Coventry City Council Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at 12.15 pm on Thursday, 18 May 2023

Present:

Members: Councillor J Birdi (Chair)

> Councillor G Lloyd Councillor S Agboola Councillor N Akhtar Councillor P Male Councillor P Akhtar Councillor A Masih Councillor M Ali Councillor K Maton Councillor R Bailey Councillor J McNicholas

Councillor L Bigham Councillor C Miks Councillor J Blundell Councillor B Mosterman Councillor R Brown Councillor M Mutton Councillor K Caan Councillor S Nazir Councillor G Duggins Councillor J O'Boyle Councillor J Gardiner Councillor E M Reeves Councillor B Gittins Councillor G Ridley Councillor E Ruane Councillor L Harvard Councillor G Hayre Councillor K Sandhu Councillor P Hetherton Councillor T Sawdon Councillor A Hopkins Councillor P Seaman Councillor J Innes Councillor R Simpson Councillor T Jandu Councillor B Singh Councillor R Singh Councillor A Jobbar Councillor R Thav Councillor A Kaur Councillor CE Thomas Councillor S Keough Councillor R Lakha Councillor A Tucker

Councillor R Lancaster Councillor M Lapsa Councillor J Lepoidevin

Honorary Alderman D Chater, J Clifford, H Fitzpatrick, K Mulhall, H Noonan, T

Skipper

Apologies: Councillor F Abbott, S Gray, M Heaven, T Khan and AS Khan

Councillor D Welsh

Public Business

Declarations of Interest 12.

There were no declarations of interest.

13. **Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman**

The City Council considered a report of the Chief Legal Officer which set out a nomination for Honorary Alderman. The following nomination had been received and was presented for approval:

Joe Clifford

Joe Clifford had provided eminent service to the people of Coventry for almost 50 years, first being elected to the City Council in the early 1970's and being a Councillor for Whoberley, Woodlands and Holbrook Wards. During this time, he had served on many Committees, Boards and Panels and was a Cabinet Member for both Children and Young People and Health and Community Services. More recently he was Chair of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board.

Joe and his wife Pat served as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in 1995-96.

It was proposed by Councillor R Lancaster, seconded by Councillor G Duggins, supported by Councillor G Ridley and RESOLVED unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Joe Clifford 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 Joe with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate his appointment and he signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen'.

Honorary Alderman Clifford then gave an acceptance speech.

(Meeting closed at 12.40 pm)