

**WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 23 July 2014 at 3.00 pm**

**in the Council Chamber, Williton**

**Present:**

Councillor G S Dowding ..... Chairman  
Councillor A F Knight..... Vice-Chairman

Councillor M J Chilcott	Councillor M O A Dewdney
Councillor S Y Goss	Councillor B Heywood
Councillor K V Kravis	Councillor E May
Councillor K M Mills	Councillor S J Pugsley
Councillor D D Ross	Councillor D J Sanders
Councillor L W Smith	Councillor T Taylor
Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew	Councillor K H Turner
Councillor D J Westcott	

**Officers in Attendance:**

Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)  
Director of Operations (S Adam)  
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

**Also Present:**

Mr Viv Brewer  
Mr George Burnell  
Mr Michael Gammon  
Mr Peter Humber

**C25      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H J W Davies, P N Grierson, A P Hadley, R P Lillis, C Morgan, P H Murphy, K J Ross and M A Smith

**C26      Declarations of Interest**

No Councillor present declared an interest on any item on the agenda.

**C27      Public Participation**

No members of the public spoke at the meeting on any item on the agenda.

**C28      Appointment of Honorary Aldermen**

The meeting was asked to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on Messrs V Brewer, G Burnell, M Gammon and P Humber for the rendering of eminent services to the Council.

Councillor T Taylor proposed the nomination to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr Viv Brewer, which was duly seconded by Councillor K V Kravis. A short résumé of Mr Brewer's contribution to the Council was given and particular mention was made of his many years as Chairman of the Planning Committee. Mr Brewer had represented Crowcombe and Stogumber for 31 years from 1976 to 2007 and had served as West Somerset's chairman twice, in 1987-88 and 2000-2001.

Councillor E May proposed the nomination to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr George Burnell, whom he had first met back in 1951. Mr Burnell had served as a councillor for the Aville ward between 1973 and 2004 and the Council was provided with details of his early life and background and his interest in cars. The proposal which was duly seconded by Councillor M O A Dewdney.

Councillor S J Pugsley proposed the nomination to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr Mike Gammon, which was duly seconded by Councillor B Heywood. Councillor Pugsley went on to provide details of Mr Gammon's significant contribution to the Council between 1995 and 2011 as a Dulverton councillor and during that period he was chairman of the Council in 2003-2004. Councillor Pugsley stated that what Mr Gammon valued the most was people, his constituents and officers of the Council.

Councillor D D Ross proposed the nomination to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr Peter Humber, and provided an account of Mr Humber's contribution to the Council and listed his many achievements. Mr Humber represented the ward of Carhampton and Withycombe from 1996 to 2011. The proposal was duly seconded by Councillor E May.

Following speeches and words of thanks from the nominated Aldermen, the Chairman called for a vote on all four proposals and the vote was carried, unanimously.

**RESOLVED (1)** that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Mr Viv Brewer.

**RESOLVED (2)** that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Mr George Burnell.

**RESOLVED (3)** that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Mr Michael Gammon.

**RESOLVED (4)** that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Mr Peter Humber.