

COUNCIL

11 JANUARY 2024

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman's Visits and Functions Attended

1. A list of functions attended by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Council since the last meeting is attached.

Death of Peter Griffiths

2. The Chairman was deeply saddened by the death of Peter Griffiths on 28 December 2023.

3. Peter was elected to represent the Evesham North West Division on the County Council in May 2021 and has been a very active Member, serving across several Committees and Panels, including Audit and Governance Committee, Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

4. Peter also served on Evesham Town Council and was a dedicated and committed Councillor for Evesham. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

5. The Chairman joins with Members and Officers in extending their sincere condolences to Peter's wife, Marion, and his family at this very difficult time.

Death Of Former County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock

6. Former Worcestershire County Councillor, Dr Ken Pollock, sadly passed away on Thursday 4 January 2024 following a long illness, bravely fought.

7. Ken represented the Tenbury Division from June 2009 until May 2021 and was appointed Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure in 2016. He oversaw the delivery of many major improvements, including the dualling of the Worcester Southern Link Road, Worcestershire Parkway, the new Kidderminster Rail Station, Worcester Six Business Park and the rollout of Superfast Worcestershire Broadband.

9. Ken was a key member of the Council during his political career with the Council and his legacy will live on in all that he helped to achieve.

10. The Chairman extends his deepest condolences to Ken's wife, Diana, and their two daughters, and all his family and friends on their very sad loss.

Death of Former County Councillor Margaret Wills

11. Former Hereford and Worcester and Worcestershire County Councillor, Margaret Wills, passed away on 11 November 2023.

12. Margaret represented the St Barnabas Division in Worcester and served on several Committees, including Social Services and Planning and Regulatory Committees. She was also a very active Worcester City Councillor for the former St Barnabas Ward from April 1981 until her retirement in May 2000, and held the position of Leader of the Council from May 1998 until May 1999, as well as Charing Planning Committee from 1988 until 1992.

13. The Chairman extends his sympathies to Margaret's family, former colleagues and friends on her passing.

King's New Year Honours 2023

14. The Chairman was delighted to hear of so many Worcestershire residents being recognised in HM The King's New Years' Honours List for 2023.

Sir Sajid Javid

15. Sajid David, MP for Bromsgrove, has received a Knighthood. Mr Javid was elected to represent Bromsgrove in May 2010 and has held some key Cabinet posts in the UK Government, including Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

René Olivieri CBE

16. René Olivieri, of Redditch, Chair of the National Trust, received the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to the charitable sector, including a career dedicated to nature, wildlife and heritage.

Andrew Duncan OBE

17. Andrew Duncan, Under Sheriff for the County of Worcester, has received an OBE for services to the community in Worcestershire. Mr Duncan was also appointed as Deputy Lieutenant for Worcestershire in 2006.

Mark Garnier OBE MP

18. Mark Garnier MP has received an OBE for Political and Public Service. Mr Garnier was first elected MP for Wyre Forest in 2010, having been adopted as the Conservative candidate in 2004.

Trudy Berlet MBE

19. Trudy Berlet, of Worcester, lead midwife for bereavement care at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, has received an MBE for services to midwifery.

Suzette Davenport MBE QPM

20. Suzette Davenport, of Worcester, Chairperson of the National Driver Offending Retraining Scheme, was awarded an MBE for services to road safety.

Susan Hornby MBE

21. Susan Hornby, of Malvern, the co-founder and Headteacher of The Bridge School Malvern, received an MBE for services to disadvantaged children.

Brenda Lines MBE

22. Brenda Lines, of Kidderminster, Chairperson of Big Local DY10, was awarded an MBE for services to the community in Kidderminster.

Phillip Potter MBE

23. Phillip Potter, of Bewdley, Regional Lead, West Midlands, Wales and South West, UK Export Finance, was awarded an MBE for services to business and to the community in Worcestershire.

Keith Wyn Sorrell MBE

24. Keith Wyn Sorrell, of Worcester, Chief Executive of Windsor Academy Trust, has been awarded an MBE for services to education.

Sarah Vaughan MBE

25. Sarah Vaughan, Deputy Headteacher at Perryfields Primary Pupil Referral Unit in Worcester, has been awarded an MBE for services to education.

26. Sarah leads Perryfields' work for the Department for Education National Behaviour Hubs Programme, which supports schools as far afield as Kent and Carlisle to improve their behaviour culture and develop their inclusive practice.

Dr Jennifer Frow BEM

27. Dr Frow, of Bewdley, a volunteer at Bewdley Tennis Club and a former GP before her retirement, was awarded the BEM for services to lawn tennis in Worcestershire.

Karen Humphries BEM

28. Karen Humphries, of Worcester, an assessor and Duke of Edinburgh award manager at Nunnery Wood High School in Worcester, has been awarded a BEM for services to young people.

29. The Chairman extends his congratulations to all the Worcestershire recipients on their well-deserved honours.

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