

Cannock Chase Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Held in the Ballroom, Civic Centre, Cannock

On Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Part 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Dudson, A. (Chairman) (former Councillor)

Witton, P.T. (Vice-Chairman)

Adamson, G.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Allen, F.W.C.	Kruskonjic, P.
Arduino, L.	Layton, A.
Boucker, A.S.	Lyons, N.
Buttery, M.S.	Lyons, Miss O.
Cartwright, Mrs.S.M.	McCall, M.
Crabtree, S.K.	McMahon, J.B.
Fisher, P.A.	Molineux, G.N.
Fitzgerald, Mrs. A.A.	Muckley, A.M.
Frew, C.L.	Newbury, J.A.A.
Haden, Mrs. P.K.	Preece, J.P.T.L.
Hewitt, P.M.	Smith, C.D.
Hoare, M.W.A.	Startin, P.D.
Hughes, R.J.	Sutherland, M.
Johnson, J.P.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Johnson, T.B.	Thompson, Mrs. S.L.
Jones, B.	Wilson, Mrs. L.J.
Jones, P.G.C.	Woodhead, P.E.
Jones, Mrs. V.	

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted for Councillors Mrs M.A. Davis; Ms. A.J. Dunnett; and Ms. C.L. Wilkinson.

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

3. Honorary Aldermen / Alderwomen

Consideration was given to the Report of the Interim Managing Director (Item 3.1 – 3.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

(Councillors J.B. McMahon, P.D. Startin and Mrs. L.J. Wilson arrived at the meeting during the consideration of this item.)

Resolved (Unanimously):

That:

- (A) Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman on the following former Councillors (as nominated for that title), in recognition of their eminent services to the Council:
- Mr Gordon Alcott
 - Mrs Diane Todd
 - Mrs Zaphne Stretton M.B.E
 - Mrs Patricia Ansell
- (B) Each Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman be presented with a certificate of recognition at the 14 July 2021 full Council meeting.

Presentation to Gordon Alcott

Following the conclusion of the formal business of the meeting, the Chairman advised that at the Council meeting held on 21 April 2021, Members paid tribute to Gordon Alcott who had since retired as a ward Member after a staggering 51 years' continuous service.

Gordon, a retired ambulance man, was first elected as a Councillor on Cannock Urban District Council in 1970, representing St. Aidans and St. Chads wards, before becoming a Cannock Chase District Councillor in 1973, representing the Cannock North ward when Cannock and Rugeley Urban Councils merged.

Gordon had attended in excess of 5,000 Council meetings, most likely covering every Council committee there had ever been, as well as representing the Council on many outside bodies.

Gordon held office of Vice-Chairman of the Council, as well as being Chairman on three occasions (1979-80, 1987-88, 2010-11). He was also Leader of the Council for a time in the early 1990s and had been a Cabinet member since 2011, and Deputy Leader of the Council since 2015, up to his retirement earlier this month.

Without question, Gordon's dedication to the Authority and the residents of Cannock Chase was exemplary, and he would be greatly missed.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-restrictions it was not possible at the April Council meeting to present Gordon with a token of the Council's appreciation for his dedication to the Authority and the residents of the District. However, as today's meeting was being held in person, the Chairman was pleased to inform Members that Gordon was present at today's meeting and invited him to come forward for a presentation.

Gordon received his presentation from the Chairman and thanked the Council for his gift, noting that in his time on the Council he had had the service of good Officers all the way through.

The meeting closed at 5:28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN