

MINUTES
OF
THE HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, HERTFORD
ON
THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Dr L Radford

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor P Ruffles

Councillors: D Abbott, P Boyle, S Cousins, R Deering, M Deards, Dr J
Downs, Mrs S Dunkley, Miss C Geall, Mrs B Haddock, Mrs S Newton,
Mrs S Rutland Barsby, Miss J Sartin and Miss M Tybinka

Town Clerk Mrs N L Villa
Civic Administration Manager, Ms T Carpenter
Mayor's Secretary, Miss J Haynes
Finance Assistant, Mrs P A Chappell
Events Officer, Mr T Hardy
Allotments Officer, Mrs S Viitmaa
Facilities Officer, K Riddles

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor Mrs S Newton moved and Councillor Miss J Sartin seconded that:

Councillor Dr Linda Elisabeth Radford of 81 Mandeville Road, Hertford be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Council with the style of Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year and until her successor shall accept office and make and subscribe the required declaration.

The proposal was carried. A copy of Cllr Mrs Newton's speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix A.**

2. DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Councillor Dr Radford made and signed the formal Declaration and Acceptance of Office and then retired to put on the Mayoral Robe and Chain of Office.

3. INTERLUDE

There was a musical interlude whilst the Mayor and retiring Mayor exchanged robes.

4. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND MAYOR'S OATH

The newly elected Mayor returned and took the Oath of Allegiance and the Mayor's Oath.

5. THE MAYOR'S SPEECH

The Mayor thanked her proposer and seconder and her fellow Councillors for supporting the proposal. A copy of her speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix B.**

6. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Miss J Sartin proposed and Councillor Mrs Rutland Barsby seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor. A copy of Cllr Miss Sartin's speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix C.**

7. REPLY BY RETIRING MAYOR

In reply the retiring Mayor, Councillor Miss Geall thanked Councillors Miss Sartin and Mrs Rutland Barsby for their very kind remarks. A copy of her speech forms part of the minutes - **Appendix D**

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Radford moved and Councillor Mrs Newton seconded that Councillor P Ruffles be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

9. RESPONSE BY DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor P Ruffles thanked his fellow Councillors for the nomination which he was pleased to accept.

10. APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor, Cllr Dr Radford proposed and Cllr Boyle seconded the appointment of The Rev'd. Father Terrence Phipps as Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing municipal year.

11. REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Town Clerk read out the results of the recent Town Council elections

12. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES FOR 2015/16

Councillor S Cousins proposed and Councillor Mrs B Haddock seconded the Appointment of Standing Committees and Sub Committees for the ensuing municipal year. This proposal was carried – **Appendix E**

12. NOMINATION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM THE MAJORITY POLITICAL GROUP

Councillor Dr J Downs proposed and Councillor R Deering seconded the nomination of Councillor Mrs S Newton as Leader of the Council. The proposal was carried.

Councillor Mrs Newton outlined the Council's programme for the year. A copy of her speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix F**

13. APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor D Abbott proposed and Councillor Miss M Tybinka seconded the appointments and nominations to outside bodies. .

The following was carried:

- (1) The schedule of appointments and nominations on the schedule attached as **Appendix G** be adopted.
- (2) New appointments be considered at the end of their term of appointment or sooner if a former Councillor or appointee resigned their post.

14. DATES, TIMES AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

Councillor M Deards proposed and Councillor Mrs S Dunkley seconded dates, times and place of meetings (subject to the requirement for any additional meetings) for the forthcoming year – **Appendix H**

15. RISING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Radford declared the meeting at an end.

