



# Minutes Council

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 11 May 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
<b>Members:</b>	Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Heather Speak)  Councillors Ben Aiken, Christine Akeroyd, Frank Andrews, Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Keith Beckett ISO, Julie Brickles, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, David Eaves, Sue Fazackerley, Tony Ford JP, Richard Fradley, Shirley Green, Gail Goodman, Neil Harvey, Karen Henshaw JP, Angela Jacques, Roger Lloyd, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Sandra Pitman, Albert Pounder, Richard Redcliffe, Louis Rigby, Vince Settle, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Raymond Thomas, Vivienne Willder
<b>Officers:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Morrison, Paul Walker, Jo Collins, Sandra Connell, Ian Curtis, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone, Clare Lord, Ross McKelvie, Gary Pangburn, David Oxley, Alex Scrivens, Sharon Wadsworth, Tara Walsh, Bryan Ward, Katharine McDonnell.
<b>Other attendees:</b>	Reverend Christopher Scargill, Reverend Nicholas Wells, invited guests and members of the public

At the commencement of the meeting, the retiring Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) occupied the chair.

## Prayers

Prayers were offered by Reverend Christopher Scargill.

## Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Council. He extended his particular thanks to the Mayoress for all her support and forbearance throughout the year. He thanked Deputy Mayor, Councillor Heather Speak and the Deputy Mayoress, Jen Robinson, and his fellow councillors, for their support during his Mayoral year. He extended special thanks to the Mayor's Secretary for going above and beyond the call of duty. He thanked the Chief Executive, the Director of Resources and all the staff at Fylde Borough Council.

The Mayor spoke of his enjoyable and varied year, and of his sadness as it came to an end. He extended best wishes to the incoming Mayor, Councillor Christine Akeroyd.

Councillor Susan Fazackerley (Leader of the Council) extended her thanks and congratulations to the Mayor for a successful year.

Councillor Tony Ford (Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group) extended his thanks and congratulations to the Mayor for an enjoyable year.

1. To Appoint a Mayor for the Borough of Fylde for the Ensuing Municipal Year

It was moved by Councillor Roger Small, and seconded by Councillor Vivienne Willder and;

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Christine Akeroyd be appointed Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

(The Mayor also indicated that her appointee as Mayoress was Miss Helen Akeroyd).

After making the Declaration of the Acceptance of Office, as required by statute, the Mayor thereupon occupied the chair.

2. To Appoint a Deputy Mayor for the Borough of Fylde for the Ensuing Municipal Year.

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor Christine Akeroyd, seconded by Councillor Karen Buckley and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Angela Jacques be appointed Deputy Mayor of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

The Deputy Mayor thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by Statute.

(The Deputy Mayor also indicated that her appointee as Deputy Mayoress was Miss Sarah Jacques).

*Vote of Thanks*

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, expressed her thanks and congratulations to Councillor Peter Hardy on his year of office.

*Presentation of the Illuminated Record and Badge to the Immediate Past Mayor together with the Immediate Past Mayoress's Badge.*

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented to the immediate Past Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) an illuminated record containing the resolution of the Council electing him to the office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2015/2016.

The Mayor also presented Councillor Peter Hardy his Past Mayor's Badge and to Mrs Sheila Hardy, her Past Mayoress's Badge.

3. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 April 2016 as an accurate record for signature by the Mayor.

5. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the meeting of the Council marked a first at Fylde Borough Council. Councillor Louis Rigby was the first elected member to serve 40 years as a Councillor for Fylde Borough Council. Councillor Rigby was elected on May 6<sup>th</sup> 1976, only two years after the Fylde Council had been formed.

She advised that it had been 25 years since Councillor Rigby served as Mayor in 1991-92 and during his 40 years of exceptional service he had been appointed to 17 committees, from Leisure and

Amenities in 1976 to Environment, Health and Housing in 2016, attending hundreds of meeting on behalf of the people of Fylde.

The Mayor went on to say that everyone in the chamber and those who had served in the past had the utmost respect for Councillor Rigby as well as wonderful stories to tell of his work, or his antics, over the last 40 years.

She advised that whilst there were no procedures for recognising 40 years of elected service primarily because most did not last that long, the members and officers of Fylde Council were not going to allow such an achievement to pass without recognition.

The Mayor then presented Councillor Louis Rigby with a token of appreciation for his service.

The Mayor went on to inform members that Reverend Nicholas Wells would be her Mayor's Chaplain for the forthcoming year.

The Mayor also announced that Civic Sunday would take place on Sunday 22 May 2016 at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham. The service would commence at 10.00am.

The Mayor concluded by announcing that the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA); Home Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre and the Girlguiding Kilgrimol Centre would be her Mayoral charities for the municipal year.

#### 6. Chief Executive's Communications

Mr Oldfield expressed his thanks to the Immediate Past Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, and his congratulations to the new Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress.

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