

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 21 December 2016.

PRESENT: Councillor P L E Bucknell – Chairman.

Councillors J D Ablewhite, T D Alban,  
K M Baker, D Brown, G J Bull, E R Butler,  
S Cawley, B S Chapman, J E Corley,  
S J Criswell, J W Davies, D B Dew,  
Mrs A Dickinson, Mrs A Donaldson,  
Mrs L A Duffy, M Francis, R Fuller, J A Gray,  
S Greenall, R Harrison, T Hayward,  
R B Howe, B Hyland, Mrs P A Jordan,  
P Kadewere, Mrs R E Mathews, J M Palmer,  
P D Reeve, Mrs D C Reynolds,  
T D Sanderson, M F Shellens, L R Swain,  
Mrs S L Taylor, R G Tuplin, D M Tysoe,  
D Watt, R J West and J E White.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs B E Boddington, R C Carter, Mrs S Conboy, I D Gardener, D A Giles, Mrs S A Giles, D Harty, D J Mead, J P Morris, Mrs J Tavener and D R Underwood.

### 45. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

### 46. CONFIRMATION OF THE TITLES OF HONORARY ALDERMAN: SECTION 249, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

By way of a report by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Council was reminded that they had agreed to introduce titles of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen for current and future Members of the Council who cumulatively had served a minimum of 12 years as an elected Councillor on the District Council.

The Chairman invited Former Councillor A Hansard to join the meeting, whereby he referred to his role at Cambridgeshire County Council, Portfolio Holder at the District Council and Mayor of St Neots Town Council. Councillor R Harrison paid tribute to former Councillor Hansard as a true gentleman and someone that he had looked up to and thanked him for his contribution that he had made to the Council and residents of the District.

In the absence of former Councillor I C Bates, Councillor D B Dew relayed a response on his behalf and reported upon how privileged he was to receive the award. Councillor Dew also referred to key events during former Councillor Bates' time at the District Council, including the introduction of the wheeled bins throughout the District,

redevelopment of Pathfinder House and Eastfield House and the transfer of the housing stock to Huntingdonshire Housing Partnership, now Luminus.

Following tributes to Messrs Hansard and Bates for the contribution they had made to public life and the community of Huntingdonshire it was moved by the Chairman, Councillor P L E Bucknell and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor R J West and

#### RESOLVED

that, in sincere appreciation of distinguished public service, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon former Councillors A Hansard and I C Bates in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Therefore and having invited former Councillor Hansard to approach the dias, the Chairman presented him with a certificate in recognition of the title of Alderman and Alderman insignia to be worn on occasions when required to attend civic functions on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman undertook to present a certificate and Alderman insignia to former Councillor Bates at a future meeting at Cambridgeshire County Council.

The meeting ended at 6.55pm.

Chairman