All Saints Church Hough Green Road, Widnes, WA8 4SZ, followed at 2.30pm - Widnes Cemetery, Birchfield Road, Widnes.</p> <p>The Council stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.</p>	
COU2	ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR	
	<p>Moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Wharton</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Tom McInerney be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year</p>	

2012/13.

Moved by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Councillor Gareth Stockton.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR TOM MCINERNEY) IN THE CHAIR

COU3 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18 April 2012, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

COU4 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

1. that the charities he would support during his term of office would be:
 - Lets Go Club
 - Widnes and Runcorn Cancer Support Group.
2. the Mayor's Chaplain for 2012/13 would be Reverend Ray Jones

COU5 BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 3 MAY 2012

Details of the Borough Council election results held on 3 May 2012 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

COU6 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 15 MAY 2012

The following recommendations of the Executive Board were moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

COU7 LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Councillor Polhill be appointed Leader of the Council; and
- 2) Councillor Wharton be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

COU8 BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPEAL PANEL AND WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: That the Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2012/13:

Executive Board (10)

Councillors Polhill, (Chairman), D. Cargill, Harris, R. Hignett, Jones, Nelson, Philbin, J. Stockton, Wharton and Wright.

Mersey Gateway Executive Board (5)

Councillors Polhill (Chairman), Wharton, R. Hignett, Jones and J. Stockton

Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board

Councillors Polhill, Philbin, Gerrard and Wright

Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Gilligan (Chairman), Roberts (Vice Chair)
E.Cargill, Dennett, S Hill, C. Loftus, A.Lowe, A.McInerney,
N.Plumpton Walsh, G.Stockton, and Wainwright.

Health Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors E.Cargill (Chairman), J.Lowe (Vice Chair),
Baker, Dennett, V.Hill, Hodge, Horabin, C Loftus, Sinnott,
Wallace and Zygadlo

Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Gerrard (Chairman), Morley (Vice Chair),
J.Bradshaw, Fraser, P.Hignett, MacManus, Parker, Sinnott,
Thompson, Woolfall and Zygadlo.

Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Edge (Chairman), C.Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair),
Cassidy, Howard, P.Lloyd Jones, Logan, MacManus,
Parker, Roberts, Rowe, and Zygadlo.

Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Dennett (Chairman), Horabin (Vice Chairman), E.Cargill, Cassidy, Fraser, P.Hignett, Hodge, K.Loftus, Logan, C. Plumpton Walsh and Woolfall

Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Osborne (Chairman), N.Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), Edge, Gerrard, Gilligan, V.Hill, Lea, M.Lloyd Jones, Ratcliffe, Nolan, and Sinnott.

Development Control Committee (11)

Councillors Nolan (Chairman), Thompson (Vice Chairman), Baker, R.Hignett, S.Hill, C.Loftus, A.McInerney, Morley, Osborne, C.Plumpton Walsh and Rowe.

Business Efficiency Board (11)

Councillors A.Lowe (Chairman), M.Lloyd Jones (Vice Chair), Cole, Fry, Lea, McDermott, MacManus, N.Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Roberts and Wainwright.

Standards Committee (9)

Councillors P.Lloyd Jones (Chairman) M.Bradshaw, Cole, Gerrard, J.Lowe, McDermott, Parker, Wainwright and Woolfall.

Appeals Panel (20)

Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), A.McInerney (Vice Chairman), M.Bradshaw, Cassidy, Cole, Edge, Fry, Gilligan, S.Hill, V.Hill, Howard, M.Lloyd Jones, P.Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Logan, Parker, M. Ratcliffe, Wallace and Woolfall.

Regulatory Committee (11)

Councillors K. Loftus (Chairman), Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Fraser, Fry, P.Hignett, Howard, Lea, A. Lowe, McDermott, Nelson and G.Stockton

Local Development Framework Working Party (15)

Councillors R.Hignett (Chairman), J.Bradshaw, Cole, Gerrard, MacManus, Morley, Nolan, Parker, Ratcliffe, C.Plumpton Walsh, Roberts, Thompson, Wainwright, Woolfall and Zygadlo

Mayoral Committee (5)

The incumbent Mayor (Councillor T.McInerney) and Councillors M.Bradshaw, Morley, Gilligan and Wright

Appointments Committee (6)

Councillors Polhill, and Wharton (plus relevant PPB Chairs x 2) and Opposition Group Leaders (Ratcliffe and

J. Bradshaw)

COU9 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony McDermott be appointed Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

COU10 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTES TO THE HEALTH POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD AND THE SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be confirmed:-

- 1) Mr John Chiocchi as the LINK representative on the Health Policy and Performance Board for the 2012/13 Municipal year; and
- 2) Mr Bob Hodson as the Police Authority representative on the Safer Policy and Performance Board until November 2012.

COU11 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director – Policy and Resources regarding the appointment of Members to serve on various outside bodies. A document was tabled showing recommendations put forward.

RESOLVED: That, subject to Councillor Ellen Cargill being appointed to serve on Norton Priory Museum Trust, representatives be appointed to outside bodies in accordance with the tabled report.

COU12 RE- ADOPTION OF MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED: That the Members' Code of Conduct be re-adopted.

COU13 EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader confirmed that the Executive Board would consist of the following portfolio holders for the forthcoming year:

Children, Young People and Families– Councillor Philbin
Health and Adults – Councillor Wright
Transportation– Councillor John Stockton
Community Safety– Councillor Dave Cargill
Economic Development – Councillor Jones
Resources – Councillor Wharton
Environmental Sustainability – Councillor Nelson
Neighbourhood, Leisure and Sport – Councillor Harris.
Physical Environment – Councillor Ron Hignett

RESOLVED: That the portfolios be noted.

COU14 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced his intention to attend a Civic Service at St Paul's C of E Church, Victoria Square, Widnes on Sunday 8 July 2012 at 9.30am.

Meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.