

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

Monday, 29 July 2024

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Cherry Povall, JP) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Brian Kenny)

Councillors	KJ Williams	J Grier	R Molyneux
	C Baldwin	B Hall	T Murphy
	G Bennett	K Hodson	R Pitt
	S Bennett	P Jobson	H Raymond
	M Booth	G Jenkinson	L Rennie
	A Brame	J Johnson	M Redfern
	H Cameron	T Jones	K Stuart
	C Carubia	M Jordan	P Stuart
	T Cox	S Kelly	M Sullivan
	A Davies	T Laing	E Tomeny
	GJ Davies	I Lewis	J Walsh
	S Foulkes	L Luxon-Kewley	J Williamson
	P Gilchrist	P Martin	V Wilson
	JE Green	C McDonaldR Molyneux	Cooper

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

10 CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Head of Legal Services advised Members that there were technical issues with the webcasting equipment within the Council Chamber therefore the meeting could not be webcast.

The Civic Mayor announced that apologies had been received from Councillors Grahame McManus, Sue Powell-Wilde, Graham Davies, Andrew Gardner Naomi Graham, Chris Cooke, Ed Lamb, Pat Cleary, Jean Robinson, Liz Grey, Mark Skillicorn, Julie McManus, Ann Ainsworth, James Stewart Laing, Kieran Murphy, Harry Gorman, Gill Wood, Paula Basnett, Jo Bird, Amanda Onwuemene.

11 CIVIC HONOURS

11.1 HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH, DAVID ARMSTRONG

The Council considered a report from the Director of Law and Corporate Services in respect to a proposal to admit David Armstrong, as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

The recommendation was in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of his dedicated service to the Borough, that David Armstrong be admitted as Honorary Freeman of this Borough.

Several Councillors spoke of David's achievements, noting that he was recognised by past and present Members for his unwavering commitment to his past role as Deputy Chief Executive of the Borough. David Armstrong was described as a cornerstone of the Council for many years, providing support and assistance to many, as well as spearheading many initiatives. His tireless efforts had not gone unnoticed.

Members also discussed the repatriation of UK residents during the early days of the COVID pandemic, noting that he personally got involved assisting those in quarantine in Arroe Park Hospital, even collecting an engagement ring on behalf of a resident.

David was described as a critical player and lead officer of the Council, taking ownership of projects such as the 'red bridge' in Birkenhead. His love of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, and Birkenhead's Hamilton Building was also noted.

Following the speeches from Councillors, it was –

Resolved (unanimously) – That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, that David Armstrong be admitted as Honorary Freeman of this Borough.