



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 24th May 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Stephen Cross, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs C Cross, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Eddy, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr G Guest, Cllr J Holland, Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn, Cllr T Morris, Cllr N Murphy.

1. **Welcome** – The Mayor, Cllr Stephen Cross made a formal welcome
2. **Prayer** Rev Vaughan Roberts said prayers.
3. **Apologies** – it was resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs M Ashford, Mrs L Bolton and Cllr JP Bromley.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – no declarations of interest were received.
5. **Confirmation of minutes from the Council Meeting 19th April 2018** – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 19th April 2018 as a true record. The minutes were signed.
6. **To receive and adopt the minutes of the Plans Committee held on the 14th May 2018** – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Plans Committee held on the 14th May 2018 as a true record.
7. **To receive and adopt the minutes of following Committees:**

Allotments 30th April 2018

Finance and Policy 2nd May 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the committees shown a true record.

8. **Presentations.** The Mayor Cllr Stephen Cross presented a certificate and gave thanks to Air Cadet Corp Lily Owuye for her services as his cadet during his Mayoral year.

- 9. Election of Town Mayor** – Mayor Cllr S Cross invited nominations for the election for Town Mayor 2018/19 – Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn made a speech and proposed Cllr R Eddy. Cllr Mrs M-A Grainger seconded the motion and made a speech. The Mayor Cllr S Cross – called for further nominations, there were none – the motion was put to the Council for adoption which was accepted unanimously. Cllr R Eddy accepted the position of Town Mayor by making his declaration and signing the book.
- 10. Vote of thanks to retiring Town Mayor** - Mayor Cllr R Eddy presented the past Mayor badge to Cllr S Cross and invited a vote of thanks from Cllr Mrs M-A Grainger who made a formal vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor Cllr S Cross. Cllr R Edgington seconded the formal vote and the motion was unanimously accepted by all the Councillors. Cllr S Cross responded to the vote of thanks.
- 11. Presentment of consort’s badge to the Mayor’s consort** – The Mayor presented the Consort badge to his husband Mark Robertson.
- 12. Appointment of Mayor’s Chaplin** - Mayor Cllr R Eddy announced the appointment of Rev. Dr V Roberts as his Chaplin for the municipal year 2018/19.
- 13. Appointment of Mayor’s Cadet** - Mayor Cllr R Eddy announced the appointment of Army Cadet Lucy Eadon as his cadet for the municipal year 2018/19.
- 14. Election of Deputy Town Mayor** - Mayor Cllr R Eddy invited nominations for Deputy Mayor. Cllr R Edgington proposed the election of Cllr N Murphy and Cllr J Holland seconded the motion, the Councillors unanimously agreed. Cllr N Murphy accepted the role of Deputy Town Mayor by making his declaration and signing the book.
- 15. Appointment of Petty Officers** - Mayor Cllr R Eddy asked the Town Clerk for the names of the Petty Officers for the municipal year 2018/19. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Sergeant of Mace would remain as Terry Gardener, Deputy Sergeant of Mace William Spraggett and the Town Crier/Beadle would be Michael Reddy.
- 16. To confirm the membership of committees – report attached** - Mayor Cllr R Eddy asked the Councillors to confirm acceptance of committee members. The Councillors unanimously agreed with the committees proposed.
- 17. To confirm that a special meeting of the Council will be held at 6.30pm on the 21st June 2018 to consider the End of Year Accounts for 2016/17 and Annual Return for submission to Grant Thornton Auditors.** Mayor Cllr R Eddy advised Councillors that the Special Meeting was to be held on the 21st June and requested attendance.

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