

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 17 MAY 2012**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Meadows (Chair), Wells (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Bennett, Bowden, Brown, Buckley, Carden, Cobb, Cox, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Farrow, Fitch, Follett, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hawtree, Hyde, Janio, Jarrett, Jones, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Lepper, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, A Norman, K Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pidgeon, Pissaridou, Powell, Randall, Robins, Rufus, Shanks, Simson, Smith, Summers, Sykes, C Theobald, G Theobald, Turton, Wakefield, Wealls and West.

**PART ONE**

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.1 There were no declarations of interests.

**2. MAYORAL REPORT 2011-12**

2.1 The Mayor formally moved the Mayoral report for 2011/12 be noted.

2.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**3. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012/13**

3.1 The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the municipal year 2012/13.

3.2 Councillor Bill Randall was proposed by Councillor J. Kitcat and seconded by Councillor Powell.

3.3 Councillors Theobald and Mitchell supported the nomination of Councillor Randall as Mayor for 2012/13.

3.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Bill Randall be duly elected Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year of 2012/13.

3.5 **The motion was agreed.**

- 3.6 The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 4.40pm in order for Councillor Randall as the incoming Mayor to be robed and to take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **Councillor Randall in the Chair**

- 3.7 Councillor Randall reconvened the meeting at 4.55pm and then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

- 3.8 The Mayor then thanked the Council for his appointment,

“Councillors – ladies – gentlemen – honoured guests and particularly my wife Heather, and my family & friends. Thank you all for joining me today on this memorable occasion.

Firstly, I would like to thank Councillor Anne Meadows for the excellent manner in which she has carried out her role as Mayor over the past year, not least in the very even-handed way in which she has chaired council meetings, which have sometimes been extremely robust. She has been a wonderful first citizen of our City – very ably supported by Tony as her Consort, and assisted by Councillor Geoff Wells, as her Deputy.

It is a huge honour for me to be appointed as Mayor of this extraordinary city. I moved here 15 years ago, my whole family moved here at the same time and three of my grandchildren were born here. My wife, rebukes me for boring for Brighton at every opportunity, and I must confess I am fond of cataloguing the city’s virtues to anybody who will listen. But that is because I am passionate about it. Like others, I identify with the city’s strong sense of place and like all the councillors in this chamber I am committed to doing the very best I can for Brighton and Hove, which faces many challenges and the people who live here.

We work with an extraordinary group of people from the business community, the creative community, the community and voluntary sector, tenants and residents’ groups, the other public services and the trade unions. Many of them are here today and I thank them all for their help and support during my year as Leader of the Council and I look forward to working with them during my year as Mayor.

And I must mention the council’s own staff whose tremendous work for our community often goes unsung. They are doing a terrific job in taxing times and need our support. Indeed, I had the opportunity to join the staff from Democratic Services in presenting their case to the judges of the MJ Awards to be awarded Democratic Services Team of the Year. I will keep an eye out for the results in June.

I would also like to thank the residents of Hanover & Elm Grove Ward for all their support and good wishes. I will, of course, remain a committed ward councillor, alongside Liz Wakefield and Matt Follett. I might say I can be guilty of going on too much about the wonders of Muesli Mountain, but it is a privilege to represent such a vibrant and strong-minded community.

It is, of course, only one of many strong communities in our city, and Heather and I look forward to meeting many more of them during my year as Mayor. My charities for this year will be Allsorts, who support and empower young and vulnerable LGBT people in the city, many of whom face prejudice and insecurity. The Martlets, whose work has touched almost every family in the city, not least mine. Heather's mother Peggy spent the last weeks of her life in their hospice, where she was beautifully looked after and so were the rest of the family. The Women's Centre, which works with and empowers vulnerable and disadvantaged women in the community. Their work is particularly important at a time when women, in particular, are feeling the effects of the difficult times we live in.

The charity committee, which includes councillors from all three parties, has met twice and I am greatly enthused by the way in which the three charities are already working so well together. We will be organising fundraising events throughout the year and I look forward to support from all parties and our partners in the city for these three organisations which do so much for so many people in Brighton and Hove.

My year as Mayor will be a multi-faith year, and I am asking representatives from the city's principle faiths to take prayers at the council meetings through the year. The Mayor's civic service on 27 May at the Unitarian Church in New Road, will be a multi-faith service with contributions from several faith communities.

When I put on the Mayor's robes for the official photographs last week, I have to confess that I had goose bumps. We have enjoyed local democracy in our city for a long time. The first Mayor of Brighton was elected in 1885 and in Hove in 1898. These robes, which have been worn by a succession of Mayors, are first and foremost a symbol of that democracy. As Winston Churchill told the House of Commons in 1947 Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time. So, while it may not be perfect, we neglect it at our peril. I am aware of my duty as Mayor to do everything I can to nurture and promote it and I will do my very best for the city.

Thank you all again for joining me in what is a very special occasion for me and my family. I hope you will join me after this meeting at the Royal Pavilion."

- 3.9 The Mayor then called on Councillor Mac Cafferty.
- 3.10 Councillor Mac Cafferty thanked the Mayor and offered his congratulations on his appointment and stated that he wished to present the Mayor with a Plaque from the Mayor of Derry, which was offered as a token of friendship from the City of Derry to the City of Brighton & Hove. He noted that Derry was due to be the City of Culture in 2013 and hoped that relations between the two cities could be strengthened over the next year.
- 3.11 Councillor Bowden offered his thanks on behalf of the Green Group to Ms. Heather Randall for agreeing to the borrowing of Councillor Randall as Mayor for the year and to accompanying him in his role as much as possible over the year.

**4. VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RETIRING MAYOR**

- 4.1 The Mayor called on Councillor Mitchell to move a vote of thanks for Councillor Meadows.
- 4.2 Councillor Mitchell moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Meadows as the retiring Mayor for her services during her term of office. She stated that Councillor Meadows had been a tremendous Mayor during her term of office and a true ambassador for the city. She stated that as mayor you had to put your personal life on hold and Councillor Meadows had certainly done that, as had her husband Tony and her two sons.
- 4.3 Councillor Marsh formally seconded the motion and stated that she had been privileged to have worked with her on her Charity Committee and noted that over £20k had been raised for the mayoral charities during the year. She stated that Councillor Meadows had fully embraced her role as Mayor and the city had similarly welcomed her and she would be a hard act to follow. However, she was personally glad to have her back as a fellow ward councillor.
- 4.4 The motion was supported by Councillors G. Theobald and J. Kitcat.
- 4.5 The Mayor put the motion to the vote.
- 4.6 **The motion was carried.**
- 4.7 The Mayor presented Councillor Anne Meadows and Mr. Tony Meadows with commemorative badges in recognition of their year of office.
- 4.8 Councillor Anne Meadows thanked the Council and stated that she had been delighted and honoured to have served the city as Mayor for the previous year. She had enjoyed every moment and wished to thank the mayoral staff for their help and assistance and the officers for their support prior to and at the council meetings. She had been pleased to see the increased use by many groups of the Mayor's Parlour and was grateful for all the invitations to the varied functions that she had attended during the year. She also wished to thank her family, the Deputy Mayor and her Chaplain for their support throughout her term of office.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BRIGHTON & HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012/13**

- 5.1 The Mayor moved that the Council appoint Councillor Anne Meadows as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 5.2 The Motion was seconded by Councillor Mitchell.
- 5.3 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Anne Meadows be duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year 2012/13.
- 5.4 **The motion was agreed.**

5.5 Councillor Anne Meadows made and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with his badge of office by the Mayor.

## 6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

6.1 The Mayor stated that he had noted that he already had a busy diary and was looking forward to the Jubilee celebrations, as well as welcoming the Olympic Torch to the city on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. He was also pleased to announce that officers had been in discussion with the Youth Council and it was hoped that the appointment of a Youth Mayor would be made in the autumn.

6.2 The Mayor also invited councillors to join him at the civic service to be held at 10.30am in the Unitarian Church in New Road on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

7.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Deane to propose the appointment of the Leader of the Council.

7.2 Councillor Deane proposed that Councillor Jason Kitcat should be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2012/13.

7.3 Councillor Mac Cafferty formally seconded the proposal.

7.4 The Mayor noted that there were no other nominations and put the motion to the vote which was agreed.

7.5 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Jason Kitcat be appointed as the Leader of the Council.

## 8. APPOINTMENTS

8.1 The Mayor moved the appointments of Councillors Deane and Mac Cafferty as Deputy Leaders of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year 2012/13 be agreed.

8.2 **The motion was carried.**

8.3 The Mayor moved that Councillor Geoffrey Theobald be appointed as the Leader of the Official Opposition, in recognition that he was the Leader of the Conservative Group which had the largest number of members of the two minority groups represented on the council.

8.4 **The motion was agreed.**

8.5 The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2012/2013 the following appointments to the positions as agreed by the various Groups represented on the Council be noted:

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| (i) Convenor of the Green Group       | Councillor Jason Kitcat      |
| (ii) Leader of the Conservative Group | Councillor Geoffrey Theobald |

(iii) Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Group Councillor Gill Mitchell

8.6 **The motion was carried.**

**9. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, FORUMS, PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

9.1 The Mayor noted that the next item on the agenda concerned the review of the political balance and appointment of committees, sub-committees, forums and outside bodies. He also noted that there was an amendment from the Conservative Group and invited Councillor G. Theobald to move the amendment.

9.2 Councillor G. Theobald moved the amendment and in so doing explained that the Conservative Group felt that the proposed allocations to the committees was not a reflection of the political balance of the council and therefore should be altered to provide a fairer split across the various committees. He believed that the Policy & Resources Committee should have a membership of 12 which would be more appropriate. However, the amendment sought to change the allocation of the Transport Committee to 4 Green, 4 Conservative and 2 Labour & Co-operative Members, with the Audit & Standards Committee being changed to a 4:2:2 split, in order to retain the overall number seats allocated to each Group.

9.3 Councillor Peltzer Dunn formally seconded the amendment and stated that the proposed allocations should reflect the overall position on the council and noted that the Green Group held the majority of Chairs and Deputy Chairs' positions. The amendment sought to reflect the allocations across the committees in a fair way and he hoped that it would be supported.

9.4 The Mayor stated that the matter had been fully discussed at the Working Group, Leaders Group and at Policy & Resources Committee and he felt that there was no need to debate it further. He therefore noted that an amendment had been moved and put it to the vote which was lost.

9.5 The Mayor then put the recommendations as detailed in the report to the vote:

- (i) The allocation of seats as detailed in the report and in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (ii) For the municipal year 2012/2013 the following Committees and Sub-Committees be constituted and appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and the number of Members and allocation of seats to the Party Groups (apart from co-opted Members) as detailed in appendix 1 to the report and as specified below be agreed:

<b>Committee/Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>
Policy & Resources	10	5	3	2
Adult Care & Health	10	4	3	3

Children & Young People	10	4	3	3
Economic Development & Culture	10	4	4	2
Environment & Sustainability	10	5	3	2
Housing	10	5	3	2
Transport	10	5	3	2
Audit & Standards	8	3	3	2
Licensing*	15	6	5	4
Planning	12	5	4	3
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10	4	3	3
Health & Well Being Overview & Scrutiny	8	3	3	2
Corporate Parenting Sub	5	2	2	1
Personnel Appeals Sub	3	1	1	1
Housing Management Consultative Sub	8	3	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>
<i>Licensing 2003 Act* - has the same membership as Licensing and does not come into the equation for the allocation of seats</i>	15	6	5	4

- (iii) That the membership of the committees and sub-committees as detailed in appendix 2 to the report and set out below be agreed;

**Policy & Resources Committee** – Councillors J. Kitcat (Chair), Littman (Deputy Chair), Hamilton, Mitchell, A. Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Shanks, G. Theobald, Wakefield and West.

**Adult Care & Health Committee** – Councillors Jarrett (Chair), Jones (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Buckley, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, K. Norman, Powell and Turton.

**Children & Young People Committee** – Councillors Shanks (Chair), Buckley (Deputy Chair), Brown, Gilbey, A. Kitcat, Lepper, Pissaridou, Powell, Simson and Wealls.

**Economic Development & Culture Committee** – Councillors Bowden (Chair), Mac Cafferty (Deputy Chair), Brown, Fitch, Janio, A. Kitcat, Littman, Morgan, Smith and C. Theobald.

**Environment & Sustainability Committee** – Councillors West (Chair), Sykes (Deputy Chair), Cobb, Deane, Janio, Mitchell, Pissaridou, Summers, G. Theobald and Wakefield.

**Housing Committee** – Councillors Wakefield (Chair), Powell (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Davey, Duncan, Farrow, Fitch, Jarrett, Mears and Peltzer Dunn.

**Transport Committee** – Councillors Davey (Chair), Follett (Deputy Chair), Cox, Janio, Mitchell, Phillips, Robins, Summers, G. Theobald and West.

**Audit & Standards Committee** – (8 Councillors and 6 Independent Members) Councillors Hamilton (Chair – Audit), Duncan, Lepper, Follett, A. Norman, Smith, Sykes and Wealls.

Dr Wilkinson (Chair - Standards), Mr J Bustard, Mr P Cecil, Mr G Rhodes, Mr P Rose and 1 vacancy.

**Licensing & Licensing (2003) Committee** – Councillors Duncan (Chair), Deane (Deputy Chair), Buckley, Cobb, Gilbey, Hawtree, Hyde, Jones, Lepper, Marsh, Pidgeon, Rufus, Simson, C Theobald, and Turton.

**Planning Committee** – Councillors Hawtree (Chair), Summers (Deputy Chair), Carden, Cobb, Davey, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hyde, Jones, Mac Cafferty, C Theobald and Wells.

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – Councillors Morgan (Chair), Cox (Deputy Chair), Brown, Buckley, Farrow, Follett, Hawtree, Marsh, K. Norman and Phillips.

**Health & Well Being Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – Councillors Rufus (Chair), C Theobald (Deputy Chair), Bowden, Cox, Marsh, Robins, Sykes and Wealls.

**Licensing 2003 Sub-Committee** (3 from the parent committee with designated reps) – Councillors Duncan (Chair), Simson and Lepper.

**Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee** – Councillors Shanks (Chair), Rufus (Deputy Chair), Bennett, Gilbey and Hyde.

**Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee** – (3 from a pool of Members with designated reps) Councillors Powell, Cox and Marsh.



**Housing Management Consultative Sub-Committee** – Councillors Wakefield (Chair), Duncan, Farrow, Peltzer Dunn, Pidgeon, Randall, Robins, Summers and Wells.

**Community Safety Forum** – Councillors Duncan (Chair), Barnett, Bowden, Carden, MacCafferty, Meadows, Morgan, Pidgeon, Shanks and Simson.

**Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board** – Councillors Jarrett (Chair), Bennett, Duncan, Meadows, K. Norman, Shanks and Tuton.

- (iv) That in having regard to (iii) above, those Members listed as Chair and Deputy Chair of the respective Committees, Sub-Committees and Forums as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- (iv) (a) That with regard to (iii) above and subject to (b) and (c) below, all Members of the Council be appointed as Substitute Members of each Committee of the Council in accordance with Standing Orders.
- (b) That no Member may act as a Substitute Member of the Planning Committee or the Personnel Committee unless he/she has received the appropriate training to enable them to serve on the respective Committee.
- (c) There are restrictions on membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees as set out in the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure rules.
- (v) That in having regard to (ii) above, an Urgency Sub-Committee for each Committee be approved in accordance with Procedure Rule 22;
- (vi) That the appointments of representatives to the list of Outside Bodies as detailed in appendix 3 to the report and specified below be agreed:

	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Nominations 2012/13</b>
1	Admissions Forum	Annual	Buckley Wealls
2	Adoption & Permanence Panel	Annual	Follett/Shanks (Job Share)
3	Age Concern	Annual	Jarrett and K. Norman
4	Arc Manche	Annual	Phillips
5	Arts Commission	Annual	Bowden, A Kitcat, Shanks, Brown, C Theobald Fitch
6	Brighton Dome & Festival Limited	Annual	Bowden Marsh

7	Brighton Housing Trust	Annual	Wakefield
8	Brighton & Hove in Bloom	Annual	Rufus, Shanks, West, Barnett, K Norman, C. Theobald, Pissaridou
9	Brighton & Hove Allotment Federation	Annual	Deane
10	Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership	Annual	Bowden G Theobald
11	Brighton & Hove Estates Conservation Trust	Annual	West Mitchell
12	Brighton & Hove Federation of Disabled People	Annual	Powell
13	Brighton & Hove Food Partnership Board of Directors	Annual	Sykes
14	Brighton & Hove Foster Panel	Annual	Shanks/Phillips (Job Share)
15	Brighton & Hove Foyer	Annual	Powell
16	Brighton & Hove Music Trust	Annual	Hawtree, Mac Cafferty A Norman
17	Brighton & Hove Seaside Community Homes Ltd	3-year 2011-14	Wakefield, Summers Wells Fitch
18	Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project	Annual	Duncan
19	Citizen's Advice Bureau	Annual	MacCafferty Robins
20	City Inclusion Partnership	Annual	Duncan, Summers Cobb Marsh
21	City Sustainability Partnership	Annual	Sykes, West Janio Mitchell
22	City Sports Forum	Annual	Phillips, Bowden Smith Robins
23	Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership	4-year term	J. Kitcat
24	Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Annual	Summers
25	Consumer Direct	Annual	Deane
26	Cornerstone Community Centre Board of Management	Annual	Sykes
27	Councillor Disability Champion	Annual	Powell
28	East Sussex Fire Authority	Annual	Powell, Rufus, Summers

			Pidgeon, C Theobald Carden
29	East Sussex Pension Fund Investment Panel	Annual	Littman Wealls
30	Eurocities Network	Annual	A Kitcat
31	Fair Trade Steering Group	Annual	Deane, Littman
32	Healthy City Partnership	Annual	Jones K Norman
33	INTERREG Iva	Annual	Phillips
34	Local Government Association	Annual	Follett, J Kitcat G Theobald Mitchell
35	LGA Rural Commission	Annual	West
36	LGA Urban Commission	Annual	Bowden, Mac Cafferty
37	Local Housing Allowance & Universal Credit Steering Group	Annual	Wakefield
38	Members Advisory Group on Grants (MAG)	Annual	Rufus Simson Hamilton
39	MIND	Annual	Jarrett
40	Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee (Appointee also sits on the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee)	Annual	Davey
41	Pre-School Learning Alliance (South)	Annual	Buckley
42	Race Ground Trustees	Annual	Bowden (Board), Powell, Wakefield, West Brown, C Theobald Fitch (Board), Lepper
43	Resource Centre	Annual	Davey
44	Shoreham Port Authority LA Liaison Committee	Annual	Bowden Peltzer Dunn
45	South East England Employers	Annual	Powell, Rufus Cox
46	Southern Regional Flood & Coastal Committee	Annual	Summers
47	The Brighton Fund	Annual	Mayor (ex-officio) Randall
48	The Sussex Deaf Association	Annual	Jarrett
49	The Royal Pavilion and Museums	Annual	Bowden

50	Foundation United Nations Association	Annual	Davey
51	University of Sussex Court	01/08/11- 31/07/12	(Mayor)Randall Summers A Norman
52	West Pier Trust	Annual	Buckley

7.2 **The motion was carried.**

**10. CLOSE OF MEETING**

10.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of