

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
COUNCIL MEETING**22 May 2003
11.10am- 4.25pm

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Slatter), Deputy Mayor (Councillor White), Councillors Adey, Adigun-Harris, Bagnall, Bailey, Baker, Benstead, Blencowe, Boyce, Bradnack, Callaghan, Coleman, Dixon, Downham, Dryden, Durrant, Ellis-Miller, Harrison, Hart, Hipkin, Howarth, Howell, Hughes, James, Liddle, Nimmo-Smith, Pinnington, Reid, Rosenstiel C, Rosenstiel J, Schofield, Smart, Smith J, Smith R, Stebbings, Stuart, Taylor, Todd-Jones, Ward and Wright.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**03/26 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR 2003/2004**

Councillor Howarth proposed and Councillor Hipkin seconded the nomination of Councillor White as Mayor for the municipal year 2003/2004.

Resolved that Councillor White be elected Mayor for the municipal year 2003/2004 (Councillor White then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor).

03/27 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2003/2004

Councillor Bagnall proposed and Councillor Benstead seconded the nomination of Councillor Callaghan as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2003/2004.

Resolved that Councillor Callaghan be elected Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2003/2004 (Councillor Callaghan then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor).

03/28 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 April 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

03/29 REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

The Council noted the Returning Officer's report that the following had been elected to the office of Councillor:

Abbey	John Ernest Durrant
Arbury	Rhodri Mark James
Castle	David Ross Howarth
Cherry Hinton	Robert Paul Dryden
Coleridge	Bernaneth Magdaline Callaghan

East Chesterton	Donald Marshall Adey
King's Hedges	Primrose Elizabeth Hughes and Louise Ann Downham
Market	Michael Shepherd Dixon
Newnham	Julie Elizabeth Smith
Petersfield	Helen Patricia Wright
Queen Edith's	Alan Reginald Harold Baker
Romsey	Iain James Coleman
Trumpington	Edrich Leonard Adigun-Harris and Philippa Mary Slatter
West Chesterton	Raymond Alan Boyce and Nichola Jane Harrison

03/30 **MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Council noted the appointment of the Reverend Ian Thompson, Dean of Chapel at Selwyn College, as the Mayor's Chaplain for the municipal year 2003/2004.

03/31 **TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Council noted that, as part of its aim to promote local democracy and involve young people in the work of the Council, a Mayor's Cadet would be appointed annually. The second person appointed to this role was Joshua Schunmann of St John Ambulance.

03/32 **TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND CONSORT**

Resolved on the proposition of Councillor Bailey, seconded by Councillor R Smith and supported by Councillor Stuart, that this Council expresses its appreciation of the manner in which the duties of Mayor were discharged by Councillor Philippa Slatter during her period of office and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution for presentation to her.

03/33 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Bell.

Former Councillor Mungai Mbaya

The Mayor placed on record the Council's appreciation of the work of former Councillor Mungai Mbaya who passed away earlier in May. Mungai was first elected to the Council in 1998 and served for a period of four years to 2002. He was a staunch supporter of civic ceremonial events, thoroughly enjoying his role as a Bailiff, and took a keen interest in community activities in Abbey Ward.

The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Civic Service – Sunday, 25th May, 2003

The Mayor stated that Councillors had received notification of the unveiling of a Blue Plaque in King's Parade to mark the start of the English Reformation followed by a civic service due to take place in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 25th May.

Midsummer Fair

The Mayor reminded Councillors of the Proclamation of Midsummer Fair on Wednesday, 18th June at 6.30 p.m.

Mayor's charities

The Mayor announced that he had chosen to support the Cambridge and County Folk Museum and the East Anglian Children's Hospice, Milton during his mayoral year.

03/34 TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2003/2004

Councillor Howarth proposed and Councillor C Rosenstiel seconded that Councillors Adigun-Harris, James and Stebbings be appointed as bailiffs.

Councillor Bagnall proposed and Councillor Bradnack seconded that Councillor Dryden be appointed as a bailiff.

Resolved that Councillors Adigun-Harris, James, Dryden and Stebbings, be appointed as bailiffs of the city for the municipal year 2003/2004.

03/35 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (6 MAY) WHICH ARE FOR ADOPTION

03/civ/25 **The Constitution: amendments to incorporate area committees**

Resolved (by 26 votes to 10) -

To amend the Constitution to incorporate the changes set out in the report appended to this minute:

- 1) Deleting present Article 8 in Part 2 of the Constitution and substituting new Article 8 'Regulatory and Area Committees' as set out in the appended report.
- 2) Adding new Section 12 'Area Committees' to Part 3 of the Constitution, as set out in the appended report.
- 3) Adding new Part 4EE 'Area Committee Procedure Rules' to Part 4 of the Constitution, as set out in the appended report.

03/CIV/26 **Election of Leader and Executive Councillors**

Councillor Bradnack proposed (seconded by Councillor Durrant) Councillor Bagnall for the position of Executive Councillor for Housing & Health.

Resolved (by 26 votes to 14)

That Cllr David Howarth be elected Leader for the municipal year 2003/04 and that the Executive be made up of a further five members of the Council as follows:

Deputy Leader (also with responsibility for City Centre Development and Strategic IT) – Cllr Colin Rosenstiel

Executive Councillor for Commercial & Human Resources – Cllr Amanda Taylor

Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure – Cllr Joye Rosenstiel

Executive Councillor for Environment – Cllr Nichola Harrison

Executive Councillor for Housing & Health – Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith (by 26 votes to 13 votes for Councillor Bagnall)

03/CIV/27 **Appointment of Committees 2003/04**

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to an updated list of proposed membership which had been circulated around the Chamber.

Councillor Stuart proposed (seconded by Councillor Howell) that the Conservative Group be allocated a seat on Housing & Health Scrutiny Committee instead of Commercial & Human Resources SC. The amendment was lost by 5 votes to 19.

Resolved

That the size of committees and membership be as indicated in the table below.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS (ALTERNATE)	LABOUR	CONS
STRATEGY 10	Catherine Smart, Sian Reid, Donald Adey, Julie Smith, Malcolm Schofield, Tim Ward (John Hipkin)	Ruth Bagnall, Ben Bradnack, John Durrant	Graham Stuart (Chris Howell)
COMMERCIAL & HUMAN RESOURCES 10	David White, Jennifer Liddle, Edrich Adigun-Harris, Sarah Ellis-Miller, Richard Stebbings, Max Boyce (Tim Ward)	Robert Dryden, Ben Bradnack, Louise Downham	Chris Howell (Graham Stuart)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE 10	Sian Reid, Sarah Ellis-Miller, Edrich Adigun-Harris, Max Boyce, Jennifer Liddle, Philippa Slatter (Malcolm Schofield)	Ben Bradnack, Berni Callaghan, Tricia Wright	Chris Howell (Graham Stuart)
ENVIRONMENT 10	Jenny Bailey, Tim Ward, Alan Baker, Iain Coleman, Rhodri James, Sian Reid (Mike Dixon)	John Durrant, Ben Bradnack, Elizabeth Hughes	Graham Stuart (Chris Howell)
HOUSING & HEALTH	Donald Adey, Rhodri James, Judith Pinnington,	Ruth Bagnall, Maria Bell,	-

10	Catherine Smart, Julie Smith Richard Stebbings (Iain Coleman)	Louise Downham, Mike Todd-Jones	
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY 6	Mike Dixon, Jenny Bailey Max Boyce Edrich Adigun-Harris (Judith Pinnington)	Ruth Bagnall, John Durrant	-
STRATEGIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 6	Philippa Slatter, Tim Ward, Jenny Bailey Jennifer Liddle (Rhodri James)	Ruth Bagnall, Maria Bell	-

REGULATORY COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS (ALTERNATE)	LABOUR	CONS
PLANNING 10	Alan Baker, Philippa Slatter, Mike Dixon, Nichola Harrison, John Hipkin, Malcolm Schofield (Sian Reid)	Kevin Blencowe, Robert Dryden, Richard Smith, Tricia Wright	-
LICENSING 6	Jennifer Liddle, Joye Rosenstiel, John Hipkin, Judith Pinnington (Ian Nimmo-Smith)	Richard Smith, Jeremy Benstead	-
CIVIC AFFAIRS 8	Colin Rosenstiel, Amanda Taylor, Max Boyce, Richard Stebbings, Tim Ward (Donald Adey)	Richard Smith, Caroline Hart, John Durrant	-
EMPLOYMENT APPEALS SUB 6	Catherine Smart, Edrich Adigun-Harris, Julie Smith, David White	Ben Bradnack, Richard Smith	-
HOMELESSNESS APPEALS COMMITTEE	Any three members comprising the Housing & Health Scrutiny Committee		
STANDARDS COMMITTEE 8 (including 2 external members who wish to continue Ms Hobbs and Dr Clark).	Richard Stebbings, Judith Pinnington, Amanda Taylor	Robert Dryden, Elizabeth Hughes	Chris Howell
CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT AREA JOINT	Colin Rosenstiel, David Howarth, Catherine Smart Tim Ward (Sian Reid)	Louise Downham, Kevin Blencowe	-

(Alternate member)

03/CIV/28 Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs 2003/04

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to an updated list of proposed Chairs and Vice Chairs which had been circulated around the Chamber.

Councillor Bagnall proposed (seconded by Councillor Bradnack) alternative Chairs

for Planning, Licensing, Civic Affairs and Standards. Councillor Bradnack proposed (seconded by Councillor Durrant) Councillor Bagnall for Chair of Housing & Health.

Resolved

That the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees for 2003/04 are as follows:

	Chair	Vice-Chair
<i>Strategy</i>	Smart	Reid
<i>Community Development & Leisure</i>	Reid	Ellis-Miller
<i>Environment</i>	Bailey	Ward
<i>Housing & Health</i>	Adey (by 26 votes to 13 votes for Bagnall)	James
<i>City Centre Development</i>	Dixon	Bailey
<i>Strategic IT</i>	Slatter	Ward

See below for Commercial & Human Resources

	Chair	Vice-Chair
<i>Planning</i>	Baker (by 25 votes to 14 votes for Blencowe)	Slatter
<i>Licensing</i>	Liddle (by 26 votes to 12 votes for R Smith)	J Rosenstiel
<i>Taxi Licensing Sub</i>	Liddle	J Rosenstiel
<i>Civic Affairs</i>	C Rosenstiel (by 26 votes to 12 votes for R Smith)	Taylor
<i>Employment Appeals Sub</i>	Smart	Adigun-Harris
<i>Homelessness Appeals</i>	Adey	James
<i>Standards</i>	Stebbing (by 26 votes to 13 votes for Dryden)	Louise Hobbs (external member)

The Deputy Mayor in the Chair

Resolved

That the Chair and Vice Chair of Commercial & Human Resources Scrutiny Committee for 2003/04 are Councillors White and Liddle respectively.

The Mayor in the Chair.

03/36 ANNUAL STATEMENTS

Councillors Howarth, Bagnall and Stuart spoke on their groups=priorities for the forthcoming municipal year.

03/37 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

Under the Scheme for Annual Statements, that of Councillor Howarth was deemed to be a motion for adoption by the Council.

Resolved (by 23 votes to 0)

That the Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group, as appended to the agenda, be adopted as Council policy for 2003/2004.

03/38 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

03/39 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2003**Resolved** (by 23 votes to 0)

To approve the draft Plan included in the Council agenda, and to delegate to the Chief Executive authority to make any amendments necessary before the Plan is printed.

03/40 ORAL QUESTIONS

Question	Question by	Answer by
1. In light of the decent homes initiative, how does the Council prioritise different parts of its housing stock for any future window replacement programme, particularly where many areas have properties in similar condition. Specifically, where is the Colville Estate, Cherry Hinton on the priority list relative to other parts of the stock waiting for window replacement?	Councillor Howell	Councillor Nimmo-Smith
2. Has the Council owned property at 11 Anstey Way ever been used to store Focus leaflets or for other Liberal Democrat party political purposes?	Councillor Howell	Councillor Nimmo-Smith

(nb. Councillor Stuart had put two questions but had left the meeting. The Mayor therefore ruled that the questions fall. The Executive Councillor for Commercial & Human Resources undertook to provide a written answer to question 2. The Leader referred to his Annual Statement address as the answer to question 4.)

03/41 NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCIL CONVENTIONS – THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Howarth proposed and Councillor C Rosenstiel seconded the following notice of motion:

“This Council asks the Civic Affairs Committee to recommend a scheme, for inclusion in the Council's conventions, concerning nominations for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The scheme should aim to provide for candidates from minority parties to be elected as Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor in a way which recognises the proportional strengths of the political groups on the Council over time. The scheme should also recognise that a majority group would only generally support the election of a Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor from a minority group if the majority group holds at least 24 seats on the Council. “

Under paragraph 13.7.1 of the Council Procedure Rules it was agreed to deal with the motion at the meeting.

Resolved (by 24 votes to 8) to agree the motion as above.

03/42 TO RECEIVE RECORDS OF DECISIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEES WHICH ARE FOR INFORMATION

The Council received the records of decisions made by Executive Councillors and information minutes.

03/43 TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2002/2003

The Council noted the information circulated.

The Council concluded its business at 4.25pm.

Mayor