

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Council Meeting**
held on Wednesday, 12th May, 2010 at Tatton Park, Knutsford and
reconvened on Thursday 13th May, at Congleton Town Hall

PRESENT

Councillor M Simon (Chairman 12 May)

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman 13 May/Vice-Chairman 12 May)

12 May

Councillors E Alcock, C Andrew, A Arnold, Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, A Barratt, T Beard, D Beckford, S Bentley, S Broadhurst, D Brown, S Conquest, J Crockatt, H Davenport, M Davies, S Davies, R Domleo, B Dykes, P Edwards, P Findlow, W Fitzgerald, R Fletcher, D Flude, S Furlong, H Gaddum, L Gilbert, J Goddard, J Hammond, M Hardy, D Hough, O Hunter, T Jackson, J Jones, S Jones, F Keegan, A Knowles, A Kolker, W Livesley, J Macrae, A Martin, M Martin, P Mason, R Menlove, G Merry, A Moran, B Moran, H Murray, D Neilson, M Parsons, A Ranfield, B Silvester, L Smetham, D Stockton, D Thompson, C Thorley, A Thwaite, D Topping, R Walker, G M Walton, J Weatherill, R West, R Westwood, P Whiteley, S Wilkinson and J Wray

13 May

Councillors E Alcock, C Andrew, A Arnold, M Asquith, Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, A Barratt, C Beard, T Beard, D Bebbington, D Beckford, S Bentley, D Brickhill, S Broadhurst, D Brown, D Cannon, R Cartlidge, S Conquest, J Crockatt, H Davenport, M Davies, S Davies, R Domleo, B Dykes, P Edwards, P Findlow, W Fitzgerald, R Fletcher, D Flude, S Furlong, H Gaddum, L Gilbert, J Goddard, J Hammond, M Hardy, O Hunter, T Jackson, J Jones, S Jones, F Keegan, A Knowles, A Kolker, W Livesley, J Macrae, A Martin, M Martin, P Mason, R Menlove, G Merry, A Moran, B Moran, H Murray, J Narraway, D Neilson, M Parsons, A Ranfield, B Silvester, L Smetham, D Stockton, D Thompson, C Thorley, A Thwaite, D Topping, R Walker, G M Walton, J Weatherill, R West, R Westwood, P Whiteley, S Wilkinson and J Wray

195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Barton, D Bebbington, D Brickhill, D Cannon, E Gilliland, M Hardy, M Hollins, E Howell, S McGrory, J Narraway, R Parker and C Tomlinson.

196 PRAYERS

The Reverend Charles Razzall said prayers at the request of the Chairman.

197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R West declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2010/11) by virtue of being the person nominated.

198 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2010/11

Council was requested to elect a Mayor for the Borough of Cheshire East for 2010/11, who would also act as Chairman of the Council for that period.

It was proposed by Councillor R Domleo, seconded by Councillor D Hough, and

RESOLVED

That Councillor G Baxendale be elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheshire East for the year 2010/11 and Chairman of the Council for that period.

The Chief Executive escorted the Mayor into the meeting.

The Mayor completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was then invested with the Chain of Office. The Mayor thanked the Council for electing him to this office and informed Members that his wife, Felicity Baxendale, was to be his consort; she was then invested with the Chain of Office.

The Mayor announced that his Chaplain for the coming year would be Father William Kilkenny.

199 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2010/11

Council was requested to appoint a Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Cheshire East who would also act as Vice-Chairman of the Council for that period.

It was proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor A Arnold, and

RESOLVED

That Councillor R West be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Cheshire East for the year 2010/10 and Vice-Chairman of the Council for that period.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for appointing him to this office and informed Members that his wife, Joanna West, would act as his Deputy Mayoress; she was then invested with the Chain of Office.

200 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor W Fitzgerald paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and consort, Councillor M Simon and Mr M Simon, for the dedicated work they had undertaken during their term of office, the large number of engagements they had attended and the money they had raised for charity. The Mayor presented badges to Councillor Simon and Mr Simon, together with a commemorative gift. Councillor Simon gave a speech of thanks.

201 ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be given.

202 PRESENTATION OF GRANT OF ARMS

Members were informed that the Council had been awarded a Grant of Arms. The Grant of Arms was presented to the Mayor by the Deputy Youth Mayor, Jack Victor.

203 RECONVENING OF MEETING - 2PM, THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010

Council agreed that the meeting would stand adjourned until 13 May 2010 at 2.00 pm, at Congleton Town Hall.

204 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father W Kilkenny said prayers, at the request of the Mayor.

205 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors G Barton, E Gilliland, M Hollins, D Hough, M Howell, G Mcgrory and C Tomlinson.

206 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

207 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2010

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

208 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that, since this was his first formal business meeting, he was not be able to report to them upon previous civic

activities. However, they could be assured that he would give a good account of his engagements in the future.

There were three other important matters that he wished to bring to the attention of Members as follows :-

1. Firstly the Cheshire East's new staff recognition scheme, aspire4excellence was launched on the 5th May. Using the authority's aspire values, the scheme asked staff and Members to nominate colleagues who have demonstrated exceptional standards of work, through the aspire values. Both individuals and teams could be nominated and nominations would be judged by a panel, made up of HR officers and employees. Nomination forms could be found in Council buildings, or were available on the Cheshire East Website.
2. The second Tatton Park Biennial of Contemporary Art had opened to the public on Saturday 8 May and over 20 artists had been commissioned, to develop new works for the park, formal gardens and mansion. One artist has gone more than the extra mile for his work. Neville Gabie had travelled thousands of miles to Greenland to 'harvest' an iceberg. This two ton block of ice would be housed in a glass structure and kept frozen, using solar power and pond water throughout the five month run of the contemporary art event. The Biennial was open until 26th September and the Mayor encouraged Members to support the exhibition.
3. Wristbands, in support of the Mercian Regiment, could be purchased from the Council's Tourist Information Centres, if Members would like to make a donation.

209 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present, wishing to use the public speaking facility.

210 POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to a report relating to political representation on the Council's Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor W Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor R Domleo and

RESOLVED

That the political group representation, as set out in Appendices One and Two to the report, as submitted and the methods, calculations and conventions used in arriving at them as outlined in the report be adopted.

211 APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO DECISION-MAKING AND OTHER BODIES

Consideration was given to the proposed memberships of the Council's decision-making bodies and the appointment of those bodies.

The political groups' nominations of Members to the Council's decision-making and other bodies had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting and copies were also circulated at the meeting.

Council was notified of a change, by the Independent Group Leader, to the list as circulated, to replace Councillor S McGrory with Councillor P Edwards on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor W Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor R Domleo and

RESOLVED

That the nominations made by the Group Leaders to the bodies listed in Appendix Two of the previous agenda item and as circulated prior to the meeting be appointed, subject to the replacement of Councillor S McGrory with Councillor P Edwards on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee. (Updated list attached to these minutes).

212 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

Consideration was given to the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of the Council's decision making and other bodies.

The Political Group Leaders' nominations of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen to the Council's decision-making and other bodies had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting and copies were also circulated at the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor W Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor R Domleo and

RESOLVED

That the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen to the Council's decision-making and other bodies, listed in the previous agenda item, as circulated in advance of the meeting and as attached to these minutes be appointed.

213 LEADER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL - CABINET APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Cabinet Procedure Rule 1, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Fitzgerald, presented to Council information about executive functions in the forthcoming year, including the names, addresses and electoral divisions of those Members appointed to the Cabinet, as attached to these minutes.

214 QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted by Members of the Council.

215 DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY ROLES

Consideration was given to the designation of the statutory roles of the Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services.

It was proposed by Councillor W Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor R Domleo and

RESOLVED

1. That the transfer of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services from the Strategic Director (People) to the Head of Children and Family Services, with effect from 1st June 2010, until 1st September 2010, when it will transfer to the new post of Director of Children's Services, be approved.
2. That the transfer of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Director of Adult Social Services from the Strategic Director (People) to the Head of Adult Services, with effect from 1st June 2010, until 1st September 2010, when it will transfer to the new post of Director of Adult Services, be approved
3. That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to incorporate these revised designations into the Council's Constitution and to make such consequential amendments as he considers necessary.

The meeting commenced at 11.15 am and concluded at 12.20 pm on 12 May
and commenced at 2pm and concluded at 2.25pm on 13 May.

Councillor G Baxendale CHAIRMAN