



Minutes of a meeting of the Annual Town Council held on 18 May 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors M Russell (Mayor), C Turner (Deputy Mayor), D Budd, K Critchley, B Dean, B Ezzard, H Goodinge, Z Gover, K Green, V Green, M Humphries, S Kemp, L Kirk, D Robinson.

Officers present: N Gray, Town Clerk & RFO

The Mayor welcomed everyone and invited Reverend Canon Simon Everett to say a prayer before the meeting commenced.

TC 001/23 Election of the Town Mayor for 2023/2024

Cllr Turner was proposed by Cllr Gover and seconded by Cllr Kemp. Cllr Turner accepted the proposal and was unanimously voted as Town Mayor for 2023/24.

Cllr Russell provided a summary of his year as Mayor and the events he had attended, as well as presenting a cheque to the Alison Campbell Trust for the last tranche of fundraising he had achieved as Mayor.

The formal exchanging of robes took place and Cllr Turner took her position as Mayor.

TC 002/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cotton and Cllr Cleaton

TC 003/23 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to the business of the meeting, or any dispensation requests from the Clerk.

TC 004/23 Mayor 2022/23 vote of thanks and response

Cllr Turner thanked Cllr Russell for his service over the previous year and presented the past Mayor's badge, along with flowers and thanks to his escort Cllr Kemp.

TC 005/23 Mayors Announcements

Cllr Turner confirmed her escort as Mr M Turner and presented the Mayor's Escort badge accordingly.

Cllr Turner confirmed her appointment of officials as:

- Town Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend Canon Simon Everett
- Sergeant at Mace – Nigel Spiller
- Mayor's Constables – Dave Reeves and Tony Ball
- Town Crier – Jacquie Hall
- Mayor's Guide – Miss Lily Barber
- Mayor's Scout – Master Zachary Burbidge
- Mayor's Air Training Cadet – Cadet Harry Clarke

TC 006/23 Election of Deputy Town Mayor 2023/2024

Cllr Cotton was proposed by Cllr Gover and seconded by Cllr Kemp in her absence and was unanimously voted as Deputy Town Mayor. Cllr Turner confirmed the

respective regalia would be passed to Cllr Cotton at the beginning of the next meeting.

TC 007/23 Town Clerk to confirm possession of regalia, deeds, and trust investments in custody of the Council and to confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks

The Town Clerk made the declaration to Council confirming regalia, deeds, investments, and insurance cover were all in place.

TC 008/23 Resolution to adjourn the meeting, to be resumed on 30 May 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town hall, East Street, Wareham.

Cllr Turner adjourned the meeting to enable the Mayor's reception to take place and the meeting would reconvene on 30 May 2023 at 7pm to conclude the Annual Town Council business.

Mayor..... Date.....