

Present: Councillor S Abey
Councillor K Arlett
Councillor J Brookes
Councillor Ms H Chandler-Wilde
Councillor D Eggleton
Councillor Miss S Evans
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor W Hamilton
Councillor Miss LM Hillier
Councillor Miss K Hinton
Councillor G Lambert
Councillor Sarah Miller
Councillor D Nimmo-Smith
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor Mrs J Smewing
Councillor S Smith

In Attendance: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk
Pastor Roger Cole
Mr C Austin – Town Sergeant
Mrs L Wisely – PA to the Mayor

Also Present: 3 Members of the press
Approximately 200 Members of the Public

The Processional Party headed by the Mace Bearer, retiring Mayor Councillor J Brookes, retiring Deputy Mayor Councillor W Hamilton, Town Clerk and Mayor's Chaplain entered the meeting.

Pastor Roger Cole opened the proceedings with prayers.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2017 – 2018

Councillor I Reissmann proposed and Councillor D Eggleton seconded

that Councillor Miss K Hinton be elected Mayor of this town for the ensuing year.

Councillor D Nimmo Smith proposed and Councillor Miss S Evans seconded

that Councillor Will Hamilton be elected Mayor of this town for the ensuing year

There being no further nominations, the motion was put to the vote.

It was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor Miss K Hinton would be elected Mayor for the Municipal year 2017-2018.

2. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Miss K Hinton made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Mayoral Chain and gave a speech of thanks.

3. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

A vote of thanks to Councillor J Brookes was proposed by Councillor D Nimmo Smith and seconded by Councillor Ms H Chandler-Wilde.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the Council's thanks and appreciation to Councillor J Brookes be recorded in the Minutes.

4. **MAYOR'S RELIEF AND CONVALESCENT FUND**

Councillor J Brookes responded to the Council's expression of thanks and presented his relief and Convalescent Fund report.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the report be received, approved and adopted

Councillor J Brookes gave his thanks to his Mayor's Cadet Josie Day who was unable to be present at the meeting.

Mrs Gabriele Brookes presented the new Mayors Escort, Councillor D Eggleton, with the Badge of Office for Mayor's Escort.

5. **APOLOGIES**

None received.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor S Gawrysiak proposed and Councillor Sarah Miller seconded

that Councillor Miss L M Hillier be appointed Deputy Mayor of this town for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, the motion was put.

It was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor Miss L M Hillier be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

The Mayor, Councillor Miss K Hinton invested Councillor Miss L M Hillier with the Chain of Office for Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Miss L M Hillier gave a speech of thanks.

Miss Joanne Cope invested Mrs Susan George with the Badge of Office for the Deputy Mayoress.

7. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councillor I Reissmann proposed and Councillor K Arlett seconded the appointment of the Standing Committees, their membership, and the Terms of Reference thereof for the Municipal year 2017 – 2018.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the appointment of the Standing Committees and the Membership and Terms of Reference be adopted (paper attached).

In light of the recent By Election, it was agreed that membership of the standing committees could be reviewed at the next Full Council Meeting on 13th June 2017. The Standing Committee membership would continue as per today's vote until this time.

8. OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor S Gawrysiak proposed and Councillor Mrs J Smewing seconded the deferral of appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies for the Municipal year 2017-2018 until 13 June 2017 at the next full council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies be deferred until 13 June 2017 at the next Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm

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Mayor