



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 Mark Cargill 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.

Mr Stuart Weaver asked a question relating to the 4.7% increase in the Town Council Precept and whether the Town Council could confirm there would be no increase next year. The Mayor responded there had not been an increase for three years and there were valid reasons for the increase, which were explained. He also stated the Council could not commit itself on future precepts which will be decided later in the year.

District Councillor Susan Juned raised the issue of our Neighbourhood Plan consultation with residents. Cllr Neal-Sturgess responded to say that a programme of visits to local Parish Councils was being organised which would be followed by a Road Show operating in various areas of the Town and in the local Parishes to bring the principle of the Alcester Neighbourhood Plan to them.

Present

The Clerk recorded the councillors present to ensure a quorum was met; these were M Cargill (Mayor), Mrs Y Hine (Deputy Mayor), Mrs S Adams, C Gough, J Kenyon, J Bunting, E Payne, S Payne, M Gittus, C Neal-Sturgess, Mrs Y Morrison, L Cumberbatch, Mrs J Styles, Cllr C Brannigan, 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.

Election of Mayor - 140501ATCAM

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for the role of Mayor.

Councillor Hine was proposed by Councillor Cargill and seconded by Councillor Morrison. No further nominations were received and Councillor Hine was elected by a unanimous show of Hands.

Acceptance of Office –140502ATCAM

Councillor Hine declared her acceptance of office as Mayor and was presented with the chain of office by the Outgoing Mayor. Cllr Hine made a short speech

Apologies – 140503ATCAM

The Clerk had received apology with reasons from Cllr Mrs N Knapman.

Presentation of Consorts Chain – 140504ATCAM

The Past Mayors Consort Mrs Kathryn Cargill presented the consort's chain to Mr Stephen Hine.

Election of Deputy Mayor – 140505ATCAM

The Mayor asked for nominations for the role of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Clive Neal-Sturgess was proposed by Councillor Jim Kenyon which was seconded by

Councillor Lennox Cumberbatch. The Mayor asked for further nominations; none were received and Cllr Neal-Sturgess was elected Deputy Mayor by a unanimous show of hands.

Acceptance of Office – 140506ATCAM

Councillor Neal-Sturgess declared his acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with the chain of office by the Mayor.

Presentation of Consorts Chain –140507ATCAM

The Mayor's consort presented the Deputy Mayor's consort's chain to Mrs Elle Neale Sturgess.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor – 140508ATCAM

Councillor Cumberbatch gave a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor and Consort, relating in particular to Mark's Family Connections with this Council in the past.

Reply by Retiring Mayor – 140509ATCAM

Councillor Mark Cargill thanked Cllr Cumberbatch and went on to give a report on his last year in office and thanks to the Council Officers and his fellow councillors for the support he had enjoyed over the last year.

Presentation of Past Mayor's Badge – 140510ATCAM

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

Presentation of Grants – 140511ATCAM

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Minutes of previous meetings 2/4/13 – 140512ATCAM

The Approval of Minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Declarations of Interest – 140513ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Reports from Town Council Committees – 140514ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Town Council Led Committees/Steering Groups –140515ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting

Review of terms of reference – 1614ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Review of Town Council Policies for the year 2013-4 – 140517ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Reports from Town Council Representatives – 140518ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Other Community Led Committees – 140520ATCAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Close – 140521ATCAM

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

The Town Clerk asked if anyone wished to comment further and two invited Dignitaries congratulated Cllr Hine and welcomed her to the 'Chain Gang'.