

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING22 May 2008
11.05am – 4.55pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Bailey), Councillors Al Bander, Baker, Benstead, Bick, Blackhurst, Blair, Blencowe, Boyce, Bradnack, Cantrill, Dixon, Dryden, Hart, Herbert, Hipkin, Holness, Howell, Kightley, Levy, Liddle, Lynn, McGovern, McPherson, Newbold, Nimmo-Smith, Pitt, Reid, Rosenstiel, Sanders, Shah, Smart, Smith, Stuart, Todd-Jones, Upstone, Walker, Ward, Wright, Zmura

For the Information of the Council**08/33 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2008/2009**

Councillor Baker proposed and Councillor Bradnack seconded the nomination of Councillor Dixon as Mayor for the municipal year 2008/2009.

Resolved that Councillor Dixon be elected Mayor for the municipal year 2008/2009 (Councillor Dixon then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor).

08/34 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2008/2009

Councillor Dryden proposed and Councillor Smith seconded the nomination of Councillor McPherson as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2008/2009.

Resolved that Councillor McPherson be elected Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2008/2009 (Councillor McPherson then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor).

08/35 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 April 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to the following addition after item 3 of the Mayor's announcements: 'Councillor Smart thanked the Mayor for her contribution to the work of the Council during her six years as a councillor.'

08/36 TO NOTE THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

To note that the following have been elected to the office of Councillor:

Abbey	Margaret Elizabeth Wright
Arbury	Michael John Todd-Jones
Castle	John Hipkin
Cherry Hinton	Robert Paul Dryden
Coleridge	Christopher John Howell
East Chesterton	Jennifer Susan Liddle
Kings Hedges	Neil Michael McGovern
Market	Timothy James Bick
Newnham	Sian Tudor Reid
Petersfield	Thomas Benjamin Bradnack
Queen Edith's	Amanda Joan Taylor
Romsey	Catherine Helen Lindsay Smart
Trumpington	Salah Al Bander
West Chesterton	Michael Ian Nimmo-Smith

08/37 MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Council noted the appointment of The Reverend Canon Chris Savage as the Mayor's Chaplain for the municipal year 2008/2009.

08/38 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Council noted the appointment of Erin Munnelly, representing Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East, as Mayor's Cadet for the ensuing year.

08/39 TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Resolved, unanimously, on the proposition of Councillor Blair, seconded by Councillor Herbert, that this Council expresses its appreciation of the manner in which the duties of Mayor and Mayoress were discharged by Councillor Jenny Bailey and her partner Jennifer Liddle during their period of office and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution for presentation to them.

08/40 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Armstrong, Ellis-Miller and Taylor.

2. FAWCETT SCHOOL

The Mayor extended a special welcome to pupils from Fawcett School. The pupils had recently visited the Guildhall to learn about the mayoralty as part of Citizenship work, and were present at the meeting to witness the ceremonial side of the Council's proceedings.

3. VISIT TO SZEGED

The Sister Cities Festival and Bridge Fair was to take place in Cambridge's twin City of Szeged this weekend. As the date for the Festival clashed with the Annual Meeting, it had not been possible for civic representatives to attend this year. However, Cambridge was being represented by Frankie McGhee, the Visitors Services Manager, together with representatives from the Cambridge-Szeged Society.

4. THE PREACHING OF THE MOTT SERMON

The annual Mott Sermon would be preached at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 25 May at 11 a.m., all Members of the Council had been invited to attend.

5. MIDSUMMER FAIR

The Proclamation of Midsummer Fair would take place on Wednesday, 18 June on Midsummer Common.

6. CAMBRIDGE-HEIDELBERG-MONTPELIER YOUTH ORCHESTRA

This year Cambridge was to host the Cambridge-Heidelberg-Montpelier Youth Orchestra participants. The young musicians were to put on a public concert at 7 p.m. on 2 August followed by a civic reception.

7. MAYOR'S DAY OUT

The Mayor's Day Out for Cambridge senior citizens was to take place on Friday, 29 August and the venue was once again Great Yarmouth. Any Members of the Council who were free to lend a hand as stewards were asked to contact the Arts and Entertainments team.

8. 150th ANNIVERSARY OF ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY

2008 marked the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Cambridge School of Art, now known as Anglia Ruskin University. To mark this landmark in the University's history, the Mayor would be hosting a dinner on Thursday, 4 September to which all councillors would be invited.

08/41 TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/2009

Councillor Boyce proposed and Councillor Pitt seconded that Councillors Sanders, Stuart and Taylor be appointed as bailiffs.

Councillor Walker proposed and Councillor McPherson seconded that Councillor Hart be appointed as the fourth bailiff.

Resolved that Councillors Hart, Sanders, Stuart and Taylor be appointed as bailiffs of the city for the municipal year 2008/2009.

08/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest
McGovern	Members Allowances	A member of the Independent Remuneration Panel is a colleague.
Rosenstiel	Licensing Committee recommendation for Adoption	Is a member of CAMRA
McGovern	Licensing Committee recommendation for Adoption	Is a member of CAMRA
Reid	Oral Question 8	Close the Door Campaign Member
Shah	Motion on BME Community	As a member of the Management Committee of the Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
Ward	Oral Question 4	A member of his family had participated in a barbecue on Jesus Green

08/43 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (12 MAY) FOR ADOPTION**08/CIV/22 Election of Leader and Executive Councillors**

RESOLVED (unopposed) to approve the appointment of the Leader and Executive Councillors for 2008/09 together with the changes in Executive portfolios as follows:

- 1 That responsibility for the Council's tourism functions is moved from the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources.
- 2 That the functions of the City Centre Development Scrutiny Committee be transferred to Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee and the City Centre Development Scrutiny Committee discontinued.
3. That Councillor Nimmo-Smith be elected Leader for the municipal year 2008/09 and that the Executive be made up of a further **six** members of the Council as follows:

Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation	Cllr Smith
Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth	Cllr Reid
Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health	Cllr Stuart
Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources	Cllr Cantrill
Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services	Cllr Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor for Housing (and Deputy Leader)	Cllr Smart

08/CIV/23 Appointment of Committees 2008/09

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to the updated nominations to Committees laid around the Chamber.

RESOLVED (unopposed) to agree the size and membership of Committees as follows:

Scrutiny Committees

Name	Party	Size	Nominations (Sp) = party spokesperson, (1) = Alternate
Strategy & Resources	Liberal Democrat	6 (1)	Bick, Blackhurst, Ellis-Miller, Shah, Taylor, Ward (Blair)
	Labour	2	Bradnack (Sp), Herbert (Sp)
	Conservative	<u>1</u>	Howell
		9 Total	
Community Services *	Liberal Democrat	6 (1)	Al Bander, Blair, Kightley, Levy, McGovern, Sanders (Ellis-Miller)
	Labour	<u>3</u>	Blencowe (Sp), Lynn (Sp), Walker (Sp)
		9 Total	

* with up to 3 co-optees nominated by HMB and a nomination from the PCT

Environment	Liberal Democrats	6 (1)	Baker, Kightley, Shah, Upstone, Ward, Zmura (Liddle)
	Labour	2	Herbert (Sp), Newbold (Sp)
	Green & Independent	<u>1</u>	Wright (Sp)
		9 Total	
Housing Management Board	Liberal Democrats	6 (1)	Armstrong, Blackhurst, Levy, Pitt, Shah, Taylor (Ward)
	Labour	2	Blencowe, Todd-Jones (Sp)
	Green & Independent	<u>1</u>	Wright (Sp)
		9 Total	

*plus 6 elected tenants/leaseholders

Regulatory Committees and Subcommittees

Planning	Liberal Democrat	6 (1)	Al Bander, Baker, Blair, Dixon, Holness, Reid (Smart)
	Labour	2	Blencowe (Sp), Dryden
	Green & Independent	<u>1</u>	Hipkin (Sp)
		9 Total	
Joint Development Control	Liberal Democrat	4 (1)	Baker, Blair, Reid, Smart (Ward)
	Labour	<u>2</u>	Blencowe, Dryden
		6 Total	
Licensing *	Liberal Democrat	8	Boyce, Dixon, Liddle, McGovern, Rosenstiel, Smith, Stuart, Upstone
	Labour	3	Benstead (Sp), Blencowe, Hart
	Green & Independent	<u>1 (1)</u>	Wright (Sp) (Hipkin)
		12 Total	

* Sub-Cttees to be appointed at a Special meeting of Licensing Cttee during Annual Meeting

Civic Affairs	Liberal Democrat	4 (1)	Boyce, Rosenstiel, Taylor, Ward (Blackhurst)
	Labour	<u>2</u>	Bradnack (Sp), Hart
		6 Total	
Employment Appeals Sub	Liberal Democrat	6	Boyce, Liddle, McGovern, Smart, Smith, Stuart
	Labour	2	Dryden, Walker
	Green & Independent	<u>1</u>	Hipkin
		9 Total	

Standards	Liberal Democrat Labour External Members	4 2 <u>3</u> 9*Total	Bick, McGovern, Pitt, Taylor (Ellis-Miller) Dryden, McPherson Dr Clark, Mr Dasgupta, Mr Williams
* May increase in size later in the municipal year			
Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint	Liberal Democrat Labour	4 (1) <u>2</u> 6 Total	Baker, Blair, Rosenstiel, Zmura (Reid) Blencowe , Walker
NEW Cambridge Fringes Joint Planning Policy	Liberal Democrat Labour	2 (1) <u>1</u> 3 Total	Nimmo-Smith, Reid (Smart) Herbert

08/CIV/24 Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs 2008/09

The Liberal Democrat Group nominations tabled at Civic Affairs Committee and the Labour Group nominations proposed at the meeting by Councillor Herbert and seconded by Councillor Blencowe for Committee Chairs were as shown below:

Scrutiny Committee	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Strategy and Resources	Cllr Taylor	Cllr Herbert
Community Services	Cllr Blair	Cllr Blencowe
Environment	Cllr Ward	Cllr Newbold

The Liberal Democrat Group nomination tabled at Civic Affairs Committee and the Labour Group nomination proposed at the meeting by Councillor Blencowe and seconded by Councillor Bradnack for Committee Chair were as shown below:

Committee	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Housing Management Board	Cllr Pitt	Mr Tony Barnes

The Liberal Democrat Group nominations tabled at Civic Affairs Committee and the Labour Group nominations proposed at the meeting by Councillor Herbert and seconded by Councillor Bradnack for Committee Chairs were as shown below:

Committee	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Planning	Cllr Baker	Cllr Blencowe
Joint Development Control*	Cllr Baker	N/A
Licensing	Cllr Dixon	Cllr Benstead
Civic Affairs	Cllr Boyce	Cllr Bradnack
Employment Appeals Sub	Cllr Smart	N/A

* Spokesperson for the City Council on the Joint Development Control Committee

Resolved

1 (by 23 votes to 12) that the Chairs of Scrutiny Committees be as follows:

Scrutiny Committee	Chair
Strategy and Resources	Cllr Taylor
Community Services	Cllr Blair
Environment	Cllr Ward

- 2 (by 25 votes to 14) that the Chair of Housing Management Board be as follows:

Committee	Chair
Housing Management Board	Cllr Pitt

- 3 (by 24 votes to 12) that the Chairs of Regulatory Committees be as follows:

Committee	Chair
Planning	Cllr Baker
Joint Development Control*	Cllr Baker
Licensing	Cllr Dixon
Civic Affairs	Cllr Boyce
Employment Appeals Sub	Cllr Smart
Standards	To be appointed from the Non-Councillor members by the Committee at its first meeting

* Spokesperson for the City Council on the Joint Development Control Committee

- 4 (unopposed) the following Vice Chairs of Committees be elected for 2008/09:

Committee	Vice Chairs
Strategy and Resources	Cllr Blackhurst
Community Services	Cllr Kightley
Environment	Cllr Shah
Housing Management Board	Tenant Representative appointed at the first meeting of the Board
Planning	Cllr Blair
Joint Development Control	N/A
Licensing	Cllr Liddle
Civic Affairs	Cllr Rosenstiel
Employment Appeals Sub	N/A
Standards	To be appointed from the Non-Councillor members by the Committee at its first meeting

08/CIV/25 Members Allowances

Members noted that, following the formation of the Green and Independent Group, the previously agreed allocation of Members Allowances for the Municipal Year needed to be updated and agreed after consultation with the Independent Remuneration Panel. There had not been enough time to prepare a recommendation to this meeting of Council. A recommendation would be made to Council on 11 September instead.

08/44 ANNUAL STATEMENTS

Councillor Nimmo-Smith spoke to a written statement on the Liberal Democrat Group's priorities, which was appended to the agenda for the meeting. A Labour Group Annual Statement was also included in the agenda.

Councillors Nimmo-Smith, Herbert and Wright then each spoke on their groups' priorities for the forthcoming municipal year.

08/45 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

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

Councillor Newbold proposed and Cllr Herbert seconded the replacement of the Liberal Democrat Annual Statement by that of the Labour Group. On a show of hands, this proposal was lost by 22 votes to 9.

Resolved (by 22 votes to 10) that the Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group, as appended to the agenda, be adopted as Council policy for 2008/09.

08/46 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

08/47 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LEADER

Best Value Performance Plan 2008

Resolved (by 17 votes to 0)

To approve the draft of the Best Value Performance Plan 2008 included in the agenda and to delegate completion and publication of the document to the Chief Executive.

Local Area Agreement

The Leader drew the Council's attention to the revisions to the report contained in a paper laid around the Chamber.

Resolved (by 24 votes to 0)

1 To approve the draft of the Cambridgeshire Local Area Agreement attached to the agenda subject to the inclusion of amendments made at the meeting.

2 To delegate to the Leader of the Council the final approval of the Local Area Agreement on behalf of the City Council, in the light of comments made by the Council.

08/48 RECOMMENDATIONS OF LICENSING COMMITTEE (12 MAY) FOR ADOPTION

08/Lic/01 Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy: Consideration of the Inclusion of Mill Road as a Third Area of the City within the Cumulative Impact Policy

Resolved (unopposed) to approve the Statement of Licensing Policy with the following revisions.

1) To adopt the entire length of Mill Road (excluding Brookfields) as a third area within the

special policy on Cumulative Impact within the statement on licensing policy.

2) The insertion of the following wording

A. To the special policy on Cumulative effect (changes Highlighted in bold):

Within the city centre marked on the map at Appendix 1

At the Cambridge Leisure site marked on the map at Appendix 2.

With effect from 22 May 2008 the entire length of Mill Road Cambridge (excluding Brookfields)

B. Effective Date and Review

12.1 This policy statement **took** effect on 7th January 2008 and **was amended with effect from 22 May 2008 to add Mill Road to the special policy on cumulative impact.**

12.2 The policy statement will be kept under review and will remain in existence for a period of up to 3 years. It will be subject to review and further consultation before 7th January 2011.

08/49 **ORAL QUESTIONS**

1. From Councillor Dryden to the Executive Councillor for Housing

A decision on redevelopment of Colville & Augers Road bungalows is currently deferred. When residents met with ward councillors earlier this month there was genuine concern that by undertaking home improvements, for instance redecorating or putting a new TV aerial up, the residents would be out of pocket with nothing to show for it. What assurances can the Executive Councillor give that residents can undertake these improvements without financial loss, especially as the officer's assertion at an earlier meeting that "we would like the bulldozers to be in by October" still plays heavily on residents' minds?

2. From Councillor Howell to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth:

How many full time equivalent vacancies are there currently in the departments responsible for planning and the growth agenda?

3. From Councillor Herbert to the Leader

Why have you and the Liberal Democrat Group wasted valuable officer and member time on two significant opportunities to improve council efficiency and decision making when any substantial proposals that arise are then binned by the Liberal Democrats? I am referring to the two recent working party reviews of decision making processes and, in particular, to the failure to take forward recent proposals for a single integrated Forward Plan meeting for all political groups.

4. From Councillor Lynn to the Executive Councillor for Environmental & Waste Services

On Sunday 11th May at noon Jesus Green was littered with unacceptable broken glass, bottles, cans, barbecues, paper cups, plastic bags and more. Could he state what plans are in place to ensure that the state of Jesus Green doesn't act as a health hazard to the public this summer.

5. From Councillor Wright to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth

Does the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth find any inherent contradiction within this designation?

6. From Councillor McGovern to the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation

Following the queues of the last few years would the Executive Councillor agree that the officers involved in the arrangement of Folk Festival tickets this year deserve congratulations on the success of this year's sales?

7. From Councillor Pitt to the Leader

The Cambridge Climate Change Strategy envisages all sectors in Cambridge contribute to reduction of CO2 emissions. Are there any particular simple energy saving initiatives that shops and offices should be encouraged to implement?

8. From Councillor Bradnack to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth

How much money in commuted sums is currently available for Public Art and how much was spent from this fund in the financial year 07/08?

Oral Questions to last a maximum of 30 minutes

At the conclusion of the 30 minutes set aside for questions and answers, the following questions remained. The Mayor ruled that the Executive Councillor or Leader as appropriate would make a written response to the Councillor asking the question.

9. From Councillor Herbert to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth

Why has the briefing on the still unpublished Marshalls draft masterplan for the airport, proposed for 29 May, been cancelled and postponed for up to two months, and when were the last two dates when the Council held meetings of the East Area Member Reference Group on development issues in East Cambridge?

10. From Councillor Dryden to the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation

Following the U turn on the Executive decision to remove the Princess Diana Rose Garden, which if any of the other seasonal flower beds, listed as to go last July, are now to continue as seasonal flower beds?

11. From Councillor Howell to the Leader

Does this Council believe some form of congestion charging or road pricing should be implemented in Cambridge City?

08/50 MOTION: SERVICES FOR AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH BME COMMUNITIES

Councillor Lynn proposed and Councillor Walker seconded the following motion:

the Council welcomes the results of the Citizens Survey by MRUK, published in December 2007, and considers it a valuable tool for improving Council services and targeting resources to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Focusing on the linked Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) survey report, we note that Cambridge people from BME communities:

1. Have a lower than average involvement in arts and leisure provision within the city, and are less likely than other residents to participate in, or go to see, arts events in the city
2. Are significantly less likely to be aware of Cambridge City Council's services and resources compared to the respondents of the main survey,

and that only 3% of those surveyed had used the Council's voluntary sector grant scheme, when we know that more local BME organisations could directly benefit from grants.

We therefore ask the Leader to bring forward a report to address these and other issues raised by the BME survey report, including detailed proposals to improve services and communication with Cambridge's BME communities, and ensure that the Council better meets the needs of the diverse range of communities in the city.

RESOLVED (by 33 votes to 0) that the motion be agreed as set out above.

08/51 TO NOTE THE WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, RECORD OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2007/2008

Resolved that the written questions and answers and the Record of Members' attendances at Committee, Sub-Committee and Working Party Meetings during 2007/2008 be noted.

MAYOR