

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the **Council**  
held on Tuesday, 7th May, 2013 in the Grand Hall, Congleton Town Hall, High  
Street, Congleton CW12 1BN

## **PRESENT**

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)  
Councillor D Flude (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, A Barratt, G Barton, G Baxendale, D Brickhill, D Brown, L Brown, B Burkhill, P Butterill, Carter, R Cartlidge, J Clowes, S Corcoran, H Davenport, R Domleo, D Druce, P Edwards, I Faseyi, J P Findlow, W Fitzgerald, R Fletcher, H Gaddum, L Gilbert, M Grant, P Groves, J Hammond, M Hardy, P Hayes, S Hogben, D Hough, P Hoyland, O Hunter, J Jackson, L Jeuda, M Jones, S Jones, F Keegan, W Livesley, J Macrae, D Mahon, D Marren, A Martin, M A Martin, P Mason, S McGrory, R Menlove, G Merry, A Moran, B Murphy, H Murray, D Neilson, D Newton, P Nurse, P Raynes, B Silvester, M J Simon, L Smetham, D Stockton, C G Thorley, A Thwaite, D Topping, M J Weatherill, R West, S Wilkinson and J Wray

## **Apologies**

Councillors D Bebbington, W S Davies, K Edwards, A Harewood, A Kolker, M Parsons, L Roberts, J Saunders, M Sherratt and G Wait

## **98 PRAYERS**

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

## **99 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2013**

That, subject to the correction of minute 91 by the removal of the reference to Councillor D Topping and the insertion of the name of Councillor R Domleo as Chairman of the Staffing Committee, the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2013 be approved as a correct record

## **100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Rachel Musson, Interim Chief Operating Officer, declared an interest in respect of item 7 – Designation of Section 151 Officer and left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

Councillors Dorothy Flude and Wesley Fitzgerald each declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of item 8 – Election of Mayor and Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2013/14 Civic year and left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

## 101 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that:

1. Councillor Michelle Sherratt had given birth to a baby boy on 23<sup>rd</sup> April; the baby had been named Quinn Lyrid Sherratt Hale. On behalf of the Council he expressed his good wishes to Michelle.
2. That Councillor Steve Carter had been elected to represent the Macclesfield Hurdsfield Ward at a By-Election held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Councillor Carter was formally welcomed to the Council meeting.
3. That since the last meeting, he had represented the Council at four funerals. He reminded Members that Council had paid its respects to Honorary Freeman Margaret Duddy MBE at its last meeting. He had attended her funeral on 8<sup>th</sup> March at Disley Parish Church.
4. The following week he had attended the funeral, at Chester Cathedral, of John Platt OBE, Mr Platt had been the longstanding president and chairman of the world famous Cheshire Show and was for many years the Chairman of Governors at Reaseheath College.
5. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, he had represented the Council at the funeral of Michael Livesley. Michael was a former Leader of Macclesfield Borough Council and the father of Councillor Bill Livesley.
6. On 24<sup>th</sup> April he had represented the Council at the military funeral, in Handforth, of Lance Corporal Jamie Webb of the Mercian Regiment. Lance Corporal Webb died from wounds he received in Afghanistan.
7. He had also been notified of the recent death of a former Macclesfield Borough Council Member, Harry Mottershead. Mr Mottershead represented Poynton on the Borough Council in the 1970s.

Members stood in silent tribute, as a mark of respect.

## 102 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

## 103 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DESIGNATION OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

*(Rachel Musson, having declared an interest, left the meeting during consideration of this matter).*

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive containing a recommendation from the Staffing Committee in respect of the appointment of a Chief Executive, including salary to be paid. The report also contained a recommendation on the designation of the Council's Head of Paid Service, the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer, and separately a recommendation to seek approval that the Interim Chief Operating Officer be formally designated as the Council's statutory section 151 Officer.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (a) Mr Mike Suarez be appointed as Cheshire East Council's Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, with effect from the earliest possible date to be arranged;
- (b) the salary of the Chief Executive be confirmed as £150,000 a year, with a performance related payment of up to £10,000 in addition;
- (c) Mr Suarez be appointed as Electoral Registration Officer pursuant to Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act and Returning Officer, pursuant to Section 35 of that Act, and in respect of referenda and all other electoral matters referred to in the report: and
- (d) Ms Rachel Musson, (Interim Chief Operating Officer), be designated formally as Cheshire East Council's statutory Section 151 Officer.

**104 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2013/14 CIVIC YEAR**

*(Councillors Dorothy Flude and Wesley Fitzgerald, having each declared a non pecuniary interest, left the meeting during consideration of this matter).*

Consideration was given to the nominations for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2013/14.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Dorothy Flude be designated as the Mayor elect and that Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald be designated as Deputy Mayor elect, with a view to their formal election as Mayor and appointment as Deputy Mayor respectively, for the Borough of Cheshire East for the 2013-14 civic year at the Mayor making ceremony on 15 May 2013.

The Mayor reminded Council that Group Leaders had met together and had agreed that voting on the whole of this item of business should not be

dealt with by the secret ballot procedure. It was then moved and seconded that the voting on the whole of this item of business should be by show of hands and that Standing Orders should be waived in order for this to happen. The motion was declared carried.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Dorothy Flude be designated as Mayor Elect and that Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald be designated as Deputy Mayor Elect, with a view to their formal election as Mayor and appointment as Deputy Mayor for Cheshire East for 2013-2014 civic year, at the Mayor Making ceremony to be held on 15 May 2013.

105 **VOTE OF THANKS**

**RESOLVED**

That the Council's thanks be extended to his Worship the Mayor Councillor George Walton for the efficient and courteous manner in which he had conducted Council meetings during his term of office.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.38 pm  
Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)