

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2019

Time: 7.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Simon Speller (Mayor), Doug Bainbridge, Sandra Barr, Philip Bibby CC, Lloyd Briscoe, Rob Broom, Adrian Brown, Jim Brown, Teresa Callaghan, Laurie Chester, Michael Downing, Alex Farquharson, John Gardner, Michelle Gardner, Richard Henry, Jackie Hollywell, Graham Lawrence, John Lloyd, Mrs Joan Lloyd, Lin Martin-Haugh, Sarah-Jane McDonough, Maureen McKay, John Mead, Sarah Mead, Adam Mitchell CC, Margaret Notley, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati, Graham Snell, Sharon Taylor OBE CC and Jeannette Thomas.

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1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Stephen Booth, Dave Cullen, Jody Hanafin, Liz Harrington, Lizzy Kelly, Andy McGuinness, Robin Parker, Tom Wren and Jen Jeffries Chair of the Youth Council.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 **MRS ANN WEBB JP - PRESENTATION OF HONORARY ALDERMAN**

The Chamber was reminded that at a Special meeting of the Council on 24 July 2019 a resolution was agreed that the Council should confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mrs Patricia Ann Webb JP.

The Mayor expressed his delight at being able to pay tribute to Mrs Ann Webb, a great friend and ally and spoke of her commitment to Stevenage, in particular the Shephall area and also as a passionate believer in social housing.

Councillor Sharon Taylor, Leader of the Council spoke of Mrs Webb's love of housing. She also spoke of her time as a County Councillor and for a while the Chair of the Social Services Committee. Councillor Taylor reminded Members of how proud Ann was to stand beside her husband Eddie when he became Mayor of Stevenage in 1999 and despite sadly not being able to complete his Mayoral year, Ann carried on fulfilling his Mayoral engagements with the support of past Mayors.

A tribute was paid by the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Phil Bibby, and the Mayor read a message to Mrs Webb from Councillor Robin Parker, Leader of the Liberal Democrats congratulating her on her appointment.

A number of Members then spoke in tribute to Mrs Webb, recognising her tireless work for the community particularly in the Longmeadow and Shephall Wards, in championing the provision of social housing in the Town and her involvement in the Town Twinning Association during her period as a Councillor from 1990 until 2019.

Alderman David Kissane congratulated Mrs Webb and advised that he was delighted to be part of her celebrations.

A certificate was then presented to Alderman Mrs Webb.

Alderman Mrs Webb made an acceptance speech in which she said that Housing had always been close to her heart and that she was both proud and humbled to have received such an honour. She thanked her mentors for when she was a new Councillor, current Members, Officers of the Council and also her family for their support during her years as Councillor.

CHAIR