



# ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

**The Annual Meeting of the Alcester Town Council was held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at The Alcester War Memorial Town Hall, Alcester**

The Outgoing Mayor, Cllr Yvette Morrison, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the many representatives from surrounding Councils and local organisations for coming to the Alcester Town Council Mayor Making.

There was a moment of reflection held in memory of Mrs Elle Neal-Sturgess, wife of Cllr Neal-Sturgess and former Mayor's Consort who had passed away during the previous week.

Cllr Morrison reported that during her mayoral year, she had raised £2500 and this would be divided equally between her two charities. She presented cheques of £1250 to both the Lily Mae Foundation and Stratford Hospital League of Friends.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

### **Present**

Councillors Mrs Y Morrison, A Foster, J Kenyon, M Cargill, C Neal-Sturgess, J Bunting, E Payne, Mrs A Brown, Mrs G Forman, C Gough, K Greenaway, Mrs J Styles, M Gittus, Mrs K Cargill and T Forman.

### **1. Election of Mayor**

Cllr Morrison asked for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr Andrew Foster was proposed by Cllr Morrison and seconded by Cllr E Payne. No further nominations were received and Cllr Foster was elected unanimously as the Mayor.

### **2. Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Foster read and signed the acceptance of office as Mayor which was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

Cllr Morrison presented Cllr Foster with the chain of office.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Morrison and said that it was an honour to be elected Mayor of Alcester. He announced that his charity for 2018-19 would be Warwickshire Young Carers.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Brannigan.

### **4. Presentation of Consorts Chain**

The Past Mayor's Consort Mr Paul Morrison presented the consort's chain to Mrs Kathrin Foster.

### **5. Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor asked for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Gillian Forman was proposed by the Mayor which was seconded by Cllr M Cargill. No other nominations were received and Cllr G Forman was elected Deputy Mayor unanimously.

## **6. Acceptance of Office**

Cllr G Forman read and signed the acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor which was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Mayor presented Cllr G Forman with the chain of office.

Cllr Forman thanked her fellow Councillors and said that she was very proud to be elected as Deputy Mayor and would do her best to support the Mayor during the year.

## **7. Presentation of Consorts Chain**

The Mayor's Consort, Mrs Kathrin Foster, presented the Deputy Mayor's Consort's chain to Mr Tim Forman.

## **8. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

The Mayor gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Morrison, noting the many events where she had represented the town so well and for the considerable efforts she had made in raising money for her charities. He also thanked her Consort and daughter for their support over the year. Cllr Morrison, working with the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe, had overseen a number of improvements that had been implemented at the Council during the year. The year had also been notable for the receipt of the award of "Partner of the Year" from Fields in Trust.

## **9. Reply by Retiring Mayor**

Cllr Morrison thanked the Mayor for his kind words. She said that she had enjoyed her year as Mayor particularly meeting so many people at events in Alcester and elsewhere. She thanked the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe for all her support throughout the year. She also thanked the Assistant Town Clerk and Mayor's Secretary, Sarah Duran for her help and assistance. She also thanked Cllr Sue Adams, her fellow councillors and all the volunteers who work so hard in Alcester. Finally, she thanked her family for their support.

## **10. Presentation of Past Mayor's Badge**

The Mayor presented the Past Mayor, Cllr Morrison, with an Alcester Town Council Mayor's Badge.

## **11. Presentation of grants**

The Mayor read out the list of Section 137 Grants awarded to local organisations for the year 2018-19 totalling £10,000.

The amounts awarded: Citizen's Advice South Warwickshire £700, Alcester Royal British Legion £450, Heart of England Town Criers Competition £400, Alcester War Memorial Town Hall £1700, Alcester Victoria Silver Band £500, Elderberries £200, Alcester Town FC £500, Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church Hall £500, Alcester First Responders £1000, Chocolate Run £250, Alcester Christmas Lights (ABLE) £500, Alcester Guide and Scout Centre £500, Malt Mill Lane Residents Association £350, Alcester Male Voice Choir £500, Oversley Green Residents Association £200, Alcester in Bloom £1500, Alcester Community Allotment £250.

**The Remaining items on the agenda were deferred to a meeting of the Council to be held the following week at the discretion of the Mayor**  
**CLOSE**

The Mayor thanked visitors for attending and then invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

The next full meeting of Alcester Town Council is to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Globe House.