



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Alcester Town Council was held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at The Alcester War Memorial Town Hall, Alcester

The Outgoing Mayor, Professor Cllr Chris Brannigan, 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Present

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

1. Election of Mayor

Cllr C Brannigan asked for nominations for the role of Mayor.

Cllr Mrs Yvette Morrison was proposed by Cllr Brannigan and seconded by Cllr M Cargill. No further nominations were received and Cllr Morrison was elected unanimously as the Mayor.

2. Acceptance of Office

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

Cllr Brannigan presented Cllr Morrison with the chain of office.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Neal-Sturgess.

4. Presentation of Consorts Chain

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

5. Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the role of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Andrew Foster was proposed by the Mayor which was seconded by Cllr Gough. No other nominations were received and Cllr Foster was elected Deputy Mayor unanimously.

On behalf of the residents of Alcester, Cllr Gough thanked all those who had held the office of Mayor in the past for their service to the town.

6. Acceptance of Office

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

The Mayor presented Cllr Foster with the chain of office.

7. Presentation of Consorts Chain

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

8. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

The Mayor gave a vote of thanks to Cllr and Mrs Brannigan, noting the many events where they had represented the town so well and in particular for successfully steering the Council through the transition period following the retirement of the former Clerk, Chris Wright.

9. Reply by Retiring Mayor

Cllr Brannigan thanked the Mayor for her kind words. He stated that he had enjoyed meeting so many Alcester residents during his year of office. He had also particularly enjoyed meeting the Mayors of other local towns and attending their various events. He thanked the Town, District and County Councillors for helping him to try and maintain the quality of life in Alcester. He gave particular thanks to his predecessor as Mayor, Cllr Neal-Sturgess and sent his best wishes to him and his wife Elle at a difficult time. Cllr Brannigan reminded everyone of the sad loss of Cllr Lennox Cumberbatch in December 2016 and noted that one of Cllr Cumberbatch's final acts as a Councillor was to support the appointment of Vanessa Lowe as the new Town Clerk. Cllr Brannigan thanked Vanessa Lowe for her efforts so far in her new role.

10. Presentation of Past Mayor's Badge

The Mayor presented the Past Mayor, Cllr Brannigan, 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 2017-18 totalling £9070.

The amounts awarded: Alcester Town FC £500. Elderberries £400. Alcester Company of Archers £750. Own Books £300. Alcester Vallet Twinning Association £350. Alcester Male Voice Choir £1000. Oversley Green Residents Association £250. Alcester in Bloom £2000. Alcester Victoria Silver Band £500. Alcester Guide and Scout Centre £500. Alcester Christmas Lights (ABLE) £520. Alcester War Memorial Town Hall £700. Raceways £300.

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

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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 9th May 2017 at Globe House.