

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 17 May 2023

Present:

Councillor The Civic Mayor (Councillor Jeff Green) in
the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Jerry
Williams)

Councillors A Ainsworth I Lewis
P Basnett L Luxon-Kewley
G Bennett C McDonald
S Bennett G McManus
J Bird J McManus
M Booth P Martin
A Brame R Molyneux
H Cameron S Mountney
C Carubia K Murphy
P Cleary A Onwuemene
C Cooke R Pitt
A Davies C Povall
GJ Davies S Powell-Wilde
G Davies H Raymond
S Foulkes M Redfern
A Gardner L Rennie
P Gilchrist J Robinson
H Gorman M Skillicon
N Graham J Stewart Laing
EA Grey K Stuart
J Grier P Stuart
A Hodson M Sullivan
K Hodson E Tomeney
P Jobson V Wilson
J Johnson G Wood
T Jones
M Jordan
S Kelly
B Kenny
D Kenny
T Laing
E Lamb

Apologies

Councillors T Cox C Baldwin
J Walsh B Hall
J Williamson T Murphy

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

2 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor noted that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colin Baldwin, Tony Cox, Brenda Hall, Tony Murphy, Jason Walsh and Janette Williamson.

The Civic Mayor welcomed members to Wallasey Town Hall and spoke of the pride the borough's residents had for the building. He gave thanks to all those who had supported him during his Mayoral year including the Mayoress, his daughters and the civic office.

The Civic Mayor informed Council of the strength of civic pride within Wirral that he had experienced during his mayoral year, which had included events such as the Mayor's Tea Dance, a celebration of Caldy Rugby Club's promotion, a return to Citizenship Ceremonies and significantly, hosting Ukrainian Refugees settled within Wirral and the families hosting them.

The Civic Mayor spoke of the numerous royal events that he had the honour of being involved in during his mayoral year such as the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the mourning of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the proclamation of King Charles III and most recently, the coronation of the King and Queen Consort.

3 **ELECTION OF CIVIC MAYOR 2023/24**

The Civic Mayor invited nominations for election of the Civic Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

On a motion moved by Councillor Paul Stuart, seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie and, in the absence of any other nominations, it was

Resolved (unanimously) – That Councillor Jerry Williams be elected Civic Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Councillor Williams proceeded to make his declaration of acceptance of office and the retiring Civic Mayor, Councillor Green vacated the Chair. Councillor

Williams occupied the Chair. The new Civic Mayor welcomed his guests and spoke to his election.

4 **DEPUTY CIVIC MAYOR 2023/24**

The Civic Mayor invited nominations for the election of a Deputy Civic Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

On a motion moved by Councillor Lesley Rennie, seconded by Paul Stuart, and in the absence of any other nominations, it was

Resolved (unanimously) – That Councillor Cherry Povall be appointed Deputy Civic Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the 2023/24 municipal year.

The new Deputy Civic Mayor proceeded to make her declaration of acceptance of office.