

MINUTES
OF
THE HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, HERTFORD
ON
THURSDAY 18 MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Dunkley

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs B Haddock

Councillors: Mrs R Bolton P Boyle, S Cousins, R Deering, Dr J Downs,
Mrs S Dunkley, Mrs J Goodeve, Mrs B Haddock, Mrs S Newton, Mrs S
Rutland Barsby, Miss J Sartin Miss M Tybinka and Mrs B Wrangles

Town Clerk Mr J Whelan
Mayor's Secretary, Mrs N Smith
Customer Services, Miss J Haynes
Finance Assistant, Mrs P A Chappell
Allotments Officer, Mrs S Viitmaa
Facilities Officer, S Bray

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

Councillor Miss J Sartin moved and Councillor Mrs B Haddock seconded that:

Councillor Mrs Susan Dunkley of 14 Old Hall Street, 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 Mrs S Dunkley 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 P Ruffles proposed and Councillor Mrs Rutland Barsby seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor. A copy of Cllr Ruffles' speech forms part of the minutes – **Appendix C.**

7. **REPLY BY RETIRING MAYOR**

In reply the retiring Mayor, Councillor Dr L Radford thanked Councillors Ruffles 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 Mrs Dunkley moved and Councillor Mrs Bolton seconded that Councillor Mrs B Haddock be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

9. RESPONSE BY DEPUTY MAYOR

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

10. APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Dunkley proposed and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Haddock seconded the appointment of The Rev'd. Jo Loveridge as Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing municipal year.

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

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

12. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES FOR 2017/18

Councillor R Deering proposed and Councillor Mrs J Goodeve seconded the Appointment of Standing Committees and Sub Committees for the ensuing municipal year. This proposal was carried – **Appendix E**

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

Councillor Dr J Downs proposed and Councillor Mrs B Wrangles 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**

14. NOMINATION OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM THE MAJORITY POLITICAL GROUP

Councillor R Deering proposed and Councillor Mrs S Newton seconded the nomination of Councillor Miss J Sartin as the Deputy Leader of the Council.

15. APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Dr Radford proposed and Councillor P Boyle 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.

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

Councillor S Cousins proposed and Councillor Miss Tybinka seconded dates, times and place of meetings (subject to the requirement for any additional meetings) for the forthcoming year – **Appendix H**

17. RISING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Dunkley declared the meeting at an end.