

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MAY 2009

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Carr) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey, Ms Ballard, Beavis (P), Bradley, Burgess (P), Carter (P), Champion (P), Chegwyn, Mrs Cully (P), Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Edwards (P), Mrs Forder, Forder, Foster-Reed, Geddes (P), Gill (P), Hicks, Hook (P), Kimber (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Mudie, Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Salter, Salter, Smith (P), Ward (P), Miss West (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Lucas, O'Neill and Searle.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Bailey, Ms Ballard, Bradley, Chegwyn, Mrs Forder, Forder, Hicks and Mrs Mudie and Honorary Aldermen Foster and Hayward.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) COUNCILLOR GILL

The Mayor reported that she would allow Councillor Gill to make a statement to the Council meeting tonight.

Councillor Gill advised that he wished to make a short statement about his Group's inflammatory 'Angry Special Issue' of which in part he sympathised. He referred to the back page of the Issue and in particular the article about Councillor Hook. He felt this article was spiteful, banal and puerile and did not wish to associate himself with it.

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

- (A) Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Wright on the cost to call tonight's Special Council Meeting, including work by Democratic Services, printing of agendas, delivery of agendas, Town Hall Keeper costs and other staffing costs was answered by the Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that notice had been received requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Solicitor to introduce her report related to Standing Order 6.10 – Consideration of recommendations from the Service Boards for the Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Solicitor to introduce her report related to Standing Order 6.10 – Consideration of recommendations from the Service Boards for the Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

STANDING ORDER 6.10 – CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SERVICE BOARDS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR THE 2009/2010 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Borough Solicitor introduced her report on the above. The purpose of her report was for Council to consider the recommendations of the Service Boards for the election of the Vice-Chairman of Policy and Organisation Board and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Community and Environment Board and Housing Board.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following recommendations be approved:

- i) Policy and Organisation Board's recommendation (14 May 2009) that Councillor Burgess be elected the Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year;**
- ii) Community and Environment Board's recommendation (14 May 2009) that Councillor Burgess be elected Chairman and Councillor Kimber be elected Vice-Chairman of the Community and Environment Board for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year; and**
- iii) Housing Board's recommendation (14 May 2009) that Councillor Philpott be elected Chairman and Councillor Beavis be elected Vice-Chairman of the Housing Board for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.**

The meeting ended at 5.50pm