

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2012

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Sawdon)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Crookes)

Councillor Mrs Abbott	Councillor Lakha
Councillor Akhtar	Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Ali	Councillor Mrs Lepoidevin
Councillor Andrews	Councillor Mrs Lucas
Councillor Auluck	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Bains	Councillor Maton
Councillor Mrs Bigham	Councillor Mrs Miks
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Caan	Councillor J. Mutton
Councillor Chater	Councillor Mrs M. Mutton
Councillor Clifford	Councillor Noonan
Councillor Duggins	Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Mrs Fletcher	Councillor Ruane
Councillor Foster	Councillor Sandy
Councillor Galliers	Councillor Sehmi
Councillor Gannon	Councillor Singh
Councillor Gingell	Councillor Skipper
Councillor Hammon	Councillor Mrs Sweet
Councillor Harvard	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Mrs Hetherton	Councillor Thay
Councillor Howells	Councillor Thomas
Councillor Innes	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Walsh
Councillor Kershaw	Councillor Welsh
Councillor A. Khan	

Apologies: Councillor Williams

In attendance: Mr Dave Batten  
Mr John Gazey  
Mr Trevor Webb  
Mrs Joan Wright

**Public Business**

**60. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 61. **Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman**

The City Council considered a report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services which set out the first set of nominations for Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen. The following four nominations had been received and were presented for approval:

### (a) Trevor Webb OBE

Mr Webb served as a Member of the Council between 1967 to 1971 and 1973 to 1990. During that time, he was Chair of Finance Committee and a long serving member on Planning Committee. He received his honour from Her Majesty the Queen in 1988 in recognition of his duty to the public and political services.

**It was proposed by Councillor Hammon seconded by Councillor Townshend, and resolved unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Trevor Webb OBE as a past member of the 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 Mr. Webb with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate his appointment and he signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen'. Honorary Alderman Webb then gave an acceptance speech.

### (b) Joan Wright

Mrs Wright was a Member of the Council between 1986 and 2002. During that time she was a leading Councillor on issues relating to social services and the environment. She was also Lord Mayor during the Millennium year of 1999-2000.

**It was proposed by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Foster, and resolved unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Joan Wright as a past member of the 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 Mrs. Wright with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate her appointment and she signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen'. Honorary Alderman Mrs Wright then gave an acceptance speech.

### (c) David Batten

Mr Batten was a Member of the City Council from 1990 until 2008. During that time he chaired numerous Committees and Panels and in particular Cabinet Member for City Development, as well as undertaking the role of Lord Mayor in 2007-2008.

**It was proposed by Councillor J Mutton seconded by Councillor Sandy, and resolved unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on David**

**Batten as a past member of the 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 Mr. Batten with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate his appointment and he signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen'. Honorary Alderman Batten then gave an acceptance speech.

(d) John Gazey

John Gazey was a Member of the Council representing the citizens of Bablake Ward between 1987 and 2012. During this lengthy service he became Coventry's Lord Mayor in 2004-2005 and served on a wide range of Committees.

**It was proposed by Councillor Kershaw seconded by Councillor Galliers, and resolved unanimously that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on John Gazey as a past member of the 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 Mr. Gazey with a badge and framed certificate to commemorate his appointment and he signed the 'Roll of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen'. Honorary Alderman Gazey then gave an acceptance speech.

Meeting closed at 2.50 pm