



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at The Great Hall at The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 5.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor John Shephard (Chairman)

Councillor Ann Addison

Councillor Azizur Rahman

Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb

Councillor Fiona Baker

Councillor William Barter

Councillor Phil Bignell

Councillor Rebecca Breese

Councillor Adam Brown

Councillor Alan Chantler

Councillor Pinder Chauhan

Councillor Nazim Choudary

Councillor Paul Clark

Councillor Stephen Clarke

Councillor Maggie Clubley

Councillor Raymond Connolly

Councillor Daniel Cribbin

Councillor Julie Davenport

Councillor Alison Eastwood

Councillor Penelope Flavell

Councillor Matt Golby

Councillor André González De Savage

Councillor Andrew Grant

Councillor Mike Hallam

Councillor Stephen Hibbert

Councillor James Hill

Councillor Keith Holland-Delamere

Councillor Mark Hughes

Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift

Councillor Jamie Lane

Councillor Phil Larratt

Councillor Daniel Lister

Councillor Malcolm Longley

Councillor Greg Lunn

Councillor Charles Manners

Councillor Peter Matten

Councillor Ian McCord

Councillor Charles Morton

Councillor Kevin Parker

Councillor Emma Roberts

Councillor Sam Rumens
Councillor Brian Sargeant
Councillor Sue Sharps
Councillor David Smith
Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms
Councillor Laura Stevenson
Councillor Winston Strachan
Councillor Nick Sturges-Alex
Councillor Mike Warren

Also Present:

Sandra Barnes MBE
Caryl Billingham MBE
Liz Griffin
David Harries BEM
Chris Millar
Suresh Patel
Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke
Judy Shephard

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Jo Gilford
Councillor Rufia Ashraf
Councillor Sally Beardsworth
Councillor Muna Cali
Councillor Imran Ahmed Chowdhury BEM
Councillor Fiona Cole
Councillor Karen Cooper
Councillor Janice Duffy
Councillor Terrie Eales
Councillor Rupert Frost
Councillor Jonathan Harris
Councillor Nigel Hinch
Councillor Rosie Humphreys
Councillor Dennis Meredith
Councillor Colin Morgan
Councillor Jonathan Nunn
Councillor Ken Pritchard
Councillor Cathrine Russell
Councillor Lisa Samiotis
Councillor Carl Squires
Councillor Gareth Eales

Officers:

Stuart Lackenby (Deputy Chief Executive)
Cath Whitehead (Director – Legal & Democratic and Monitoring Officer)
Paul Hanson (Head of Deocratic & Elections)
Tracy Tiff (Democratic Services Manager)
Ed Bostock (Democratic Services Officer)
Quentin Loeber La' Grue (Democratic & Electoral Services Trainee)

193. **Declarations of Interest**

None advised.

194. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman advised members that this meeting was a special meeting convened under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman to persons who had, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council or predecessor councils in West Northamptonshire. He reminded members that this was a ceremonial occasion.

The Chairman invited members to a drinks reception at the Central Museum and Art Gallery, to take place upon the rise of the Annual Meeting, where members would be joined by the Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen.

195. **Nominations for Honorary Aldermen**

Councillor Larratt introduced the report and proposed that the nominations for Honourary Aldermen and Alderwomen be agreed in respect of Sandra Barnes MBE, Caryl Billingham MBE, Liz Griffin, David Harries BEM, Chris Millar, Suresh Patel, Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke, and Judy Shephard.

Councillor Gonzalez De Savage seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED:

Council approved the nominations to the role of Honourary Alderman as follows:

- Sandra Barnes MBE
- Caryl Billingham MBE
- Liz Griffin
- David Harries BEM
- Chris Millar
- Suresh Patel
- Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke
- Judy Shephard

Following the vote, the Chairman presented the Honourary Aldermen and Alderwomen with a Badge of Office of Honorary Alderman and reminded members that a reception for the recipients of the honorary title would be taking place at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Chris Millar, on behalf of the Honourary Aldermen and Alderwomen, thanked the Council for the honour they had received and wished the Council the best in its future endeavours.

196. **Urgent Business (previously agreed with the Chairman)**

None advised.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____