

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Tuesday, 13 May 2008

Present: Councillor Adrian Lowe (Mayor), Councillor Terry Brown (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Ken Ball, Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Judith Boothman, Alistair Bradley, Alan Cain, Pat Case, Henry Caunce, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Anthony Gee, Mrs Marie Gray, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mick Muncaster, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Iris Smith, Shaun Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Mrs Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

08.C.137 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Doreen Dickinson, Peter Goldsworthy, Keith Iddon and Mark Perks.

08.C.138 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No Member declared an interest in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

08.C.139 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 April 2008 be confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

08.C.140 RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Executive, as Returning Officer, reported that at the Municipal Election held on 1 May 2008, the following persons were duly elected as Councillors for the Wards stated.

Ward

Adlington and Anderton
Brindle and Hoghton
Chorley East
Chorley North East
Chorley North West
Chorley South East
Chorley South West
Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods
Clayton-le-Woods North
Coppull
Eccleston and Mawdesley
Euxton North
Heath Charnock and Rivington
Lostock
Wheelton and Withnell

Councillor Elected

Peter Francis Wilson
David Dickinson
Julia Louise Berry
Adrian Lowe
Joyce Snape
Alistair Ward Bradley
Anthony Gee
John Philip Walker
Alan Cullens
Stella Marie Walsh
Henry Caunce
Debra Platt
Pat Case
Simon T Moulton
Shaun Smith

The Mayor welcomed all new Members to the Council and along with the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group and Leaders of the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups paid tribute to those who lost their seats.

08.C.141 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Hasina Khan and seconded by Councillor Tom McGowan that Councillor Terry Brown be elected Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Terry Brown be elected Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal year.

08.C.142 DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYORESS

Councillor Terry Brown signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor introduced his wife Julie Brown as his Mayoress of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year and expressed his thanks for his election as Mayor.

Present: Councillor Terry Brown (Mayor), Councillor Iris Smith (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Ken Ball, Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Judith Boothman, Alistair Bradley, Alan Cain, Pat Case, Henry Counce, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Anthony Gee, Marie Gray, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mick Muncaster, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Iris Smith, Shaun Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson.

08.C.143 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Pat Case and seconded by Councillor Marie Gray that Councillor Iris Smith be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor Iris Smith introduced her Consort to the Council, her husband Jim Smith.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Iris Smith be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Deputy Mayor expressed her thanks for her election.

08.C.144 PRESENTATION AND VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PAST MAYOR

The Mayor presented Councillor Adrian Lowe with a portrait of himself in the Mayoral regalia, medallion and a plaque bearing the Council's Coat of Arms as a token of his year of office. Councillor Lowe presented a gift to the Council.

Tributes were paid to Councillor Adrian Lowe and his Mayoress Councillor Marion Lowe by the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group and Leaders of the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent groups as well as Councillor Tony Gee.

08.C.145 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded Members that Sunday, 18 May would be Civic Sunday and all were invited to accompany him in the Annual Procession to St Laurence's Church followed by the service at 11.00am. Those attending assembled in the Lancastrian Suite at 10.15am and following the service refreshments were available in the Lancastrian Suite.

The Mayor informed everyone that he would be organising a number of events to raise money for his chosen charities of St Catherines Hospice, Homestart Chorley, Motor Neurone Disease and the Breast Care Endowment Fund and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals and he hoped that everyone would be able to give their support.

The Mayor informed everyone that his first charity event would be a 60's, 70's and 80's night taking place on Friday, 20 June in the Lancastrian Suite with tickets available from the Mayor's Secretary.

The Mayor invited Councillors to take part in the annual Mayor's Charity Cricket match between Members and Officers which was taking place on Friday, 4 July at Chorley Cricket Club.

The Mayor announced that drinks would be available in the Mayor's Parlour after the Council meeting.

08.C.146 REVIEW OF POLITICAL COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES 2008/09

A report of the Chief Executive on the proposed executive function to be discharged by the Executive and the details of the proposed membership of the Executive Cabinet, the Committees and other bodies were circulated prior to the meeting.

- (a) Review of Executive Responsibilities (Report of Chief Executive)
- (b) The appointment of the Executive Leader. and other Members of the Executive Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.
- (c) The appointment of the Lead members for the ensuing Municipal Year.
- (d) The appointment of the Members of the various Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies in accordance with the political balance rules and their Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the ensuing Municipal Year.
- (e) To note the Shadow Executive Portfolio Holders.

It was moved by Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Leader of the Council) and seconded by Councillor Alan Cullens (Executive Member for Resources) that the proposals contained in the papers be approved.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Edgerley and seconded by Councillor A Lowe that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee membership be increased from 12 members to 15 members and be comprised of a balance of 9 Conservative, 4 Labour, 1 Independent and 1 Liberal Democrat Members.

The amendment was put to the vote and the Mayor declared it lost.

RESOLVED – 1) That Councillor Peter Goldsworthy be appointed Leader of the Council.

2) That Councillor Pat Case be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council.

3) That in addition to the Executive Leader, the following be appointed Executive Members to serve on the Executive Cabinet with the appropriate area of responsibility for the Executive Member and that approval be given to amend the Council Constitution as set out in the appendix to the submitted report of the Chief Executive.

Councillors	Pat Case	Executive Member (Policy and Performance and Deputy Leader)
	P Malpas	Executive Member (Business)
	J Walker	Executive Member (People)

E Bell Executive Member (Neighbourhoods)
A Cullens Executive Member (Resources)

4) That the following be appointed Lead Members for the functions indicated:

Councillors G Morgan (Development Control)
I Smith (Licensing)
R Russell (Health and Older People)

5) That appointments be made as follows to Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies and that the Chairs and Vice Chairs be appointed as indicated:

Audit Committee

Councillors A Cain
M Devaney
A Gee (Chair)
K Iddon
L Lennox (Vice-Chair)
G Russell

Development Control Committee

Councillors K Ball
J Berry
A Bradley
T Brown
A Cain
H Counce
David Dickinson
H Heaton
K Iddon
R Lees
A Lowe
J Molyneaux
G Morgan (Chair)
S Moulton
M Muncaster
G Russell (Vice-Chair)
S Smith

Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Councillors J Boothman
M Cullens
David Dickinson
Doreen Dickinson
A Gee
P Haughton
C Hoyle
K Iddon
H Khan
M Lowe
T McGowan
D Platt
E Smith (Vice-Chair)
I Smith (Chair)
R Snape
J Walker

S Walsh

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors **N Ball**
 A Cain **(Vice-Chair)**
 M Devaney
 D Edgerley **(Chair)**
 M Gray
 H Heaton
 K Joyce
 A Lowe
 M Perks
 R Russell
 J Snape
 P Wilson

Chorley Partnership Board (Local Strategic Partnership)

Chair **Lincoln Shields**

Councillors **E Bell**
 P Case
 A Cullens
 D Edgerley
 P Goldsworthy
 P Malpas

County
Councillors **E Forshaw**
 M Perks
 A Whittaker
 D Yates

Lancashire Local Committee for Chorley

Councillors **K Ball**
 E Bell
 T Brown
 M Devaney
 P Goldsworthy
 K Joyce
 H Khan

Appointments Panel

Councillors **K Ball**
 P Case
 D Edgerley
 P Goldsworthy **(Chair)**
 J Walker
Relevant Portfolio Holder

Chief Executives Performance Review Panel

Councillors **P Case**
 D Edgerley
 P Goldsworthy **(Chair)**
 A Lowe

J Walker

Human Resources (Appeals) Committee

Councillors A Cain
 M Lowe
 M Muncaster
 J Walker (Chair)

Local Development Framework Working Group

Councillors A Bradley
 T Brown
 A Cain
 H Counce
 P Goldsworthy (Chair)
 H Heaton
 L Lennox
 A Lowe
 P Malpas (Vice-Chair)
 G Morgan
 M Muncaster
 G Russell

Members Support Working Group

Councillors N Ball
 A Gee (Vice-Chair)
 J Molyneaux
 M Muncaster
 D Platt
 J Walker (Chair)

General Purposes Committee

Councillors K Ball
 J Boothman
 P Case (Vice-Chair)
 A Cullens
 M Cullens
 D Edgerley
 A Gee
 P Goldsworthy (Chair)
 M Gray
 H Khan
 A Lowe
 M Lowe
 P Malpas
 S Moulton
 R Russell
 R Snape
 J Walker

Standards Committee

Councillors J Boothman
 K Iddon (Vice-Chair)
 T McGowan
 D Platt

S Walsh

Parish Council

Members Mrs Joan Geddes
Vacancy
Vacancy

Non Council

Members Rev Dr J Cree
Mr R A Ellwood (Chair)
Vacancy

Equalities Forum

Councillors T Brown
P Case
David Dickinson (Vice-Chair)
H Khan (Chair)
R Russell
I Smith

Licensing Liaison Panel

Councillors E Smith
I Smith (Chair)

Town Centre Workshop

Councillors J Berry
M Gray (Chair)
P Haughton
M Lowe
P Malpas
S Walsh

6) That the following Shadow Portfolio Members be noted:

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Name</u>
Shadow Leader	D Edgerley
Customer Access	J Berry
Resources	A Bradley
Development Control	T Brown
Member Support	A Gee
Leisure	C Hoyle
Equalities	H Khan
Strategic Housing	L Lennox
Contracts and Procurement	R Lees
Streetscene and Neighbourhoods	A Lowe
Town Centre and Economic Development	M Lowe
Licensing	T McGowan
Community Safety	J Molyneaux
Policy and Performance	P Wilson

08.C.147 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2008/09

The schedule of appointments of representatives to outside bodies for the Municipal year 2008/09 was moved by Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Leader of the Council) and seconded by Councillor John Walker.

RESOLVED – That the representatives on the Outside Bodies be as listed below:

NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
Adlington Community Association	2	Councillor J Molyneaux and Mr Adam Unsworth (Conservative Nominee)	19 May 2009
Chorley Lifestyle Centre (formerly Age Concern)	2	Councillors M Gray and C Hoyle	19 May 2009
Brindle Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor David Dickinson	19 May 2009
Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Association	1	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods (Councillor E Bell)	19 May 2009
Chorley and District Sports Forum	2	Executive Member for People (Councillor J Walker) and Councillor M. Perks	19 May 2009
Chorley and South Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	1	Councillor P Haughton	19 May 2009
Chorley and South Ribble Council for Voluntary Service	1	Councillor Doreen Dickinson	19 May 2009
Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care Scheme (Trustees)	1	Councillor J Boothman	19 May 2009
Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum	1	Councillor David Dickinson	19 May 2009
Chorley and South Ribble MIND	1	Councillor Doreen Dickinson	19 May 2009
Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	1	Councillor M Gray	19 May 2009
Chorley Churches Together	1	Councillor M Gray	19 May 2009
Chorley Community Housing Board	4	Councillors A Cain, Edgerley, M Gray and L Lennox	19 May 2009
Chorley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Community Safety Partnership – (CDRP)	4	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods (Councillor E Bell) and Councillors J Molyneaux, A Cullens and M Perks	19 May 2009
Chorley Consolidated Charity and Chorley Relief Fund	3	Councillor A Gee (Appointed May 2005) Councillor M Gray	May 2010 May 2010 May 2011

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		(Appointed May 2005) Councillor M Cullens (Appointed May 2006) (NB Appointments are for a 5 year period and cannot be changed mid-period)	
Chorley Domestic Violence Forum	2	Councillors M Cullens and I Smith	19 May 2009
Chorley Women's Centre	1	Councillors Doreen Dickinson	19 May 2009
Clayton-le-Woods Community Centre Management Committee	1	Councillor M Cullens	19 May 2009
Cuerden Valley Trust	1	Councillor M Muncaster	19 May 2009
Eccleston Maintained Youth Centre Management Committee	2	Councillor H Caunce and Councillor K Joyce	19 May 2009
Groundwork Trust Wigan and Chorley	1	Councillor E Bell	19 May 2009
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee	2	Councillors I Smith and S Smith	19 May 2009
Heskin Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor E Smith	19 May 2009
Hoghton Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor David Dickinson	19 May 2009
Home-Start Chorley and South Ribble	1	Councillor J Boothman	19 May 2009
Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Co-opted member)	1	Councillor R Russell (Substitute Members - Councillors G Russell and A Gee)	19 May 2009
Lancashire Economic Partnership Forum	1	Executive Leader (Councillor P Goldsworthy)	19 May 2009
Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum	1	Councillor E Bell	19 May 2009
Lancashire Police Authority Community Meeting	6	Councillors A Cain, E Bell, J Molyneaux, A Cullens, David Dickinson and M Muncaster	19 May 2009
Lancashire Police Authority Partnerships Forum	1	Councillor David Dickinson	19 May 2009

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Lancashire Shared Services Contact Centre Partnership	1	Councillor J Walker	19 May 2009
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - Governing Council	1	Councillor I Smith	19 May 2011
Lancashire Valuation and Community Charge Tribunal	1	Mr Jon Davies, 3 Gillcroft, Eccleston, Chorley PR7 5SE (Labour nominee)	March 2009
Lancashire Waste Management Strategy Group	1	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods (Councillor E Bell)	19 May 2009
Local Development Framework Joint Advisory Committee	3	Executive Member for Business (Councillor P Malpas), Councillors G Morgan and T Brown (Substitute Members Councillors P Goldsworthy, L Lennox and G Russell)	19 May 2009
Local Government Association General Assembly	2	Executive Leader (Councillor P Goldsworthy) and Deputy Leader of Council (Councillor P Case)	19 May 2009
Local Government Association New Towns Special Interest Group	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	19 May 2009
Local Government Association Rural Commission	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	19 May 2009
Local Government Association Urban Commission	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	19 May 2009
Local Government Association Lancashire Branch	3	Executive Leader, Deputy Leader of Council and Leader of the Opposition (Councillor D Edgerley)	19 May 2009
Mawdesley Millennium Trust	1	Councillor K Iddon	19 May 2009
Mawdesley Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor K Joyce	19 May 2009
North Western Local Authorities' Employers Organisation	1	Executive Member for Resources (Councillor A Cullens) (An employee of: (i) an organisation represented on	19 May 2009

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		the Trade Union Side of the Joint Council; or (ii) a local or Joint Authority and whose conditions of employment are within the scope of the Joint Council shall not be appointed as an Employers' representative (or substitute representative) on the Employers' Organisation. (Rule 5(d))	
North West Regional Assembly (subject to discussion on the future of the Assembly)	1	Executive Leader	19 May 2009
Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board	1	Councillor S Smith	19 May 2009
Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	1	Councillor H Khan	19 May 2009
Rivington Heritage Trust	1	Councillor P Case	19 May 2009
Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group	3	Councillor M Gray plus the Council's Representatives on West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee (Councillors Mrs P Case & P Wilson)	19 May 2009
Runshaw College Community Liaison Group	4	Councillors G Russell (Chair), and A Cain (Vice Chair) and D Gee, 7 Hawkshead Avenue, Euxton, Chorley PR7 6NZ (Labour Nominee). Mr Kevin Hodges, 103 Princess Way, Euxton, PR6 7PX (Conservative Nominee)	19 May 2009
St John Ambulance Association	1	His Worship the Mayor	19 May 2009
The North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Association	1	Councillor T McGowan	March 2009
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	2	Councillors P Case & P Wilson	19 May 2009

08.C.148 PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2008/09

It was moved by Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Leader of the Council)) was seconded by Councillor John Walker that the Ordinary Meetings of the Council be held on the following dates during this ensuing Municipal Year, in the Town Hall, Chorley, commencing at 6.30pm.

15 July 2008
23 September 2008
2 December 2008
22 January 2009
7 April 2009

A request was made by Councillor Dennis Edgerley for the two special meetings of the Council scheduled for 4 November 2008 and 26 February 2009 to be incorporated on the list of Council meetings.

RESOLVED – That the above dates for meetings of the Ordinary Council as well as the dates for the two Special meetings of the Council be approved.

08.C.149 COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

It was moved by Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Leader of the Council) and seconded by Councillor Alan Cullens that the Council approves and adopts the revised Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules for inclusion in the Council Constitution.

RESOLVED – That the revised Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules as set out in the submitted documents be approved and adopted for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

08.C.150 CHORLEY ANNUAL REPORT (BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN)

It was moved by Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Leader of the Council) and seconded by Councillor Alan Cullens that the draft Chorley Annual Report (Best Value Performance Plan) be approved.

The Council was required to publish a Best Value Performance Plan annually by 30 June each year.

RESOLVED – That the draft format of the Annual Report (Best Value Performance Plan) for 2007/08 be approved and agreement given to the final approval be delegated to the Executive Leader to sign off the document by 30 June 2008 statutory deadline for publication.

Mayor