

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**1 APRIL 1998**

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COUNCIL held at the CIVIC OFFICES, NEW ROAD, GRAYS on 1ST APRIL 1998 commencing at 7.00pm

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PRESENT:- The Mayor, Councillor M.B. Jones in the Chair.

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COUNCILLORS: Mrs. I. Archibald, Andrews, Barrett, Barron, Barton, Bennett, Mrs. Betts, Bingley, Clarke, Davis, De'ath, Diss, Evans, Fish, Garner, Gillam, Gooding, Gupta, Hooper, Mrs. M.S. Jones, Josling, Kent, Mrs. Kirkwood, Lawrence, Lee, Maynard McMahan, Meen, Moore, Morris, Norris, Nuss, O'Kane, Palmer, Mrs. Revell, G. Rice, P. Rice, Sear, Slocock, A.J. Smith, Mrs. C.A. Smith, Southam, Timms, Warren and Williams.

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95. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. Archibald and Groombridge.

96. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

97. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the special meeting held on the 4th March 1998 were presented

**RESOLVED: The minutes be received and approved.**

98. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(i) Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

The Mayor advised a certificate had been received from the Royal British Legion in recognition of the Council's efforts for the poppy day appeals. A second certificate had been received from the Grays Branch of the Legion which would be placed in the Mayor's Parlour. The certificate from headquarters would be displayed in the central library.

(ii) Pcs Barry Dodd and Miguel Diaz

The Mayor informed Council of correspondence with the Chief Constable and said there will be a reception/function in his Parlour for the two Constables in the next few weeks.

(iii) Stuart Haddrell

Stuart Haddrell was attending his last meeting as he was retiring from the Council's service.

The Mayor paid tribute to Stuart's career and service with Thurrock Council.

99. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- (1) The minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Board held on 5th February 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (2) The minutes of the meetings of Planning Board held on 19th February and 12th March 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (3) The minutes of the meeting of Environmental Services Committee held on 24th February 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (4) The minutes of the meeting of Personnel and Performance Review Committee held on 26th February 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (5) The minutes of the meeting of Community Services Committee held on 3rd March 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (6) The minutes of the meeting of the Legal Review Board (Tenancies) held on 25th February 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (7) The minutes of the meeting of the DSO Board held on 5th March 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received.**

- (8) The minutes of the meeting of Learning Services Committee held on 10th March 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received and the recommendation contained therein adopted.**

- (9) The minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee held on 17th March 1998 were presented.

**RESOLVED:- The minutes be received and the recommendation contained therein adopted.**

100. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor informed Council that in accordance with Standing Order 2 (2)(a) the meeting would be adjourned in order to reconvene to be an inaugural of the Borough of Thurrock as a Unitary Council.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7.34pm.

MINUTES of the ADJOURNED MEETING of the  
COUNCIL meeting for the first time as a Unitary  
Authority held at the CIVIC OFFICES, NEW ROAD,  
GRAYS on 1ST APRIL 1998 commencing at 7.38pm

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PRESENT:- The Mayor, Councillor M.B.  
Jones in the Chair.

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COUNCILLORS: Mrs. I. Archibald, Andrews,  
Barrett, Barron, Barton, Bennett,  
Mrs. Betts, Bingley, Clarke,  
Davis, De'ath, Diss, Evans, Fish,  
Garner, Gillam, Gooding, Gupta,  
Hooper, Mrs. M.S. Jones,  
Josling, Kent, Mrs. Kirkwood,  
Lawrence, Lee, Maynard  
McMahon, Meen, Moore, Morris,  
Norris, Nuss, O'Kane, Palmer,  
Mrs. Revell, G. Rice, P. Rice,  
Sear, Slocock, A.J. Smith, Mrs.  
C.A. Smith, Southam, Timms,  
Warren and Williams.

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101. **THURROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL - UNITARY AUTHORITY**

The Mayor announced the formal vesting of unitary status on the Thurrock Borough Council and gave a special welcome to guests and friends.

The Mayor's Chaplain Robert Springett was in attendance and offered prayers for the new Authority.

The Leader of the main Opposition Group Councillor R. Andrews was invited by the Mayor to address Council.

Sheila Coates from the South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis Centre - one of the original persons who signed Thurrock's Community Plan to become a Unitary Council was then invited to address Council.

Mr. Charles Hammond Managing Director of the Port of Tilbury presented the Mayor with a gift for the Council to mark the event.

The Chief Executive Keith Barnes was then invited by the Mayor to address Council.

Finally the Leader of the Council Councillor Smith paid tribute to all who had strived to help Thurrock to become a Unitary Council including first and foremost the late J.K.K. Aberdeen.

In summing up the Mayor invited Members and guests to attend a reception for refreshments after the meeting.

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The meeting finished at 8.13pm.