

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 10 May 2010 at 5.00 pm

ATTENDANCES

✓ J Packer	Lord Mayor
✓ Councillor Ahmed	✓ Councillor A Khan
✓ Councillor Akhtar	✓ Councillor G Khan
✓ Councillor Arnold	✓ Councillor Klein
✓ Councillor Aslam	✓ Councillor Lee
Councillor Benson	✓ Councillor Liversidge
✓ Councillor Bryan	✓ Councillor Long
✓ Councillor Bull	✓ Councillor MacLennan
✓ Councillor Campbell	✓ Councillor Malcolm
✓ Councillor Chapman	Councillor Marshall
✓ Councillor Clark	✓ Councillor Mellen
✓ Councillor Clarke-Smith	Councillor Mir
✓ Councillor Collins	Councillor Morley
✓ Councillor Cresswell	✓ Councillor Munir
✓ Councillor Culley	Councillor Newton
✓ Councillor Davie	✓ Councillor Oldham
✓ Councillor Dewinton	✓ Councillor Packer
✓ Councillor Edwards	✓ Councillor Parbutt
✓ Councillor Foster	✓ Councillor Price
✓ Councillor Gibson	✓ Councillor Smith
✓ Councillor Griggs	✓ Councillor Spencer
✓ Councillor Grocock	✓ Councillor Sutton
✓ Councillor Hartshorne	✓ Councillor Trimble
Councillor Heppell	✓ Councillor Unczur
✓ Councillor Ibrahim	✓ Councillor Urquhart
✓ Councillor James	Councillor Watson
✓ Councillor Johnson	✓ Councillor Wildgust
✓ Councillor Jones	✓ Councillor Williams
	✓ Councillor Wood

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Benson, Heppell, Marshall, Mir, Morley and Watson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

3 ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Trimble:-

that Councillor Brian Grocock be elected Lord Mayor of the City of Nottingham.

The Council then elected Councillor Grocock to be Lord Mayor of the City of Nottingham until the next annual meeting of the City Council.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Grocock, in the Chair.

4 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Mellen, seconded by Councillor Smith:-

that Councillor Mick Wildgust be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Nottingham.

The Council then appointed Councillor Wildgust to be Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Nottingham until the next annual meeting of the City Council.

5 APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Parbutt, seconded by Councillor Urquhart:-

that Councillor Penny Griggs be appointed Sheriff of the City of Nottingham.

The Council then appointed Councillor Griggs to be Sheriff of the City of Nottingham until the next annual meeting of the City Council.

6 APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The appointment by the Lord Mayor of Reverend Andy Morris from the Parish Church of St Matthew on the Hill, Bestwood as his Chaplain, to work in conjunction with a multi-faith chaplaincy team, was notified to the City Council.

7 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Executive reported the following communications:-

Honorary Alderman Grace Roberts

Honorary Alderman Grace Roberts served as a member of this Council following a by-election on 26 June 1969 until her retirement from office on 5 May 1983. She was made an Honorary Alderman in June 1983 in recognition of her service to the Council.

From June 1969 to May 1976 she represented Trent ward and from May 1976 until her retirement, Greenwood ward. Both Trent and Greenwood wards formed part of the current Dales ward.

As a City Councillor, Grace Roberts was a member of the Housing, Environment and Health and Baths and Parks Committees and Leader of the City Council's Conservative Group.

Arguably her greatest achievement was her appointment as the first female Sheriff of Nottingham in 1976. As Sheriff, she became actively involved in charity work with Sneinton Care Group, the Marriage Guidance Council, Citizens Advice Bureau and as a school governor and manager, in addition to participating in a civic exchange visit to Minsk.

Grace Roberts was aged 99.

Alan Sillitoe

The author, poet and dramatist, Alan Sillitoe died on 25 April 2010 at the age of 82.

Alan Sillitoe was born on 4 March in Nottingham in 1928 and worked at the Raleigh bicycle factory from 1942 before becoming an air traffic control assistant (1945-6) and then a RAF wireless operator in Malaya from 1946 to 1949.

A bout of tuberculosis following demobilisation proved a catalyst and he began to write, and then to travel through France and Spain with his future wife, the poet Ruth Fainlight, whom he married in 1959.

Initially a poet and later a novelist and dramatist, Alan Sillitoe's output was firmly rooted in and reflected his experiences of working class life in and around Nottingham, and the quality of his award-winning 'Saturday Night and Sunday Morning' and 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner' provided career making roles for both Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay and remain in the public's mind to this day.

These early works were consolidated by a further series of novels and collections of poetry over the next four decades and resulted in further academic appointments and awards, including Visiting Professor of English at Leicester De Montfort University between 1994 and 1997, Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society, an Honorary Fellowship from Manchester Polytechnic in 1977, and Honorary Doctorates from Nottingham Polytechnic in 1990, Nottingham University in 1994 and De Montfort University in 1998.

This Council added to those honours by granting him the status of Honorary Freeman of the City on 6 June 2008.

The Council stood in tribute to the memories of Honorary Alderman Grace Roberts and Alan Sillitoe, Honorary Freeman.

General Election Results

The following outcomes for the City of Nottingham constituencies in the general election which was held on 6 May 2010, were reported.

the outcomes were as follows:-

Nottingham East:

Christopher Leslie (Labour Co-op) was elected with 15,022 votes – a majority of 6,959 on an improved turnout of 56.4%

Nottingham North:

Graham Allen (Labour) was returned for a further term with 16,646 votes – a majority of 8,138 on an improved turnout of 54.21%

Nottingham South:

Lillian Greenwood (Labour) was elected with 15,209 votes – a majority of 1,772 on an improved turnout of 60.48%"

The Chief Executive congratulated the successful candidates on their election and the City Council looked forward to working with them in the future.

The Chief Executive also thanked colleagues in the Electoral Services Team for their efforts in the organisation and delivery of a high quality election experience at short notice and without major incident.

8 APPOINTMENTS TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority for the Municipal Year 2010/11:-

Labour Group

**Councillor Griggs
Councillor Grocock
Councillor James
Councillor Wood**

Conservative Group

Councillor Spencer

Liberal Democrat Group

Councillor Foster

11 MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held at 2.00 pm on the following dates, unless the City Council should at any time otherwise order:-

2010

14 June

12 July

13 September

11 October

13 December

2011

7 February

7 March

11 April

23 May – Annual Council

The meeting concluded at 5.45 pm.