

COUNCIL

**ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY, 2009**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Tweed) (in the Chair)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Doran) (Vice Chair)

Councillors Barber, Bigley, Booth, Brady, Brodie -
Browne, Byrom, Colbert, Cummins, Cuthbertson,
P Dowd, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, M Fearn, Gibson,
Glover, Griffiths, Hands, D Hardy, P Hardy, Hill,
Hough, Ibbs, D Jones, T Jones, Larkin, Maher,
McGinnity, Moncur, Papworth, Parry, Pearson, Platt,
Porter, Preston, B Rimmer, D Rimmer, Roberts,
Robertson, Shaw, Storey, Sumner, Tattersall,
Tonkiss, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson, Weavers and
Webster

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blackburn,
Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrne, Cluskey, Connell, Dodd, M. Dowd, Fenton,
Friel, Gustafson, Howe, Kerrigan, McGuire, Mahon, C. Mainey and S.
Mainey

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Parry, seconded by Councillor Porter and
unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (1) that Alfred Doran, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected Mayor of
the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the
acceptance of office by his successor; and
- (2) that the Council do place upon record its sincere appreciation of his
services in the capacity as Deputy Mayor during the Municipal Year
2008/09.

Councillor Doran then made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and
took the Chair for the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Brown and unanimously

RESOLVED:

that Maureen Fearn, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by her successor.

Councillor M. Fearn then made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Fairclough, seconded by Councillor P. Dowd and unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council do hereby place on record its appreciation of the ability, courtesy and impartiality, shown by Councillor Paul Tweed in his capacity as Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the meetings of the Council, during the Municipal Year 2008 - 2009, and for his attendance at many civic and public functions, both inside and outside of the Borough.
- (2) That the Council also desires to extend its thanks to Mrs. Claire Tweed for the support and encouragement given to her husband.
- (3) That the Council wishes to record its appreciation of the excellent effort and involvement by both Councillor and Mrs Tweed, in connection with the Mayor Sefton's Charity Fund.
- (4) That the Council further desires to extend its sincere thanks to Councillor Paul Tweed for the hospitality extended to overseas visitors, civic dignitaries, twinning officials and members of the public especially during the occasion of the 2008 Open Championship hosted by this Borough.
- (5) That a copy of the Resolution be passed under the Corporate Seal and presented to Councillor Paul Tweed.

Councillor Tweed and Mrs Clare Tweed were then presented with a framed copy of the Vote of Thanks, a Past Mayor's Badge and a bouquet of flowers as tokens of the Council's appreciation of the manner in which they had undertaken their duties in the Office of Mayor during the past twelve months.

Councillor Tweed responded to the Vote of Thanks and expressed his appreciation to the members of the public, various organisations

and Council officers who had supported him during his Year of Office and he extended special thanks and best wishes to Stan Mercer - Mayoral Attendant, who continues to undergo treatment for leukaemia with commendable courage and humour.