



# ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

## **The Annual Meeting of the Alcester Town Council was held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7 May 2013 at Globe House, Alcester**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Residents were invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the outgoing Mayor, before the start of the Annual Town Council meeting. Mrs Pat Hill congratulated Cllr Cumberbatch on his achievements and raised concerns over the road signage towards the Waitrose car park stated a free car park and stated clarification that this was a controlled time car park to avoid future problems for visitors as was experienced last year with the food festival. The Clerk is to investigate.

### **Present**

The Clerk recorded the councillors present to ensure a quorum was met; these were Lennox Cumberbatch (Mayor), M Cargill (Deputy Mayor), Mrs S Adams, C Gough, Mrs Y Hine, J Kenyon, J Bunting, E Payne, S Payne, M Gittus, C Neal-Sturgess, Mrs N Knapman, Mrs J Styles, Mrs A Brown, Mr C Wright (Clerk), Representatives from local Parish Councils, Alcester Court Leet, Alcester Town Hall, Warwick District Council and Stratford on Avon District Council were also present.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Steve Payne to his first meeting, who was asked to read and sign the declaration as his acceptance to act as a co-opted member of Alcester Town Council.

### **Election of Mayor - 01/13ATCAM**

The clerk asked for nominations for the role of Mayor.

Councillor Cargill was proposed by Councillor Lennox Cumberbatch and seconded by Councillor Chris Gough. No further nominations were received and Councillor Cargill was elected. Cllr Cargill mentioned his family links with respect to the council. He thanked the outgoing Mayor stating he will be a hard act to follow. This year would be a challenge, having just started a new job and realising 25 years being married. He was though keen to keep the improvements to the town going and was looking forward to working with the other councillors and the clerk and that this role means a lot to him.

### **Acceptance of Office – 02/13ATCAM**

Councillor Mark Cargill declared his acceptance of office as Mayor and was presented with the chain of office by the Outgoing Mayor

### **Apologies – 03/13ATCAM**

The Clerk had received apologies with reasons from Cllr Mrs Y Morrison and Cllr P Carr.

### **Presentation of Consorts Chain – 04/13ATCAM**

The Mayor presented the consort's chain to Mrs Kathryn Cargill.

### **Election of Deputy Mayor – 05/13ATCAM**

The Mayor asked for nominations for the role of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Yvonne Hine was proposed by Councillor Cargill and seconded by Councillor Alison Brown. The Mayor asked for further nominations; none were received and Cllr Hine was elected Deputy Mayor.

**Acceptance of Office – 06/13ATCAM**

Councillor Yvonne Hine declared her acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with the chain of office by the Mayor.

**Presentation of Consorts Chain – 07/13ATCAM**

The Mayor presented the Deputy Mayor's consort's chain to Mr Stephen Hine.

**Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor – 08/13ATCAM**

Councillor Mike Gittus gave the vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor and Consort saying his calm but persuasive manner had been a very good guiding spirit to the Council. In the role of Mayor both he and Cath had been remarkable ambassadors for the town and had taken on the ceremonial role with fervour and spirit and ever since he had taken the role of High Bailiff, before he even joined the Town Council, he has done a remarkable amount of work for the Town.

**Reply by Retiring Mayor – 09/13ATCAM**

Councillor Lennox Cumberbatch thanked Cllr Gittus and congratulated him on retaining his position as Warwickshire County Councillor. He also referred to Cllr Steve Payne as the new Councillor. He went on to give a report on his last year in office, which had seen him attending several Civic Dinners, Church Services and Coffee Mornings as well as dealing with a number of issues affecting residents, but as a non party political Council he had enjoyed working with a number of other Alcester Organisations and was pleased that all Town Councillors had worked together in getting things done, and despite claims by other councils in the media Alcester was a well run organisation and not in financial difficulties. And over the last two years we had achieved so much with the Football Club's ground, Jubilee Centre and Fields in Trust, which couldn't have been achieved without help and he singled out Cllr John Bunting, Eric Payne and Susan Adams for special mention. He also mentioned the Big Tank, the Olympic Torch, the Support from the Local Police, the Alcester Olympic Games, for which he thanked the good work done by Di Gittus, and the opening of the Alcester Health Centre, which had been a privilege for him to be asked to open. He continued that there is still a central problem which still needs to be solved, however he said 'As mayor success can only be judged by others, the new Mayor still has challenges, but we are here because we think we can make a difference'.

**Presentation of Past Mayor's Badge – 10/13ATCAM**

The Mayor, Cllr Cargill, Presented Cllr Cumberbatch with an Alcester Town Council Past Mayors Badge.

**Presentation of Grants – 11/13ATCAM**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**Minutes of previous meetings 2/4/13 – 12/13ATCAM**

The Approval of Minutes was deferred to the next meeting..

**Declarations of Interest – 13/13ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Reports from Town Council Committees – 14/13ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Town Council Led Committees/Steering Groups – 15/13ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting

**Review of terms of reference – 16/13ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Review of Town Council Policies for the year 2013-4 – 17/03ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Reports from Town Council Representatives – 18/13ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

**Town Council Representatives – 19/13ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

**.Other Community Led Committees – 2013ATCAM**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

**.Close – 2113ATCAM**

The Mayor thanked visitors for attending and then invited everyone to resume in reception for refreshments.