

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Incorporating Mayormaking

Monday 9th May 2016

Present: Cllr D. Bain (Chairman), Cllr P. Allen, Cllr C. Blake, Cllr J. Burrows, Cllr P. Conquest, Cllr J. Hart, Cllr S. McMurray, Cllr L. Samiotis, Cllr D. Tarbun, Cllr J. Wilby

1a) Election of Town Mayor

Proposal

Cllr Hart proposed that Cllr D. Tarbun be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year; seconded by Cllr J. Wilby; all in favour

1b) Election of Deputy Mayor

Proposal

Cllr Allen proposed that Cllr S. McMurray be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year; seconded by Cllr Samiotis; all in favour

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr R. Dallyn, Cllr J. Godwin, Cllr M. Johns
Cllr Lofts had informed the Clerk that he would be arriving late to the meeting.

3a) Town Mayor's Review of his Term of Office

Cllr Bain began his Review of his Term of Office by saying it had been a very interesting and hugely enjoyable year. He praised his fellow Town Councillors for their commitment to the town and thanked the Clerk and her Assistant for their patience and guidance throughout the year, adding that the new Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be in safe hands.

Cllr Bain confirmed that, as Mayor, he has gained a closer understanding of how the Town Council interacts with the local community; and that although in the grand scheme of all things political the TC has a small voice, he considers it an important voice that will grow as the town grows.

He concluded by thanking his wife, Lindsey, for her support and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

3b) Presentation of Cheques to the Mayor's Charities

Cllr Bain presented a cheque to the value of £1,000 to both Mrs Barbara Parfitt of Towcester Foodbank and Mr Mark Mickley of Towcester Town Football Club.

Cllr Lynch proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Cllr David Bain for the able and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of Town Mayor for the past year.

Cllr Bain transferred the chain of Office to the newly elected Town Mayor.

The Town Clerk administered the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to Cllr David Tarbun in the following terms:-

"I, David Tarbun, having been elected to this office of Town Mayor for the town of Towcester, declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability. I undertake to observe the Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct."

D. Tarbun
16/05/2016

The Town Mayor rose to deliver his Mayoral address. He thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him as Mayor and said he considers it an honour to represent Towcester in this capacity. He and the new Mayoress, Catharine, are looking forward to attending as many events as they can to support local groups, particularly family events where they can be accompanied by their two young daughters. He reminded those present that his Town Mayor's Charity Quiz Night will be held in the Town Hall on 10th June; he is also creating a Towcester Cook Book which will be published before Christmas; recipe contributions for this will be very gratefully received. His chosen charities for the coming year are Northampton General Hospital's MacMillan Nurses, Towcester Scouts and Dogs for Good. He thanked the Town Clerk and her Assistant for organising the Mayor Making event and Cllr Jacqueline Hart for preparing the flower arrangements for the tables.

He concluded by thanking his wife, Catharine, for her support in this increasingly busy time and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Sharon McMurray, was invited to proceed to the platform to sign the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and receive her Chain of Office.

4. To Record a Vote of Thanks to Officers and Servants of the Council

Cllr Allen thanked the Town Hall and Towcester Community Centre Caretakers and Cleaners, Miss Suzanne Kempton, Mr John Wootton and Mrs Anita Wootton for their hard work over the past year and also the Town Council's small team of Litter Pickers, Mr Larry Davies and Mrs Lynn Davies, Mr Peter Smith and Mrs Kay Iqbal.

He thanked all of the volunteer deliverers of the Town Crier magazine and Towcester Neighbourhood Watch for managing the Council's vehicle activated speed sign and co-ordinating the Speedwatch scheme.

Cllr Allen concluded by thanking the Town Clerk's Assistant, Melissa and finally the Town Clerk for their hard work and dedication to the role. He said the work of the Town Council staff is often not recognised nor appreciated but people would certainly notice if it were to cease.

5. To Fix the Dates and Times of Meetings for the Ensuing Year

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates and times had been forwarded to all members of the Town Council prior to the meeting.

Proposal

Cllr Bain proposed that the dates and times of the meetings for the ensuing year be fixed in accordance with the schedule circulated;

seconded by Cllr Burrows; all in favour

6. To Elect the Standing Committees

A list of the proposed Standing Committees had been forwarded to all members of the Town Council prior to the meeting.

Proposal

Cllr Hart proposed that the Standing Committees be elected in accordance with the list circulated;

seconded by Cllr Blake; all in favour

7. Adoption of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessments

Proposal

Cllr Lynch proposed that the Town Council's current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessments, as circulated, be adopted;

seconded by Cllr Conquest; all in favour

8. Closure of the Meeting

The Town Mayor announced that in the absence of any further business, the Annual Meeting of the Town Council was closed, and invited all those present to join him for refreshments.

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16/05/2016