

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON
19 MAY 2015**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S A Dickinson - Mayor
Councillor M Latif Darr - Deputy Mayor

Councillors: G S Atwal, T Barr, L A Bentley, A R Bond, J W Boyce,
F S Broadley, Mrs L M Broadley, D M Carter, K Chalk, Miss M V Chamberlain,
M H Charlesworth, B Dave, Mrs L Eaton, R F Eaton, B Fahey, D A Gamble,
Mrs S Z Haq, J Kaufman, T Khong, Mrs H E Loydall, K J Loydall,
R E R Morris, Mrs S B Morris and R H Thakor

Officers in attendance: Ms A Court, Ms G Ghuman and M Hall

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1.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>G A Boulter.</p>	
2.	<p><u>MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>a) Young Citizen of the Year 2015/2016</p> <p>Councillor R E R Morris paid tribute to Miss. Lara Taylerson-Whyte describing her as a deserving winner and excellent ambassador. The meeting heard of Miss Taylerson-Whyte's excellent work and dedication to projects and events in the Borough and neighbouring regions of South Leicestershire. She was recognised for her loyal contribution to the Youth Council to which she had attended all meetings. Miss Taylerson-Whyte received a silver salver and certificate alongside a floral presentation as a token of gratitude.</p> <p>b) Citizen of the Year 2015/16</p> <p>Mr. Mike Clay was invited by the Chair and presented with a silver salver and certificate in honour of his recognition. A floral presentation was made to his escort as a token of gratitude.</p>	
4.	<p><u>ADDRESS BY HER WORSHIP, MRS S DICKINSON</u></p> <p>The Mayor reflected upon her year in office, describing the role as an experience of enrichment. She thanked her Chaplain, a Mr. John Sutcliffe, and her daughters for supporting her and a Mrs. Lesley Evans for her moral support.</p>	

	<p>The Mayor made particular reference to the commemorative events of King Richard III which she described as her privilege to attend and represent on behalf of the Borough.</p> <p>The Mayor confirmed that an amount of £10,500.00 had been fundraised for the Alzheimer's Society to which its many contributors were thanked for their support.</p> <p>The Mayor expressed gratitude to her fellow Councillors for their support and expressed her hope that the incoming Mayor would enjoy as much fulfilment from the role as she did.</p>	
5.	<p><u>APPRECIATIONS</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor J W Boyce, led the appreciations for the Mayor's term of office stating that Councillor Dickinson had been a fantastic ambassador for the Borough and thanked her for a superb year. He too extended his gratitude to the outgoing Councillor her services as a councillor.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council echoed the sentiments of The Mayor in respect of the amount fundraised for the Alzheimer's Society and Wishes For Kids, in the hope that the funds raised were to bring joy and broaden the experiences of those involved and, or, affected.</p>	
6.	<p><u>ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016</u></p> <p>The Mayor, Councillor Mrs S A Dickinson, asked for nominations for the election to the Office of Mayor for the year 2015-2016.</p> <p>Councillor J Kaufman proposed, and Councillor D A Gamble seconded, that Councillor M L Darr be elected as Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor J Kaufman stated that he was delighted to propose and support Councillor Darr in this office, describing him as a representative of the community. Councillor Gamble described Councillor Darr as principled man who had served the communities of Oadby well.</p> <p>Councillor B Dave welcomed the appointment of Councillor Darr as the Mayor of the Council, citing him to be very well-known and liked in all communities.</p> <p>The nomination was put to the vote and carried unanimously.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor M L Darr be duly elected to the Office of Mayor for the year 2015-2016.</p> <p>The newly-elected Mayor, Councillor M L Darr, read aloud the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the Register. His Worship the Mayor and his Consort were invested with their respective Chains of Office.</p> <p>The Mayor addressed the meeting, thanking the retiring Mayor for her excellent work, his Proposer, Seconder and Councillor Dave for their nomination/s of him for Mayor and confidence in him, respectively.</p> <p>The newly elected Mayor pledged to do his best for the Borough and</p>	

	<p>nominated his chosen charity, the Leicester Hospital Charity, to assist newly-born premature babies and to provide additional facilities for the elderly.</p> <p>The Mayor presented Mrs S A Dickinson with the Post-Mayor's Medallion.</p>	
7.	<p><u>ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016</u></p> <p>The Mayor asked for nominations for the appointment to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the year 2015-2016. Councillor M H Charlesworth proposed Councillor R F Eaton as Deputy Mayor and congratulated the newly-elected Mayor upon his appointment and thanked his predecessor, Mrs S A Dickinson.</p> <p>Councillor Miss M V Chamberlain seconded the proposal.</p> <p>The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor R F Eaton be duly elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the year 2015-2016.</p> <p>The newly-elected Deputy Mayor read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the Register. The Deputy Mayor and his Consort were invested with their respective Chains of Office.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting, thanking his Proposer and Seconder, and told the meeting that he was looking forward to fulfilling the expectations of the role in the year ahead.</p> <p>Floral presentations were made to the outgoing Mayor and her Consorts and the newly appointed Mayor and his Consort.</p>	
8.	<p><u>PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP 2015/2016</u></p> <p>The Council considered a report setting out proposed memberships to the Council's Committees and associated appointments for 2015-2016, together with the additional paper circulated at the meeting and set out in report pages 1-7 which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1) That the Committees and other bodies, and the nominations made to date, set out in the report, and additional paper, be noted.</p>	
9.	<p><u>FINAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2015/16 (TO FOLLOW)</u></p> <p>The Chief Executive presented the report of the final schedule of meetings for 2014/15 as set out in report pages 8-12.</p> <p>It was noted that some minor amendments of dates and times were required and that a final version of the schedule would be provided to Members in due course.</p>	

	RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Meetings attached to the report be approved and adopted.	
10.	<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR</u> The newly-elected Mayor, Councillor M L Darr invited all those present to accompany him to a Reception following the meeting at Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby.	

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm