

ANNUAL COUNCIL

19th May, 2011

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Francis, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, Harman, Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. Hughes, L. Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kelley, Knowles, Landers, Lee, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Macnab, Maddison, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, J. Vasey, L. Vasey, Wallis, Wright and York. (46)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Coultas, Crudass, Lawton, Lewis, C. Taylor and J. Taylor. (6)

ABSENT – Councillor Burton. (1)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

2. MAYOR - Consideration was given to the election of a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Lee Vasey be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

Following her election, the Mayor, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and :-

- (i) signed the ‘Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Record Book’;
- (ii) was invested with the Chain of Office;
- (iii) tendered her thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected her;
- (iv) announced her decision to support, during her term of Office, St. Teresa’s Hospice and the Darlington and District Talking Newspaper; and
- (v) announced that her Mayor’s Escort for the Mayoral Year would be her husband, Councillor John Vasey.

3. RETIRING MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS - A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

RESOLVED - That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby tendered, to Councillor Bryan Thistlethwaite and his Mayoress, Mrs. Gill Thistlethwaite, for the exemplary manner in which they have discharged the duties of the high office of Mayor and Mayoress of this Borough during the past Municipal Year.

In recognition of their services, the Mayor presented the retiring Mayor with a medallion and his Mayoress with a broach.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Baldwin be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

5. RETURN OF COUNCILLORS ELECTED – Received – A schedule (previously circulated) of the Returning Officer that the under-mentioned persons had been elected Members of the Council and had made and subscribed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, namely :-

WARD	NAME	ADDRESS
BANK TOP	Veronica Copeland	86 Eastbourne Road, Darlington, DL1 4ER.
	Chris Taylor	31 Milbank Court, Darlington, DL3 9PF.
CENTRAL	Jan Taylor	31 Milbank Court, Darlington, DL3 9PF.
	Malcolm Wright	23 Stanhope Road North, Darlington, DL3 7AP.
COCKERTON EAST	Paul James Baldwin	15 The Rise, Darlington, DL3 8HD.
	Sue Richmond	47 The Headlands, Darlington, DL3 8RP.
	Bryan Thistlethwaite	31 Marwood Crescent, Darlington, DL3 0JU.
COCKERTON WEST	Jan Cossins	64 Nickstream Lane, Darlington, DL3 0DQ.
	David William Regan	6 Marrick Avenue, Darlington, DL3 9UR.
COLLEGE	Ian Galletley	'Fothergill', Raydaleside, Stanhope Road South, Darlington, DL3 7SJ.
	Tony Richmond	47 The Headlands, Darlington, DL3 8RP.
EASTBOURNE	Bill Dixon	8 Stanhope Road North, Darlington, DL3 7AR.
	Roddy Francis	7 Emley Moor Road, Darlington, DL1 4QQ.

	Lee Vasey	7 Oriel Court, Northwood Park, Darlington, DL1 2YE.
FAVERDALE	Richard Grundy	8 Curlew Close, Darlington, DL3 0EQ.
HARROWGATE HILL	Mark Burton	66 Middleham Road, Darlington, DL1 3DJ.
	Marjory Knowles	92 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, DL3 7RN.
	John Christopher Vasey	7 Oriel Court, Northwood Park, Darlington, DL1 2YE.
HAUGHTON EAST	Martin Landers	11 Mallory Court, Darlington, DL1 2UE.
	Chris McEwan	8 Millrace Close, Rivergarth, Darlington, DL1 3SQ.
HAUGHTON NORTH	Bev Hutchinson	44 The Firs, Darlington, DL1 3PH.
	Thomas Nutt	7 Rivermead Avenue, Darlington, DL1 3SG.
HAUGHTON WEST	David Lyonette	23 Harley Grove, Darlington, DL1 3HD.
	Andrew Scott	11 Cragwellside, Darlington, DL1 2TR.
	Nick Wallis	67 Rivergarth, Darlington, DL1 3SN.
HEIGHTINGTON AND CONISCLIFFE	Paul Crudass	81 Merrybent, Darlington, DL2 2LF.
	Gerald Garfield Lee	1 Greenhill Road, Heighington, Darlington, DL5 6RN.
HUMMERSKNOTT	Alan Coultas	39 Linden Avenue, Darlington, DL3 8PS.
	Charles Vincent Johnson	40 Caedmon Crescent, Darlington, DL3 8LF.
HURWORTH	Joe Kelley	2 Welbeck Cottages, Welbeck Street, Darlington, DL1 5EZ.
	Martin Graham Swainston	40 Heathfield Park, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1LN.
LASCELLES	Jackie Maddison	139 Greenbank Road, Darlington, DL3 6EN.

	Wendy Newall	20 Eastmount Road, Darlington, DL1 1JY.
LINGFIELD	Ian Haszeldine	206 Hundens Lane, Darlington, DL1 1JB.
	Lynne Haszeldine	206 Hundens Lane, Darlington, DL1 1JB.
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	Doris Mary Jones	38 The Oaklands, Middleton One Row, Darlington, DL2 1BD.
	Stephen York	32 Heathfield Park, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1LN.
MOWDEN	Ron Lewis	28 Hall View Grove, Darlington, DL3 9DN.
	Bill Stenson	178 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, DL3 8PA.
NORTH ROAD	Anne-Marie Curry	2 Shearwater Avenue, Darlington, DL1 1DQ.
	Fred Lawton	15 Woodland Terrace, Darlington, DL3 9NT.
	Alan Macnab	5 Whitebridge Drive, Darlington, DL1 3TY.
NORTHGATE	Eleanor Lister	15 Larchfield Street, Darlington, DL3 7TF.
	Dorothy Long	19A Vane Terrace, Darlington, DL3 7AT.
PARK EAST	Paul Harman	16 Victoria Embankment, Darlington, DL1 5JR.
	Cyndi Hughes	19 Oakdene Avenue, Darlington, DL3 7HR.
	Joe Lyonette	32 Victoria Embankment, Darlington, DL1 5JR.
PARK WEST	Bob Donoghue	9 Ayton Drive, Darlington, DL3 8DN.
	Heather Irene Scott	76 Carmel Road South, Darlington, DL3 8DR.
PIERREMONT	Bob Carson	132 Woodland Road, Darlington, DL3 9LR.

SADBERGE AND WHESSOE	Steve Harker	Elm Court, Tower Road, Darlington, DL3 6RU.
	Linda Hughes	54 Woodland Terrace, Darlington, DL3 9NU.
	Brian Jones	38 The Oaklands, Middleton One Row, Darlington, DL2 1BD.

6. ORDER OF SENIORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL – The Members of the Council newly elected on 5th May, 2011 drew lots to determine their order of seniority on the Council.

RESOLVED – That the order of seniority for official purposes be approved as follows :-

	Councillor
1	Stenson
2	Mrs. Scott
3	D. A. Lyonette
4	E. A. Richmond
5	Dixon
6	Long
7	Mrs. Jones
8	Francis
9	Lewis
10	Lister
11	Thistlethwaite
12	Wallis
13	Baldwin
14	Harker
15	Haszeldine
16	L. Vasey
17	Johnson
18	Copeland
19	McEwan
20	Newall
21	Lee
22	Nutt
23	B. Jones
24	Maddison
25	J. M. Lyonette
26	A. J. Scott
27	C. Hughes
28	J. Taylor
29	J. Vasey
30	Lawton
31	Swainston
32	Galletley
33	Coultas
34	Regan
35	Burton

36	L. Haszeldine
37	York
38	Curry
39	Cossins
40	Crudass
41	Kelley
42	Hutchinson
43	Carson
44	Wright
45	Landers
46	Donoghue
47	C. Taylor
48	Harman
49	L. Hughes
50	Grundy
51	S. Richmond
52	Knowles
53	Macnab

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS –There were no announcements made.

8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Leader for the Council for a four year term of office.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Dixon be appointed Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

9. CALENDAR OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011/2012 – The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) to enable Members to give consideration to a calendar of Council and Committee meetings for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2011/12, be approved.

REASON - To ensure that the calendar of meetings be approved for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

