
ANNUAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham ME13 7RH on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 from 7.00pm - 7.50 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart, Bobbin, Andy Booth, Tina Booth, Lloyd Bowen, Bowles, Derek Conway, Mike Cosgrove, Adrian Crowther, Mike Dendor, Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Paul Fleming, Mick Galvin, Sue Gent, Nicholas Hampshire, Harrison, Alan Horton, James Hunt, Lesley Ingham (Mayor), Ken Ingleton, Nigel Kay, Samuel Koffie-Williams, Gerry Lewin, Prescott (Deputy Mayor), David Simmons, Ben Stokes, Roger Truelove, Anita Walker, Ted Wilcox and John Wright.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Philippa Davies, Heather Elliott, Abdool Kara, Chris Lovelock and Jo Millard.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Sarah Aldridge, Monique Bonney, Katy Coleman, Mark Ellen, Mike Henderson, Bryan Mulhern, Ken Pugh, George Samuel, Ghlin Whelan and Mike Whiting.

662 PRAYERS

The Retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Simon Rowlands, opened the meeting with a prayer.

663 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

The retiring Mayor advised that the decision to appoint a Mayor elect was taken at the Council meeting on 17 February 2016, where it was resolved that Councillor Lesley Ingham be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2016/17.

Councillor Ben Stokes gave a speech to support the decision to elect Councillor Lesley Ingham as Mayor, and Councillor Sue Gent spoke to endorse the decision.

The Mayor read out and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and announced that Miss Ashlee Brawn would be her Mayoress for the Mayoral year. Councillor Ingham and Miss Brawn were presented with their badge of office and flowers.

Resolved:

- (1) ***That the decision made at the Council meeting on 17 February 2016 to elect Councillor Lesley Ingham as Mayor for the Civic Year 2016/17 be endorsed.***

664 THE FORTHCOMING MAYORAL YEAR

The Mayor thanked Members for her election and outlined her chosen charities for the forthcoming Mayoral year. She advised that she would be raising funds for SSAFA, a charity that provided welfare and support for families in the armed forces;

and Perthes Disease, a childhood hip disorder. The Mayor spoke of how much she was looking forward to her Mayoral year.

665 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Bowles proposed and Councillor Gerry Lewin seconded a vote of thanks to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Anita Walker, for her work as Mayor throughout the Civic Year 2015/16.

Councillor Anita Walker thanked those that had helped her during her year in office, and gave particular thanks to her retiring Mayoress, the incoming Mayor, the Civic Attendant, and the Mayor's Personal Assistant. She advised that she had attended over 270 engagements, and her visit to the Royal Garden Party where she met with the Queen and other members of the Royal family was especially memorable. She had also enjoyed her visits to local schools, particularly over the Christmas period. Councillor Anita Walker then presented her retiring Cadet, Able Cadet Jamie Brown from the Sheppey Sea Cadets, with a certificate and gift, and gave gifts to Reverend Simon Rowlands, the Mayor's PA, the Civic Attendant, the outgoing Mayoress, and the incoming Mayor.

The Mayor presented Councillor Walker with a civic shield and scroll, a past Mayor's badge and flowers, and also presented flowers to Mrs Sylvia Lawrence.

666 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor advised that the decision to appoint a Deputy Mayor elect was taken at the Council meeting on 17 February 2016 where it had been resolved to appoint Councillor Prescott as Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2016/17.

Councillor Andy Booth gave a speech to support the decision to elect Councillor Prescott as Deputy Mayor. The Mayor spoke to endorse the decision.

The Deputy Mayor read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and was presented with his badge of office. Mrs Pamela Prescott, Deputy Mayoress, was presented with her badge of office and flowers.

Resolved:

- (1) That the decision made at the Council meeting on 17 February 2016 to elect Councillor Prescott as Deputy Mayor for the 2016/17 Civic Year be endorsed.***

667 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor announced the appointment of Corporal Lauren Kingsnorth from Sheppey Squadron Air Training Corps as her Cadet for the forthcoming Civic Year, and presented Corporal Kingsnorth with her Cadet badge.

668 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor announced that she would be appointing Reverend Canon Frank Moran from St. Henry & St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Sheerness, as her Chaplain for the forthcoming Civic Year.

669 CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Reverend Canon Frank Moran concluded the evening with prayers.

The Mayor reminded Members that the second part of the Annual Council would be held the following evening, starting at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Swale House, Sittingbourne. She invited Members and guests to join her for light refreshments.

Chairman

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