

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council
Tuesday, 20th June, 2023 at 6.00pm
at Dudley College of Technology, The Broadway, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor A Goddard (Mayor)
Councillor P Lee (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors S Ali, A Aston, P Atkins, C Barnett, C Bayton, D Bevan, I Bevan, H Bills, S Bothul, P Bradley, R Buttery, K Casey, B Challenor, S Clark, Dr R Clinton, R Collins, D Corfield, J Cowell, T Creed, T Crumpton, A Davies, K Denning, P Drake, M Dudley, J Elliott, M Evans, J Foster, M Hanif, D Harley, P Harley, S Henley, M Howard, A Hughes, L Johnson, S Keasey, I Kettle, E Lawrence, K Lewis, W Little, P Lowe, J Martin, P Miller, S Mughal, N Neale, S Phipps, A Qayyum, K Razzaq, S Ridney, M Rogers, T Russon, P Sahota, D Stanley, C Sullivan, W Sullivan, A Taylor, E Taylor, L Taylor-Childs, M Webb, K Westwood, M Westwood and Q Zada together with the Chief Executive and other Officers

Prayers

The Mayor led the Council in saying the Lord's Prayer.

16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Aston, D Borley, J Clinton, P Dobb, C Eccles, A Hopwood, A Lees and A Tromans.

17 **Declaration of Interests**

In line with dispensations set out in the Members' Code of Conduct, no Member had a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to the ceremonial honours referred to in Minute No 18 below.

Councillor Richard Body and Honorary Freeman Fred Hunt

With reference to Minute No. 8(a) of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18th May, 2023, a minute of silence had previously been observed as a mark of respect to the late Councillor Richard Body.

The Mayor referred to the death of Honorary Freeman Fred Hunt who had served as a County Councillor; a Dudley Councillor for Lye and Wollescote; as Leader of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and as Mayor of the Borough in 1999/2000.

The Council observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

Members of the Council then paid individual tributes to the late Councillor Richard Body and Honorary Freeman Fred Hunt.

18 Appointment of Honorary Freeman/Women and Honorary Aldermen/Women

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor Q Zada and

Resolved

- (1) That pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972:
 - (a) the Council hereby confers the Freedom of the Borough upon former Councillor Karen Shakespeare.
 - (b) the Council hereby confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Kenneth Finch.
 - (c) the Council hereby posthumously confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon the late Councillor Richard Body.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary arrangements regarding the future presentation of the awards.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm

MAYOR

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