

MINUTES
OF
THE HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, HERTFORD
ON
THURSDAY 15 MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Miss C Geall

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Newton

Councillors: P Boyle, Mrs B Haddock, Mrs B Mansfield
M McCormick, P Moore, D R Poole, Dr L E Radford, P Ruffles, Miss J
Sartin, Miss I Sigmatic, A Stevenson, A Turner, R Willis and N Wilson

Town Clerk Mrs N L Villa
Civic Administration Manager, Ms T Carpenter
Marketing and Events Manager – Miss M Bolton
Mayor's Secretary, Ms N Milton
Finance Assistant, Mrs P A Chappell
Events Officer, Mr T Hardy
Customer Services Officer, Miss E Bradley
Facilities Officer, Mr W Dorahy
Facilities Officer, Mr A Terry

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Miss J Sartin moved and Councillor Miss I Sigmac seconded that:

Councillor Miss Chantal Joy Geall of 69 Fordwich Rise, 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 Miss Sartin's speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix A.**

2. **DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.**

Councillor Miss Geall 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 M McCormick proposed and Councillor Mrs B Haddock seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor. A copy of Cllr McCormick's speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix C.**

7. **REPLY BY RETIRING MAYOR**

In reply the retiring Mayor, Councillor P Moore thanked Councillors M McCormick and Mrs B Haddock 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 Miss C Geall moved and Councillor Mrs R Willis seconded that Councillor Mrs S M Newton be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

9. **RESPONSE BY DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs S Newton thanked her fellow Councillors for the nomination which she was pleased to accept.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor, Cllr Miss C Geall proposed and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs S Newton seconded the appointment of The Rev'd. B Routley as Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing municipal year.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES FOR 2014/15**

Councillor A Stevenson proposed and Councillor P Ruffles 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 P Ruffles proposed and Councillor D Poole seconded the nomination of Councillor Dr L E Radford as Leader of the Council. This proposal was carried.

Councillor Dr L E Radford 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 P Boyle proposed and Councillor Mrs B Mansfield 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 N Wilson proposed and Councillor A Turner 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 Miss C Geall declared the meeting at an end.

