

Lord Mayor's Selection Committee

Friday 21 February 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans, in the Chair.

Councillors Darcy, Drean, Peter Smith (substitute for Councillor Mrs Aspinall) and Wright.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Aspinall and Fry.

Also in attendance: Katey Johns, Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting started at 10 am and finished at 10.20 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Having been proposed by Councillor Drean and seconded by Councillor Peter Smith, it is agreed that Councillor Evans is appointed Chair of the Lord Mayor's Selection Committee for the Municipal Year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in relation to items under consideration at this meeting.

3. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2013.

4. LORD MAYORALTY 2014/15

The Chair referred to the recent death of the Lord Mayor's husband. He and the Committee joined in expressing their sadness at her loss and stated that their thoughts were with her at this difficult time.

The Committee then went on to consider nominations for the Lord Mayoralty 2014/15. Having been nominated by Councillor Peter Smith and seconded by Councillor Wright, and in the absence of any other nominations, it is unanimously agreed to extend a cordial invitation to Councillor Fox to accept the office of Lord Mayor for the following Municipal Year.

The Chair drew members' attention to the fact that Councillor Fox had previously been nominated for Lord Mayor but had unfortunately missed out on undertaking

the role due to not being re-elected. It was therefore a welcome opportunity to be able to extend this offer to him again.

The Committee waited upon Councillor Fox whom, on arrival, expressed his appreciation at the nomination which he was delighted to accept. He added that he hoped he would be able to reward the Committee's confidence in him during his role in office, and in serving the citizens of Plymouth.

Agreed that it is unanimously recommended to City Council that it approves the appointment of Councillor Fox as Lord Mayor for the ensuing year.

5. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.