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Thursday, 21st May 2015

At

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CIVIC HALL, LEEDS

In the Chair:

THE LORD MAYOR
(Councillor D Congreve)
(Councillor J Chapman)

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(In the Chair - the Lord Mayor, Councillor D Congreve)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I welcome everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Council and, of course, the new Lord Mayor that is going to be taking over.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: I have a number of announcements to make. Can all Members make sure their mobile telephones or iPads are silent while they are occupying their seats in the Council Chamber. I would also like to remind those present that this meeting is webcast.

I would like to welcome the following new Members to Council: Councillor Caroline Anderson, Adel and Wharfedale, Conservative (*Applause*); Councillor Amanda Carter, Calverley and Farsley, Conservative (*Applause*); Councillor Catherine Dobson, Killingbeck and Seacroft, Labour (*Applause*); Councillor Helen Hayden, Temple Newsam, Labour (*Applause*); Councillor Julie Heselwood, Bramley and Stanningley (*Applause*).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Keith Wakefield who, as we all know, is stepping down as Leader of the Labour Group. Keith was first elected in 1988 and became Leader of the Group and Council in 2003. He remained as Leader of the Labour Group in Opposition and became Leader of the Council again in 2010.

During this time Keith has worked tirelessly for the people of Leeds and I would like to recognise the contribution that he has made to not only the city but the wider region as well.

In addition, I would like to formally congratulate Councillor Judith Blake as the new Leader of Council and I wish both her and Keith every success for the future. (*Standing ovation*)

I bet Judith was surprised at the standing ovation! (*laughter*)

Following the recent terrible earthquakes in Nepal our thoughts are with all those who have been affected. I joined members of the Nepalese Leeds community at a two minute silence and candle lighting ceremony on 8th May on Millennium Square.

Can we confirm that, following the dispatch of all Summons with accompanying reports on Wednesday 13th May 2015, further papers originally identified on the Summons as to follow were circulated to Members on 20th May 2015? (*confirmed*)

ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: We now move to the Election of the Lord Mayor. Councillor Golton to move that Councillor Judith Chapman be elected the Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds to hold office until the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2016. Councillor Golton.

COUNCILLOR GOLTON: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I feel a little bit unprepared for this. I do not like writing formal speeches and I tend to write notes instead and then work around them. On this occasion, though, I am not sure I am going to be thanked by the incoming Lord Mayor because I have got four major notes here and it says, "Short; female; Jewish; Liberal". (*laughter*) I have got to show you why all of those component parts actually make quite an outstanding individual who is worthy to become the First Citizen of our city.

Yes, Judith Chapman is short, around about five foot. In fact, I might surmise that she might be the shortest Lord Mayor this century. I am not sure about the Victorians, they were not quite so well fed but definitely this century, although, of course, Christiana Myers may compete with that one – I will leave that to my Labour colleagues to tell me whether or not she was less than five foot.

One of the things that did happen to her in her formative years was when she had her Bar mitzvah, being a reformed Jew, she had to have a cushion, actually, so that she could see over the top while she was reading the Torah and I did just check earlier on whether or not this had been set aside for the Mayoral chair and I did not see one in evidence, so she might have to compensate for that when she comes in a little bit later.

So, of course, being short she was also bullied a little bit - primarily, of course, by her brother, Mark Harris, who, of course, himself had a significant career locally in the Civic Hall. However, of course, bullying often makes us stronger and more resilient and even though she still has an aversion to water pistols thanks to the number of times that her brother and the next generation have terrorised her with them, she is still able to stick up for herself and that is one of the things that we will see in evidence when she is in that esteemed chair.

The second point I have got, "female". Yes, we do not have many female Members in the Liberal Democrat group, we have only got the two and it is a shame and we really do not want to lose her to that more formal rarefied position over there because we quite like the fact that she was quite an outspoken, strong, female presence for us as a Group and we will miss that politically but, of course, you will gain that in terms of the Council.

She is a very committed feminist, she does it in a very quiet manner and she has made sure that she, through her time, has taken up leadership roles not just, of course, within the Council when it came to Scrutiny, being quite a formidable Scrutiny Chair. I have never thought of Judith as particularly verbal but she can give you a very hard stare and it is only when I read her biography to discover that she had actually been a teacher that I appreciate now where she honed those skills.

Of course, in the Council Chamber she will need to learn to speak up a bit more than just stare at people but be prepared for that steely gaze turning into gavel-ridden discipline.

I have alluded to the fact she has taken leadership positions. One of those that she did take up and she cherishes the most, of course, is being a leader within her own synagogue, the Sinai Synagogue, and being a prominent member of the Jewish community here in the city.

One of the things I did think was quite poignant, actually, for us is that we are approaching the tenth anniversary of the 7/7 bombings where we as a city were linked to that atrocity but at that time we had a Lord Mayor, Mohammed Iqbal, who demonstrated that this city cherishes and celebrates the contribution that every community in this city brings and to have a leader at that time in Mohammed Iqbal

was quite significant for us (*applause*) and now on this tenth anniversary to have our Jewish community represented and leading us in terms of our First Citizen I think is quite apt for our continued commitment to working together.

Then, of course, the last thing is Liberal Democrat. Councillor Chapman says herself, actually she was brought up quite privileged but she wanted to give something back to society and one of the things that she wanted to do was to do it in public service. She obviously has not chosen the easy path because to be elected as a Liberal takes quite a bit, I can assure you, and we are also quite an eccentric bunch to work with, but Councillor Chapman knew that she had a good family to work with and as a family we work together quite well. In fact, the Bentleys have even been on holiday with Councillor Chapman and Mark Harris to Italy where they took part in water pistolling activity, I understand. (*Applause*) You will be glad to know there is no pampas grass in the front garden though!

Yes, it shows that Councillor Chapman did not want to choose the easy route into public service and that when she was there she would actually show strong commitment to it. This is one of the reasons why the Liberal Democrat Group did want to recognise not only Judith's commitment as one of our prominent female Councillors but also in recognition to the wider familial commitment in terms of both her and her brother Mark's commitment to the city of Leeds and all those years that they spent making this city a better place to be.

I propose wholeheartedly Councillor Judith Chapman to be Lord Mayor of the city. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor Golton. Councillor Blake.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Can I say I am genuinely delighted to be able to second this motion to elect Councillor Chapman as the Lord Mayor of Leeds.

I would particularly like to congratulate the Liberal Democrat Group, with your limited options, that you have actually selected a woman called Judith. (*Applause*) I have to say, there cannot be many cities or places in the country that have a Lord Mayor called Judith and a Leader called Judith – another first for the City of Leeds!

Another strand that many of you might not realise is that we have something in common, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Golton and, of course, Councillor Castle and the two Weetwood Councillors, that we have all been Weetwood Councillors.

I have reflected on that, is it something in the coffee, is it something to do with the electorate, all of those things, but to have two Lord Mayors coming from that ward and two Group Leaders I think says something special about our time in that part of the city.

I know that many of you actually, from conversations that we have had in the Civic Hall, believe that Judith and I actually knew each other when we were growing up. We do come from a similar part of Leeds, not exceptionally in the same area, but actually our paths never did cross as we were growing up, but we do have a lot of friends in common and I feel as though I know more about Judith, and Mark is up there, about her family, than perhaps I otherwise would. The one thing that everyone says about Judith is her generosity and her warmth and her complete commitment to the people in her community and those that she represents.

I have to say that the most significant contact I have had with Judith is in her role that she has just actually quite reluctantly, I think, given up as Chair of the

Children and Families Scrutiny Board. I have to pay enormous tribute to her complete steadfastness in taking that agenda in all of its breadth, and it is an enormous portfolio area, but her absolute resolute determination, despite some of the fairly strong characters in the room (looking at nobody in particular) that she would not allow party politics to come in the way of our city putting the needs of children and young people first. I really do pay tribute to her for that. I know that sometimes she had to resort, for those of you on the board, to bringing cakes and biscuits to keep everybody happy on many an occasion but I think her genuine commitment to children and young people just shone through everything. I cannot think of another person who is best able to take on the role as the most important Councillor in Leeds for the next year of really putting Child Friendly Leeds at the heart of everything we do. I know she will just be an extraordinary ambassador taking the message out and working across all of the communities on behalf of our children and young people.

I think the next year is going to be really good fun. I think Judith is going to take us to meet all sorts of different areas and communities and I look forward very much to working with her closely. I hope and I know you will all join me in offering sincere congratulations and the very best of luck for a very successful year ahead for Councillor Judith Chapman. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor Blake. Councillor Lamb.

COUNCILLOR LAMB: Thank you, Lord Mayor. It is a pleasure to support the motion and before I turn to Councillor Chapman it would seem remiss of me, and I am sure the Opposition would be deeply disappointed, if I did not touch very briefly on the General Election results, since this is the first chance we have had to talk about it.

Of course, having been reminded so many times that there are more pandas in Scotland than Conservative MPs, it is nice to be able to stand here today and say that we now have more Scottish Conservative Councillors called Anderson in our Group than there are Labour MPs in Scotland! *(laughter)*.

Of course, it was a particularly disappointing night for the Liberal Democrats, Judith's party, as well nationally. Things have got so bad indeed that Elton John and Bernie Taupin have re-written one of their classic songs in tribute for their plight – Sandals in the Bin it has been called! *(laughter)* Keep up!

I will move on to the important things. First of all, the proper tributes will come later but I just wanted to add my thanks to the way that you have chaired these meetings over the past year. I think you have done a fantastic job. I just wanted to get that in.

Turning to Councillor Chapman, as most Members will know when you are nominated to do these sorts of speeches you get provided a biography of the person you are speaking about, which is very helpful if you speak first or second. I am left with being able to tell you from this that the new Lord Mayor is allergic to fresh basil and coriander! *(laughter)* Other than that, everything has been covered!

I have, as Councillor Blake alluded to, had the pleasure of working with Councillor Chapman on the Children and Families Scrutiny Board for the last five years and I have got to know her quite well in that time. She has been a very, very effective Chair who has kept politics out of the debate. She comes across as being very mild mannered, quiet, calm and assured but anyone in this Chamber who thinks they are going to have a pushover in the Chair is very much mistaken. She is a very, very feisty lady, as I have seen at first hand.

The first time, not in a public meeting but in a sub-committee when officers came unprepared and this mild mannered, short, well-spoken lady suddenly turned the air blue, caught me and others very much by surprise. I am sure she will not do that in the Chair but be prepared for anything.

One other thing to note about Councillor Chapman is that she has a terrible sense of direction, as some of her colleagues will know. She developed this wonderful idea of going out as a Scrutiny Board. We took several times our entire Scrutiny Board out, often split in two, to different schools and children's settings and on one occasion I was in her group to go to Temple Newsam and I know about five minutes after we were supposed to start Sandra, the Scrutiny Support Officer, got a phone call from Councillor Chapman saying, "Sandra, you are going to have to help me. I am lost, I do not know how to get to Temple Newsam" and so Sandra said, "Where are you?" and Judith's response, "I don't know". (*laughter*) She was somewhere in East Leeds, possibly in Halton Moor, so Sandra had to go and search the whole East End of Leeds to try and find her. Eventually she got a phone call back to say she had found the school but it was not the only occasion it was apparent that Judith does not know her left from her right, which is presumably why she became a Liberal Democrat! (*laughter*)

To finish off, I have got to know Judith incredibly well and I have become very close to her and fond of her over the last five years. She should be incredibly proud that she is the first lady Jewish Lord Mayor of Leeds. It is a fantastic achievement. She is going to be a wonderful ambassador to our city. We are going to miss her terribly on the Scrutiny Board and it says so much for her that I think she actually had to agonise about whether she wanted to leave that role to become the First Citizen of Leeds. She has got children and young people at the heart of everything she does and she has put them there for the last five years. She is going to be supported by her husband, a fantastic First Citizen of Leeds and I am delighted to support the motion. Thank you, Lord Mayor. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor Lamb. Councillor Elliott.

COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT: Thank you, Lord Mayor. It is my pleasant duty on behalf of the Morley Borough Independents to support the nomination of Councillor Judith Chapman for the role of Lord Mayor of Leeds for the coming year.

We in Morley are not surprised that Judith has strong family connections in our area through her grandparents, who lived in Tingley at one time. My husband also taught her brother Mark at senior school, which rather brings us together.

My experience of working with Judith as the successful Chair of the Children and Families Scrutiny Board is that she is able, hard working and does not shirk the tough decisions which sometimes go with the territory. I am aware that in addition Judith is a stalwart of the Jewish community in Leeds. We can therefore be confident that her many fine qualities which we have witnessed in and outside the Council are exactly those that are required to be a successful Lord Mayor of our great city, which I am sure she will prove to be.

I unreservedly give the support of the Morley Borough Independents for Councillor Judith Chapman to be Lord Mayor of Leeds in the year of 2015/16. Thank you. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor Elliott. Councillor Wilford.

COUNCILLOR WILFORD: Lord Mayor, thank you very much. On behalf of the Green Group we would like to support Councillor Judith Chapman in her new role as Lord Mayor.

Having read a brief biography I was immediately impressed that Councillor Judith Chapman has chaired the Scrutiny Boards of not only Adult Social Care but Children and Families. It appears that she has an interest and a passion for adult social care, specifically those living with mental health issues and those with learning difficulties, so we wish her all the best in her new role as Lord Mayor and I am sure she will take her commitment into the wider community. Thank you, Lord Mayor.
(Applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor Wilford.

I now put the motion to the vote. *(A vote was taken)* That is UNANIMOUS.

We will now have a short adjournment, so you can relax until we come back into the Council Chamber.

(The Retiring Lord Mayor left the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant at Mace and proceeded to the Ark Royal Room, followed by the Chief Executive, City Solicitor and Group Leaders.

The Sergeant at Mace removed the chain from the Retiring Lord Mayor. The procession left the Ark Royal Room and later returned to the Chamber.

The Chief Executive and City Solicitor returned to their seats.

The procession proceeded to the well of the Chamber.

The Sergeant at Mace assisted the Retiring Lord Mayor to affix the medallion to the retaining chain.

Group Leaders each placed one loop of the chain around the Lord Mayor's shoulders and/or shook hands with the Lord Mayor.

Photographs were taken.

Preceded by the Sergeant at Mace, the Lord Mayor proceeded to the Chair, followed by the Retiring Lord Mayor.)

(In the Chair – the Lord Mayor, Councillor J Chapman)

DECLARATION

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: I now ask the Lord Mayor to conduct the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

THE LORD MAYOR: I, Judith Mara Chapman, of Apartment 1, Gledhow Manor, 350 Gledhow Lane, Leeds, LS7 4NH, having been elected to the office of Lord Mayor, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgement and ability.
(Applause)

(The Lord Mayor signed the Register

ADDRESS

THE LORD MAYOR: Good evening, everybody, Members of Council and distinguished guests. It is a pleasure of my first task as Lord Mayor to thank David and Janet for all their hard work as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the past year. Your speech last year, David, said that Councillors Ogilvie and Wakefield told you to smile more. Every time I saw you in public you were smiling and looked very calm and relaxed.

I did not know you very well but I have discovered that you have a dry sense of humour which you have shown us in Council meetings. Since knowing that I was going to be proposed as Lord Mayor, I have been watching your every move and I hope that I have learned to conduct these meetings with the same confidence as yourself.

Once again, David and Janet, thank you for all your hard work and dedication and I wish you both well for the future.

I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself. Some of you will already know this. I was born in Leeds in 1948 and attended Talbot Road Primary School and Allerton High School. My only wish from being very young was to be a teacher. I attended Didsbury College of Education gaining a BEd degree specialising in psychology and history. My first teaching post was at Holloway Boys' Comprehensive School, next door to the jail. I could not understand how easy it was to get a teaching post there until I asked if I could work after completing my degree until the end of the summer term, just to get used to the school. They said yes before I had finished the end of the sentence. The penny dropped!

I began in June and was told I would be taking the place of the RE teacher. How bad could that be? The answer is, horrific. It turned out that this teacher had not taught RE – anything but, with sex education at the top of the curriculum, and there I was, straight from college facing boys 11 to 16 years old. They were very quick to fill me in about their last teacher. He had lived in a caravan in the playground and had managed to connect his caravan to the school's electricity and water supplies. *(laughter)* Councillor Blake, can you imagine an OFSTED inspection there? *(laughter)* It is true.

I managed to learn more in six weeks than in my whole time at college. I remained there for eight-and-a-half years, becoming Head of History, before returning to Leeds with my husband, Alan, before our elder child Harriet was born. I taught briefly at Bedford Field Middle School before Ben was born and I am sorry to say that my teaching days were over.

I found myself working in the family clothing business for 18 years. Now, many people working in a family business expect a calm environment, but this is the Harris family that we are talking about. I must have been in the wrong place as Board meetings resembled Council meetings; people shouting across the table, interrupting, nobody allowed to finish a sentence.

There were also times of fun and laughter. We made uniforms for buses, shops, hospitals and airlines. It was while sizing people up for an airline that we had a very funny experience. One particular airline were having shoes but many of them had never worn shoes. In order to tell us their size they had drawn round their feet. The only way to work out the sizes was for everybody in the office to take off their shoes, stand on the feet until we found out what the sizes were. I still laugh today

because there is one lady who measured a size 12 but unfortunately the largest size manufactured was 9!

I have had three great honours in my life; Head Girl at Allerton High, Chair of Sinai Synagogue and now Lord Mayor. All three have been a surprise to me. I owe being here today to three men. Some of you will know who they are: my husband, Alan, who has always given me encouragement in everything I do and has accepted to be my consort for the year; my brother, Mark, who I watched grow as a politician; and lastly, my father.

When Mark decided he wanted to become a Councillor over 30 years ago, my father set out to help him achieve his aim. Dad would arrive at our house on a weekly basis with leaflets and canvass sheets – I am sure some of you know all about those. It was not a question of “Please could you do these?” - it was a matter of, “They will be done by Sunday, I will collect them.” After three years Mark was elected Councillor in Moor Town ward and I began to work to help other people in other wards be elected. Eventually people started asking why I had never thought of being a Councillor myself. My father thought that this was a wonderful idea but unfortunately both he and my mother did not live to see me become a Councillor in 2006. I am sure they would be very proud today.

Dad had a very clear view of what I could achieve – anything and everything; not my thoughts but his. He reminded me of this as I wended my way through life, rather precariously at times. It was no surprise to him I was Head Girl, to be Chair of Sinai Synagogue, and I suspect he would be saying the same thing to me today.

It is wonderful to have my extended family and friends here to share today with me. I am especially pleased that both my children are here, my granddaughter, Grace, and my two aunts who are the eldest members of the family.

I want to make mention of two very special people to me, Rabbi Henry and Sheila Brandt, who have come all the way from Switzerland. Our two families grew up together and when they moved to Switzerland we never lost touch. When I called to ask them if they would be able to come today, Henry’s immediate answer was, “Of course, we are family.” It is so true. Mum and Dad are not here but Henry and Sheila have filled that gap today. Thank you both so much, it has meant a great deal to me and the whole of the Harris family.

I just need to go back and say a few more words about my brother, Mark. Since he could walk he has spent his whole life trying to torment me. (*laughter*) He thinks he is very funny and he thinks I like it. (*laughter*) I have been listening in a cupboard back there to the speeches that were made and I think Councillor Golton did mention water pistols, so I was listening, Mark. Where are you? I will get you back, don’t worry! In fact, Mark, I am very surprised you have not played a stunt today but the night is still young. Do not worry, I shall be watching. There is something which Mark and I have achieved that is very special to me. We are the first sister-brother combination to have been Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor.

I need to say a special thank you to a friend, who I shall not embarrass by giving you her name but just think of a Beatles’ song. She had the unenviable task of clothes shopping with me. She has sat through sessions, patiently suggesting that certain garments look good, others not, and one dress she said aged me by ten years! I hate to think what I looked like in that.

By the time I had to find an outfit to go to the Queen’s Garden Party in I capitulated very easily and I said fine to the dress followed by yes to the hat. My only saving grace was at least I would not see anybody I knew, only to discover that my

two ward colleagues, Sue and Jonathan Bentley, are going on the same day. Well, do not worry, I am not going to tell you the colour of the dress and then you will not recognise me because there is something for sure, I certainly do not recognise myself!

My mother would have been in her element; she lived to shop. Somehow I have missed that gene, although Alan may not agree when the credit card bill arrives each month. When Harriet was born she was tiny and the babygros were too big, so on the way home from the maternity hospital my mother had Alan drive us to a department store to buy clothes for Harriet. As Alan said later, his worst fears had come to fruition; the three of us shopping together, and Harriet was only four days old!

My initiation to Council meetings was the Budget meeting in 2006. I sat upstairs on the first row, very bewildered. There was Mark and Keith Wakefield addressing each other as “puppets” and I definitely thought it was the right time to quit before I began. Then this performance was followed by a variety of speeches on grass cutting. (*laughter*) I looked at the Order Papers and there it was. Councillors Debbie Coupar and Alison Lowe did a marvellous job on what I thought was an in joke – little did I know. Thank heavens tonight it is not on the agenda.

Alan and I have been married for 38 years. I met him in London where he worked for IBM who sponsored him to do a computer science degree at City University in London. He worked as a systems engineer and currently works as an IT member of HSBC. His work has taken him all over the world and he recently spent four years in Geneva. Thankfully he is based in this country and is able to be my consort this year.

Now to my chosen charity. I have chosen the Specialist Autism Services, or SAS. It was formed in 2001 and works for and with individuals with autistic spectrum condition. Their mission statement is to support adults with autism and Asperger’s Syndrome by the provision of health, education, training, sports, creative arts, counselling activities which promote their social inclusion, training opportunities and ultimately employability.

I have seen first-hand what this charity does and achieves with adults with autism and Asperger’s Syndrome. We have a diagnostic unit in Middleton but we now need to back this up with facilities to help these adults feel worthwhile and valued in the society where they live. Next week I shall be launching the charity campaign and I hope that during the year you will assist me in raising awareness of the Specialist Autism Services and promote the wonderful work they do.

To conclude, as Lord Mayor, the First Citizen of Leeds, I promise to represent you to the best of my ability in the coming year. It is a daunting but exciting programme of events and I would like to thank all Members for giving me this opportunity. Thank you. (*Applause*)

ITEM 2 – VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: I would now like to go on to Item 2 on the Agenda, the Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor. Councillor Ogilvie.

COUNCILLOR OGILVIE: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Can I start by congratulating you, Judith, on your new role as the next Lord Mayor of Leeds and also commend you on your choice of charity. Raising the profile of autism in the city I think will be really, really good.

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Labour Group to move a vote of thanks for my ward colleague, David Congreve, for his year as Lord Mayor alongside Janet Harper, his Lady Mayoress. I know David and Janet have had an amazing year and have really enjoyed themselves.

During his year David has attended nearly 400 civic engagements, including a great year of sport from the Grand Départ, presenting the Stage 3 Winner's Trophy of the Tour de Yorkshire, civic receptions for Yorkshire County Cricket, Leeds Rhinos and Hunslet Hawks and hosting a reception for those athletes from Leeds who competed in the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

You may recall this time last year I mentioned that I was David's unofficial coach, reminding him that as Lord Mayor he needed to smile, he needed to be nice to people all of the time and that when he is doing a speech and people are looking at the floor or falling asleep it is probably a sign he has gone on too long and he needs to stop talking, basically. I think it is probably a good time to take a look and see how he has done.

First of all looking at how he has done being nice and smiling. I am pleased to say I got early reports from Members that at the beginning of his term of office he was, indeed, smiling and I think we saw at the Grand Départ where millions worldwide will have witnessed David with the biggest smile of his life as he waved the flag to start the riders on the Headrow. What an amazing day that was, wasn't it?

As you can see from my able assistant, David now smiles everywhere he goes! (*Photographs held up. Laughter*) In fact, we cannot stop David from smiling. Indeed, someone in the ward pulled me to one side the other day and said, "Is there something wrong with David? He seems very cheerful." (*laughter*) I think we have been successful on the smiling front.

One of the other areas I did my best to get David to change his behaviour was, as you will recall, his inability to part with money. David was spotted on more than one occasion carrying his wallet and, equally staggering, the reports were that he even had money in his wallet! However, John and Mark, the Lord Mayor's loyal assistants, said they could not quite believe how reluctant David was to actually part with any money.

David did, half way through the year, try to suggest his reluctance was actually down to the fact that a man (I think it was a magician or something) at one of the civic events he was at asked David to give him a 50 pence piece and when he handed it over he promptly bent it in two, seemingly traumatising David in the process. (*laughter*) He has it there!

I think we all know the reality though. This behaviour trait is not a recent phenomenon; David, I am sorry to say, you are just tight! (*laughter*) I am fully expecting when you come back to Beeston and Holbeck to be lending you £1 at the galas and tombolas and bingos.

In all seriousness, as I said last year, David is probably a bit of an enigma to many. He has a serious demeanour and he is not one for showing excessive emotions but, in fact, despite his serious demeanour he is very much the family man. I was with him in his office the other day and he took a call from his daughter and within a very few seconds he was speaking to his grandson, Dexter, on the phone. In reality David is a big softie. I know I have made fun of David tonight, as I did last year, but he is a decent human being with a good heart and a good sense of humour.

I know David has been moved by the kindness and generosity that he and Janet have been shown during this year of their office.

He has done things in this year he never in a million years thought he would get to do. I know he has been very proud and honoured to have had the opportunity to serve in this way. A small boy from a tough upbringing in Halifax to the Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds – quite an achievement.

I am sure I speak on behalf of all of us in saying thank you, David and Janet, for your year of service and the best of luck for the future. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Castle.

COUNCILLOR CASTLE: Thank you, Lord Mayor. First of all may I offer good wishes to you and Alan for your year of office. I know that you will both be brilliant ambassadors for the city.

I am delighted to second the vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress on behalf of the Conservative Group.

Much has already been said about the lack of smiling. I shall return to that later. During the year I have never seen Councillor Congreve without a huge beam on his face, be it at an event I have attended or a photograph in the paper. It is apparent that Councillor Congreve has enjoyed every moment of his year in office.

What a magnificent job he has done for the city. When I have come across him at events, and from comments I have heard from organisations he has visited, it has been apparent that he has done a great deal of research into the organisation he has visited and has made the people he has met during the course of the year feel that they really matter in the city. Janet has been an excellent Lady Mayoress, always looking radiant and showing a great interest in everyone she has met.

Back to the smiling. I think we discovered at the January Council meeting why Councillor Congreve used to look so serious. It is all the fault of Councillor Gabriel! *(laughter)* At the January Council meeting a few Members were having their own private conversation and Councillor Congreve, as Chair of the meeting, suggested they might like to have their discussions outside the Council Chamber. Councillor Gabriel, the next speaker, said, "I will have to remember those comments when you return to the Community Committee in the future." I suspect that Councillor Congreve is terrified of Councillor Gabriel *(laughter)* in her role as Chair of his Community Committee and that explains his former sober expression! Councillor Gabriel, please be nicer to Councillor Congreve! *(laughter)*

Lord Mayor, it is with great pleasure that I second the vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for the wonderful job they have done as ambassadors for the city. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Townsley.

COUNCILLOR TOWNSLEY: Thank you, Lord Mayor. May I also offer congratulations to you and Alan for this evening.

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group to congratulate and thank David and Janet for a job well done in representing the city and its people during their term of office.

As you know I can also speak first hand as to what a huge task it is to be First Citizen of our great city but also how rewarding it is and how enjoyable it is, and I think again we are back to the smiling, as Lord Mayor you can enjoy it and this is one for you, Lord Mayor – enjoy your year.

You and Janet have done the city proud and your exploits have been well documented by the press. Hardly a week went by without at least one engagement being highlighted. You carried out your duties with dignity and pride but also with a sense, I think, of enjoyment. I am sure that you will have raised a large amount of money for your charity, the Leeds Children's Hospital Appeal, during your term of office.

Finally, just to leave a particular image of David as our Lord Mayor. We were in the Town Hall attending a classical music concert when the Lord Mayor arrived wearing a light jacket, black open necked shirt and also sporting the resplendent Evening Jewel around his neck. All I can say is, what a trendsetter! One cool dude! Believe you me I wish I had thought of that when I was Lord Mayor!

Again, David and Janet, on behalf of the citizens of Leeds can I thank you both for a job well done. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Elliott.

COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT: Thank you, my Lord Mayor, and may I offer congratulations too now that you have the chain around your neck. I hope you have a wonderful year.

May I congratulate Councillor Congreve and Janet Harper who, as Lord and Lady Mayoress, have had an outstanding year for the year 2014/15. You have both been approachable, enthusiastic and dignified in your roles of office; in short, excellent ambassadors for our wonderful city.

The Lord Mayor's charity, the Leeds Children's Hospital, was well chosen. It is one close to the hearts of the citizens of Leeds and I understand from when you came to the Royal Society of St George event in Morley, David and Janet, you told me that you had had a wonderful reception for that charity, earned a lot of money and it was going to be onward going for a long, long time so very many congratulations on that score.

As Lord and Lady Mayoress of Leeds you have been deserving of the accolades heaped upon you and you have not let me down, for when I commented last year on your sense of style and occasion you have certainly brought this to the Mayoralty with an added dimension.

Many thanks from we, the Morley Borough Independents, and congratulations on a brilliant year in office. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Ann Blackburn.

COUNCILLOR A BLACKBURN: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I, again, must start by congratulating yourself and your husband Alan on becoming Lord Mayor of this great city of ours and I am sure that you will be excellent in the role.

It is now my pleasure to support a vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor on behalf of the Green Group. I am afraid that I think we have all mentioned about David's lack of smiling, but anyway here we go.

I remember when David Congreve was elected as Lord Mayor last year mention was made that he was now known for smiling. Well, obviously the role has brought out the best in him as I have seen him smiling at least a few times at Council meetings during the year. I must also mention that he has done an excellent job in chairing Council meetings, which is not the easiest job in the world, as we all know because, of course, Council can get rather unruly on occasions, but he has found a great trick of actually keeping unruly Councillors from speaking too long – he has actually started to turn the microphone off, and it worked! Fantastic. It can actually be seen now that the person that sits up there can control all of us. Maybe the Lord Mayor might like to make a note of that.

Seriously though, both David and Janet have done a great job as ambassadors for this great city of ours and the Green Group wish them all our good wishes for the future. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: I shall now call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* The motion is CARRIED.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to present you with this for you to wear next year.

(The Lord Mayor presented the past Lord Mayor's badge to the retiring Lord Mayor) *(Applause)*

LADY MAYORESS/LORD MAYOR'S CONSORT

THE LORD MAYOR: The retiring Lady Mayoress will now present the Lord Mayor's Consort with his insignia of office and the Lord Mayor's Consort will now present the retiring Lady Mayoress with a retiring brooch.

(The retiring Lady Mayoress presented the Lord Mayor's Consort with his insignia of office and the Lord Mayor's Consort presented the retiring Lady Mayoress with a retiring brooch.) (Applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: I shall now ask the retiring Lord Mayor to reply on behalf of himself and the retiring Lady Mayoress.

THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Lord Mayor and congratulations on your appointment. I am sure you are going to be an excellent Lord Mayor.

I would like to start by thanking the speakers for the kind words they have said and to tell you actually, this smiling person you have seen is the real me. I have to put on a front when I am knocking about in my ward in case people get the wrong idea! *(laughter)* There we are. I am naturally quite a laid back person, although not everyone would agree but that is how I see myself!

Thanks to the intense coaching of Councillor Ogilvie and Councillor Wakefield I have had a fixed smile on my face for most of the year, as you have all been hearing. The problem now is I need some coaching in making my expression more serious because I do not want people in Holbeck and Beeston to get the wrong idea.

One of the things about being Lord Mayor, I did not sneak and listen to what was being said about me last year, and it is a good job actually. I may not have been smiling! The first I knew about it was when I read the verbatim of the Council meeting and I am not sure I agree with everything but I cannot deny that some of the

stories told about me are true. As I said, I do regard myself as laid back and easy going.

Councillor Ogilvie mentioned the bent coin and I determined after what I had read about him saying I never open my wallet, well I do not often carry it! *(laughter)* However, I did go to a dinner and there was a conjuror at this dinner – there were two conjurors but one of them strangely enough was called Congreave – it was spelled slightly different to my name but he was called Congreave and he was a chap who says, “Have you got a coin in your pocket?” I did not have a penny or a tuppenny piece. The lowest one I had was this 50 pence piece and he took it and he was talking to everyone and he asked me to put my initials on it first and he is messing like this with his hands, then he gave it back to me and he returned it bent. He did not come back to straighten it up so I have had that ever since but I cannot find anyone who will take it off me! *(laughter)* When I need to spend a 50p it is there.

I did kidnap the cat from around the corner and funnily enough I was walking back with it tucked in my jacket and it was really docile and the dog kept looking at me with this strange look and I kept thinking “What’s the matter with you?” He knew. When I got home and saw the cat facing us, my own cat, the dog looked at me again as if to say, “I told you so.” It was like a scene from Wallace and Gromit. I had to nip back round the corner and put the cat back on the wall! *(laughter)*

I was attacked by a turkey at Temple Newsam and I will swear blind it knew I had eaten its brother at Christmas! Sadly I did drive off and leave the kids on the car park but I only got to the entrance. It was so quiet in the car and I thought there’s something wrong here – that was many years ago.

I think the other thing I need to mention is that when I became Lord Mayor I was told by everyone that you will put on weight, Lord Mayors always put on weight. I said “No I won’t”. Someone bet me £10 that I would put on weight. I would like him to step forward and pay me because I have forgotten who it is but I have actually lost five pounds. I should have taken it more seriously and made a note and I really slipped up there. I have been racking my head all year on that one.

I think more seriously, Janet and I have had a wonderful and unforgettable year in office. We have always regarded it as a great honour and privilege to have served this great city of Leeds as Lord and Lady Mayoress. What I found is that the city is like a living entity. As Lord Mayor you develop an overview of how it all works, the contribution of the Council, communities, the volunteers in communities, universities, businesses and citizens. All together this is what makes Leeds the best place to live, work and play without any doubt.

We have a deserved reputation for being a friendly, inclusive city which all helps to strengthen our economy and diverse culture.

It has been an exciting year for both of us, a wonderful year and Adam did mention some of the things but I am going to go over them again. One of the greatest aspects, I think, all the outside events, all bar one we had bright weather, mainly sunny weather but there was only one where we had rain and that was lighting the beacon at 9.30 in the evening on Millennium Square for VE Day. It absolutely poured down. I remember lighting the candle and I thought I will never get this beacon lit but sure enough it went off first time so that was quite good, really. I did get wet!

The Lord Mayor is the First Citizen of Leeds and an ambassador for the city and it is wonderful to get out there and greet and meet people. We have attended events for the elderly, visited Day Centres, events for carers, met lots of young

people, visited schools and it is incredible how many youngsters are involved in sport and how many people are making the effort to get young people involved in sport.

We have visited all three universities on a number of occasions and met many students and we have had receptions for overseas students here and met them at the university. The thing that strikes you is the fact that they all enjoy Leeds, they all think it is a great city and they all think it is quite a privilege to be at university here. They are our ambassadors when they go back to their own countries, they are our ambassadors in their own countries.

We have visited churches, the Minster on quite a few occasions, and synagogues. Indeed, I have been that regular a visitor at one synagogue the Rabbi said he has seen me more times than some of his flock! I think it was tongue in the cheek but it was a nice compliment. Is that true? It is true.

I think what is quite interesting is visiting people that are 100 years old. One chap, Jack – this Jack fellow is not 100, he is 102 and he rang the office and said, “The Lord Mayor has not visited me”. They said, “But you are not 100.” “I am 102”, he says. “Last year the Lord Mayor visited me” (and that was when he was 101) “and prior to that the Lord Mayor visited me” so I said we will call when we are out that way and we called in. This was Jack who famously bet Tom Murray in a game of snooker but he did not challenge me to a game so I felt quite lucky because he would have thrashed me.

I also met a lady, 100 years old, still playing bowls. This was at Armley in the sports centre and every Wednesday they have the indoor bowls and she was still playing. While I was there she put five bowls down the green. Two of them were the closest to the jack of other bowls that were there, the other two were pretty near and one just went slightly astray. She is a remarkable lady and I am lucky she did not challenge me to a game because I would have got thrashed there as well. I think the sad thing for us men is, or the worrying thing, is that most of these 100 year olds are ladies.

I think one of the things that has impressed us both is the incredible contribution of the large number of volunteers in the city, throughout the city, what they make in their own communities and how they enhance the communities. It does not matter where you are. There is I think a small number of volunteers making all the difference in communities and there is always room for more. I have been telling everyone throughout the year, if you want to get involved with something, get involved in an organisation as a volunteer. We need, I think, more young people volunteering as well, although I have seen some young people but not enough. It is usually the retired people with time on their hands that do the volunteering but there is still room for younger people as well.

Another aspect is I have met many business people and visited quite a number of businesses network organisations and, very importantly, greeting and welcoming important overseas visitors to Leeds. I have met people from China, India, Estonia and elsewhere.

I think one of the highlights of the year was after I became Lord Mayor – no-one is falling asleep? No! After I became Lord Mayor the first event the following day was a dinner to some important visitors from China. It was Mr Gong Zheng, who is the Party Chairman of Hangzhou Municipal People’s Government and he was here with a party of people who were working with our universities because they have links with the University of Hangzhou. I had the honour of going to Hangzhou – a very short visit, very tiring – and I was at an International Mayors’ Conference and I

presented a paper on green transport and what Leeds is doing to improve the environmental pollution.

The day after Mr Gong was opening West Lake Exposition, a big business centre, and after the conference on the evening his aid came to me and said, "Mr Gong wants you to speak on behalf of all the other Mayors at a special breakfast meeting he has organised. I thought "My God" because this was great honour for Leeds and a great honour for myself, the first Lord Mayor from Leeds to be asked to speak at an international conference. I thought, "What do I say?" I asked people, "What do you advise?" "It's never happened, before, we don't know. You are on your own."

It was all right but the other Mayors from some major cities throughout the world, and many elected Mayors, and Leeds was given the honour of representing them all and the speakers were Mr Gong, the Ambassador for, I think it was the Arab Emirates, and myself and it really put Leeds on the map with the other countries and cities.

I think one of the other interesting things was a rare occurrence of two Bishops being ordained in the same year, two Bishops for Leeds in the same year. I think it is fairly rare but two in the same year is going a bit. We had some wonderful events at World War I memorials and rededications.

As alluded to by Councillor Ogilvie, the highlights have got to be the sporting events. What is impressive is the vast number of runs that support charities in Leeds, through the half marathon, the Jane Tomlinson 10 kilometre run and the Abbey Dash 10k. You have club athletes, fun runners and runners of all abilities who take part. I think at the last one, the half marathon, there are 9,000 runners. That is an incredible number of people all running supporting their charities. Of course, Leeds Rhinos took the Challenge Cup, Yorkshire Cricket Club were crowned County Champion, Hunslet Hawks gained promotion and, of course, Guiseley AFC has been promoted to the Conference League for the first time in their history.

I did one thing no other Lord Mayor has done. After the Commonwealth Games I thought, what do athletes do? They finish the event and they go home. Teams go back to the club and they celebrate and they get civic receptions; so I gave a civic reception for our Commonwealth Games athletes, because they took 28 medals. These athletes that live in Leeds took 28 medals and if Leeds had been a country they would have been seventh in the medals table and that shows you the strength of our athletics.

The big event, clearly, is the Grand Départ of the Tour de France. On the Monday prior to the weekend of the Tour setting off there was a cycling event of 800 schoolchildren at Temple Newsam and children that need adapted cycles were there. It was wonderful to see all these children being involved in cycling in a safe environment as a forerunner to the tour. The legacy – and clearly Adam mentioned it – it was absolutely wonderful, an electrifying atmosphere on the Headrow when I had the honour of waving the flag to set the cyclists off, and the flag is on display in the cabinet in the ante-Chamber. That is the one that was given to me to start the Tour.

The legacy is that more people, especially children and families, are cycling, a very positive impact for tourism and the local economy and it raised the profile of Leeds throughout the world in 182 countries where it was shown on television. Whoever saw that film of Yorkshire and the cyclists starting off in Leeds and going up through the Dales was absolutely incredible and it really tugged on your heart and made you proud to be from Yorkshire.

Of course, it ended with the Tour de Yorkshire this year, which is going to be, hopefully, an annual event. It is certainly going to be repeated next year. It was wonderful to see ordinary cyclists being able to ride part of the course that the professionals were riding. One of those cyclists was Denise Burton Cole, who is the daughter of Beryl Burton, and Denise's daughter was riding with her. That was quite incredible.

Now just a few words about my charity which, as you know, was the Leeds Children's Hospital. I would like to express my thanks to members of the Charity Committee. Getting corporates involved was extremely difficult and we launched just one day, we said to companies "We know you support charities, you have many worthwhile charities, give up one day to support the Lord Mayor's charity." That got off a bit late but we had one officer of the Council who gave up a day's pay for the charity and that was quite wonderful. Stuart McKenna raised £676 through donations from Members, so thank you, Members, for that and thank you, Stuart. *(Applause)* One Member in particular gave a very generous donation and thanks to that Member. A lady in Bramley raised almost £2,000 by organising two events and there were many contributions from community groups and private individuals. To all of them I am very grateful.

In total my charity raised £23,000 but some individuals donated direct to the Leeds Children's Hospital Charity. Not included in this figure is the incredible undertaking by Adam Beaumont, Chief Executive of a company called aql who has undertaken to donate 2% of the profit made by one of his companies, Integrated Digital Healthcare, direct to the hospital and this is going to be ongoing for as long as the company exists. This is expected to bring in tens of thousands of pounds over the next few years. It is ongoing and that is a massive boost for the hospital.

I would like to thank all the staff in the Lord Mayor's office – Erica, Jill, Bernadette, Dawn, Mark and John, whose help and advice is invaluable. You will find out, Lord Mayor, wherever you go they all greet John and then they greet the Lord Mayor! You get used to it, we just step back.

Thanks to Ian and Andrea and Paul from Civic Flavour who kept me going with black coffee and Tom, Catherine and Kevin for all their work at Council. Councillor Wakefield and my ward colleagues, Councillor Ogilvie and – my mind is going, my other ward colleague! *(laughter)* Councillor Gabriel!

All in all, the year has been very exciting, very rewarding and it has been a wonderful privilege and honour for myself and Janet to serve this great city of ours as the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. It truly is the best place to live, work and play.

It just remains for me to wish Judith and Alan all the best for their civic year. I am sure that it will be very enjoyable and memorable.

Finally, Members may recall that I started off the year when I took office with a little quotation from the walls of the Children's Hospital which was quite apt at the time. I do not think anyone will have remembered it. I have got another one for you now and that is: "In a world where you can be anything, be yourself." I think that is good advice for anyone.

Thank you for being patient and not switching me off! *(Applause)*

ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 3, Election of Vice Chair of Council. Councillor Campbell.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Could I move that Councillor Townsley be appointed as Vice Chair of the Council and to hold office until immediately after the election of the Lord Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in 2016.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Blake.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. (*A vote was taken*) The motion is CARRIED.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st APRIL 2015

THE LORD MAYOR: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st April 2015. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Latty.

COUNCILLOR G LATTY: I second that, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. (*A vote was taken*) The motion is CARRIED.

ITEM 5 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

THE LORD MAYOR: Declarations of Interest. Do any Members wish to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests? (*None*) Thank you.

ITEM 6 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Announcements. Chief Executive?

I have just one announcement myself, it is a comment. I wanted to find a place to thank Councillor Wakefield for all his hard work as Leader and I know that standing down does not mean that you have disappeared and I am sure that I will see you during the next few years and I wish you well in your new role. (*Applause*)

ITEM 7 – ELECTION OF LEADER OF COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 7, Election of Leader of Council. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I move that Councillor Judith Blake be elected Leader of the Council.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* The motion is CARRIED. *(Applause)*

Judith, I can take a liberty tonight because it is not on the Order Paper, I have stuck this bit in. I would just like to congratulate you on being Leader of the Labour Party and I look forward to working with you during the year, so it is women out in force this year. We will give it a good shot.

ITEM 8 – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 8, Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee. Councillor Wakefield.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: Thank you, Lord Mayor, from the old lag's row here can I move the item in terms of the Notice. Thank you.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I will formally second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* Motion CARRIED.

ITEM 9 – ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 9, Establishment of Committees and Appointments. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I move in terms of the Notice.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I now call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* The motion is CARRIED.

ITEM 9(d)(i) – APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 9(d)(i), Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* The motion is CARRIED.

ITEM 9(d)(ii) – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

THE LORD MAYOR: 9(d)(ii), Appointments of Chairs to Community Committees. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. (*A vote was taken*) The motion is CARRIED

ITEM 9(d)(iii) – APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR OUTER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 9(d)(iii). Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: I move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I now need with this to call for the vote but the vote is restricted to Members of the Outer South Community Committee in respect of each nomination.

Could I have first of all those in favour of Councillor Bruce. (*A vote was taken*) Six. Those in favour of Councillor Finnigan. (*A vote was taken*) Six.

You did have to do this to me tonight, didn't you! Six all.

Right. This is very unusual. I am now calling for the vote. I am now going to ask all Members to vote. I will call for the vote for Councillor Bruce. (*A vote was taken*) Councillor Finnigan. (*A vote was taken*) Any abstentions? No. Therefore, Councillor Bruce has been elected. (*Applause*)

ITEM 10 – SCHEME OF DELEGATION (COUNCIL FUNCTIONS)

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 10, Scheme of Delegation. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. (*A vote was taken*) The vote is CARRIED.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Executive Arrangements. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

ITEM 12 – PROPOSED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 12, Proposed Calendar of Meetings. Councillor Charlwood.

COUNCILLOR CHARLWOOD: Move in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Selby.

COUNCILLOR SELBY: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: I call for the vote. *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED.

That brings us to the end of the meeting. Thank you all for attending and I hope that those of you who are joining us for dinner will continue to have a pleasant evening. Thank you. *(Applause)*

(The meeting closed at 7.34pm)