

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Council called by the Chair on Monday 30th September 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor Cllr BS Sehmi, Deputy Mayor Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr W Chant, Cllr ES Evans, Cllr FD John, Cllr B Lloyd, Cllr BT Price, & Cllr RJ Thornton, with S Mann (Clerk).

67 Apologies for Absence. Members were requested to directly inform the Clerk of any absences, in order to formally register their apologies and keep an accurate record of attendance.

- a. Apologies received for approval: None.
- b. Absent without apology: Cllr R Price.

68 Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare both pecuniary interests (financial interests) and non-pecuniary interests (personal or other interests) that could influence their decision-making in relation to items on the agenda. This declaration ensures that other councillors and the public are aware of potential conflicts. None declared.

69 Confirmation of Minutes for:

- a. Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 2nd September 2024 were RESOLVED to be approved.

70 Public Representations from members of the public in attendance about any business to be discussed: None.

71 Casual Vacancy

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public were excluded from discussions on this item on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

- a. Co-Option of New Councillors. The meeting convened with five candidates to address three casual vacancies through co-option. Each of these candidates had previously accepted an invitation to meet with the council during their allocated time slots. After conducting interviews with all five candidates, the council proceeded to hold a secret

ballot. The Clerk tallied the votes from this confidential ballot, which was subsequently verified by the meeting which revealed a draw in the votes and following a second round which was also a draw, a casting vote was applied in accordance with the City Council's Standing Orders. The final count revealed that Mrs Sarah Foster, Mr Malcolm Gray, and Mrs Samantha Minas-Blight emerged as the successful candidates to fill the casual vacancies. The meeting recognised the strengths and suitability of all five candidates and passed a resolution directing the Clerk to promptly inform each candidate of their success or disappointment, while also expressing gratitude and encouraging their ongoing interest in community service.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

Date

Chair