

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 18 January 2021 at 6.00pm
via Zoom conferencing facilities.

Present:-

Cllr Mrs L Dedman – Mayor

Cllr Mrs S Bungey – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr J Abbott, Cllr V Charrett, Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr Mrs F Cox, Cllr M Cox, Cllr S Fotheringham, Cllr C A Gardiner, Cllr W Grace, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr D C Jones, Cllr T Lane, Cllr S J McCormack, Cllr F F T Neale and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.

Also in attendance: Past Mayors, Cllr D Flagg, Mrs D Jones, Mrs P Jamieson, Mrs J Spencer and Michael Turvey.

Officers Present: Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer

Members of the Public present: 4

Members of the Press present: None present.

192. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Jones, Neale and Spittle declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.193 (Notice of Motion Received in Accordance with Procedural Rule No.9) as they were former Christchurch Borough Council Members and knew Mr Michael Turvey in his capacity of the former Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Christchurch Borough Council, and remained present for the discussion and voting thereon.

193. Notice of Motion Received in Accordance with Procedural Rule No.9

In accordance with the Civic Handbook the Council was asked to consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Bungey, and signed by the prerequisite number of Councillors.

“That this Council

Noting that in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the community by serving as the former Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Christchurch Borough Council and working tirelessly for the residents of Christchurch in many ways.

Noting also, he became Deputy Chairman of the Christchurch Community Partnership, served as Chairman of the Governors of Grange School for many years, and is now a member of the Board of the Twynham Learning Multi-Academy Trust, comprising six primary and secondary schools local to Christchurch. Michael is Lead Board Member for Resources. He also served as Deputy Chairman and latterly Chairman of the Christchurch Housing Society.

He achieved international recognition, spending a month working with New Zealand Councils. He has also visited professionally, the United States and Bosnia as a consultant on Local Government.

More recently he has been of great assistance to the Town Council, joining the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and chairing the selection meetings for the volunteers. He is also a member of the Council’s Community Grants Panel.

Resolves therefore in pursuance of these powers and in recognition of his services to the Town and Parish to confer on the said Michael Arthur Turvey the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Christchurch”.

The Mayor Cllr Dedman, Past Mayors Mrs Jamieson, Mrs Jones, Cllr Neale and Cllr Mrs Spittle, Deputy Mayor Cllr Mrs Bungey and Cllr Jones spoke in support of the motion highlighting the tireless work carried out by Mr Michael Turvey.

Members were advised that Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 prescribed that the resolution at Council must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at the meeting.

Further to this Members were advised that following the above motion being agreed by Council in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with the Civic Handbook a formal presentation would take place at a special ceremony at a later date which will include the

signing of the Freeman's Roll, with the Mayor and the Chief Executive and Town Clerk witnessing the signature.

RESOLVED that in recognition of his service to the Town and Parish the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Christchurch be conferred to Mr Michael Arthur Turvey with immediate effect.

Voting: unanimous

Councillors Jones, Neale and Spittle declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as they were former Christchurch Borough Council Members and knew Mr Michael Turvey in his capacity of the former Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Christchurch Borough Council, and remained present for the discussion and voting thereon.

Meeting ended at 6.38pm

CHAIRMAN