

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at 12.45 pm on Thursday, 19 May 2022

Present:

Members: Councillor K Maton (Chair)

Councillor F Abbott	Councillor AS Khan
Councillor N Akhtar	Councillor R Lakha
Councillor P Akhtar	Councillor R Lancaster
Councillor M Ali	Councillor M Lapsa
Councillor R Bailey	Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor L Bigham	Councillor P Male
Councillor J Birdi	Councillor A Masih
Councillor J Blundell	Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor R Brown	Councillor C Miks
Councillor K Caan	Councillor B Mosterman
Councillor J Clifford	Councillor S Nazir
Councillor G Duggins	Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor B Gittins	Councillor G Ridley
Councillor Gray	Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor L Harvard	Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor G Hayre	Councillor P Seaman
Councillor M Heaven	Councillor R Simpson
Councillor P Hetherington	Councillor R Singh
Councillor A Hopkins	Councillor R Thay
Councillor J Innes	Councillor C Thomas
Councillor T Jandu	Councillor A Tucker
Councillor A Jobbar	Councillor S Walsh
Councillor S Keough	Councillor D Welsh
Councillor T Khan	

Honorary Alderman D Batten, H Fitzpatrick, K Mulhall, K Taylor and J Wright

Apologies: Councillor R Auluck, J Innes, J Lepoidevin, M Mutton, E Ruane and B Singh

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Conferring the Title of Honorary Aldermen

The City Council considered a report of the Chief Executive which set out the details of nominations for Honorary Aldermen. The following nominations had been received and were presented for approval:

Ann Lucas OBE

Ann Lucas was a Member of the City Council for 26 years representing Bablake Ward between 1995-99 and then Holbrook Ward between 2000 to 2022. During that time, Ann served on many Committees, holding a number of positions, including Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and Chair of the Health and Care Policy Team and Ann was a Cabinet Member for a number of portfolios, including Health and Community Services, Social Services and Area Co-ordination and Leisure.

From 2013-2016, Ann was Leader of the Council, the first female Leader of the Council. Ann was Lord Mayor in 2020/21.

Ann has been an active campaigner against domestic violence for many years and was awarded an OBE in 2014 for her national and local work as a champion of domestic violence issues and her services to local government. She was also awarded the Coventry Award of Merit in 2014.

It was proposed by Councillor R Lancaster, seconded by Councillor J Clifford and RESOLVED unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Ann Lucas as a past member of the City Council in recognition of giving eminent services to the Council and the City for at least 16 years, and that a copy of this resolution, under the Common Seal, be presented to mark the conferment.

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented Ann with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate his appointment and she signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen'.

Honorary Alderman Lucas then gave an acceptance speech.

David Skinner

David Skinner was a Member of the City Council for 16 years representing Westwood Ward from 2006-2022. During that time, David served on Ward Forums, Licensing and Regulatory Committee, Planning Committee and Scrutiny Boards.

David was awarded an MBE in 2020 for services to Coventry communities.

It was proposed by Councillor M Lapsa, seconded by Councillor A Masih and RESOLVED unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on David Skinner as a past member of the City Council in recognition of giving eminent services to the Council and the City for at least 15 years, and that a copy of this resolution, under the Common Seal, be presented to mark the conferment.

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented David with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate his appointment and he signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen'.

Honorary Alderman Skinner then gave an acceptance speech.

(Meeting closed at 1.05 pm)