

# COUNCIL

## 23 MAY 2012

*Present :-* Councillor Christopher Arnold (the Mayor) (Chairman)  
Councillor Colin Sykes (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillors Nick Barlow, Lyn Barton, Kevin Bentley,  
Mary Blandon, Elizabeth Blundell, Mark Cable,  
Nigel Chapman, Helen Chuah (Former Mayor) ,  
Barrie Cook, Nick Cope, Beverly Davies, Tina Dopson,  
John Elliott, Andrew Ellis, Margaret Fairley-Crowe,  
Annie Feltham, Bill Frame, Ray Gamble, Martin Goss,  
Glenn Granger, Scott Greenhill, Marcus Harrington,  
Dave Harris, Julia Havis, Jo Hayes, Pauline Hazell,  
Theresa Higgins, Mike Hogg, Martin Hunt (Deputy  
Leader) , Brian Jarvis, John Jowers,  
Margaret Kimberley, Sonia Lewis, Cyril Liddy,  
Michael Lilley, Sue Lissimore, Jon Manning,  
Richard Martin, Kim Naish, Nigel Offen,  
Beverley Oxford, Gerard Oxford, Philip Oxford,  
Will Quince, Lesley Scott-Boutell, Paul Smith,  
Terry Sutton, Laura Sykes, Anne Turrell (Leader of the  
Council) , Dennis Willetts, Julie Young and Tim Young

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor Chuah, chaired the meeting for the item at minute 1.

Councillor Hunt was present for the reconvened meeting only.

The meeting was opened with prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Mark Thompson.

### **1. Election of Mayor**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Chapman, SECONDED by Councillor Smith and SUPPORTED by Councillors Dopson and G. Oxford and –

*RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY* that Councillor Christopher John Arnold be elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Arnold took the customary oath and made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor then took the Chair and returned thanks for his election.

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **3. Election of Deputy Mayor**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Turrell, SECONDED and SUPPORTED by Councillors Quince, T. Young and G. Oxford and –

*RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY* that Councillor Colin Leslie Sykes be elected Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Sykes then made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office and returned thanks for his election as Deputy Mayor.

### **4. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Frame, SECONDED and SUPPORTED by Councillors Quince, T. Young and G. Oxford and –

*RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY* that the best thanks of the Council are due and are hereby accorded to Councillor Helen Chuah for the admirable manner in which she had discharged the responsible duties of the Mayoralty during the past year and that a transcript of this resolution under the Common Seal be furnished to Councillor Helen Chuah.

### **5. Mayor's Chaplain and Other Announcement**

The Mayor intimated that he had appointed the Reverend Canon David Atkins to be his Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Mayor indicated that the theme of his Mayoralty would be “Making the most of music in Colchester”. He indicated that he would be supporting the following charities:-

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra  
Army Benevolent Fund  
Headway Essex  
Girlguiding UK  
Grassroots

The Mayor announced the following forthcoming events:-

- The Bishop of Colchester would be hosting a Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving on 1 June 2012;
- A Falklands Memorial Service would be held on 14 June 2012;
- The Mayoress at Home would be held on 23 June 2012;
- A Civic Carol Service would be held at St Botolphs on 16 December 2012.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Martin for providing the new uniform for the Town

Serjeant.

## **6. Adjournment**

*RESOLVED* that the meeting stand adjourned until 11.30 and be resumed in the Council Chamber.

## **7. RECONVENED MEETING Have Your Say! - Announcements and General Statements/Questions**

Bobby Hunt addressed the Council pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 6(1). He offered his congratulations to Councillor Dopson on her re-election. He drew attention to the nine remaining residents of Joyce Brooks House and stressed that if they were not rehoused together as promised then they would not be moved at all.

Councillor Dopson, Portfolio Holder for Housing, indicated that she was aware of the issue and would endeavour to help and support the residents. She would provide a full written response in due course.

## **8. Delegations made by the Leader of the Council**

*RESOLVED* that the appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council, the appointment of Cabinet members, the allocation of responsibility for Portfolios and the Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet members, as circulated at the meeting and appended to these minutes, be noted.

## **9. Local Plan Committee**

*RESOLVED* that the decisions set out in the report by the Head of Strategic Policy and Regeneration be approved and adopted (MAJORITY voted FOR).

## **10. Appointment of Panels, Committees and Sub-Committees**

*RESOLVED* that:-

(a) in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the number of seats, Group Representation and membership of the Accounts and Regulatory Committee, Crime and Disorder Committee, Finance and Audit Scrutiny Panel, Licensing Committee, Local Plan Committee, Planning Committee, Policy Review and Development Panel, Standards Committee (Localism

Act 2011) and the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the ensuing municipal year be as circulated at the meeting.

(b) in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the appointments of the Standards Committee (Local Government Act 2000) and the Task and Finish Groups shall not be on a Group basis and membership shall be as circulated at the meeting.

(c) the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel be as circulated at the meeting.

## **11. Former Councillors**

*RESOLVED* that the Council record its grateful thanks to former Councillors Bouckley, Garnett, Hardy, Knight, Quarrie and Spyvee for the public service rendered by them to this Borough during their period of office as Councillors and that a transcript of this resolution be furnished to each of them on parchment under the Common Seal of the Borough as a permanent record of the appreciation of the Council.