



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Alcester Town Council was held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at The Alcester War Memorial Town Hall, Alcester

The Outgoing Mayor, Cllr Andrew Foster, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the eight retiring Town Councillors for their service to the town and welcomed the five new Councillors. He presented Town Council badges to the new Councillors.

Cllr Foster reported that during his mayoral year, he had raised £3091.35 for Warwickshire Young Carers. He hoped that he had also raised awareness of the valuable work of this charity. He reported that the funds raised would be used to provide residential holidays for young carers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Present

Councillors A Foster, G Forman, M Cargill, C Neal-Sturgess, K Cargill, T Forman, K Greenaway, K Forbes, E Wilson, M Hempell, L Pusey, M Bowe and E Randle.

1. Election of Mayor

Cllr Foster confirmed that, in accordance with Standing Order 5e, Cllr Gill Forman was automatically elected as Mayor for the year 2019-2020 by virtue of her role as Deputy Mayor for the year 2018-2019.

2. Acceptance of Office

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

Cllr Foster presented Cllr G Forman with the chain of office.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Foster and said that it was an honour to be elected as Mayor of Alcester.

3. Apologies

The Town Clerk read a list of apologies received from invited guests. There were no apologies from Town Councillors as all were present.

4. Presentation of Consorts Chain

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

5. Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor reported that in accordance with Standing Order 5e, only one nomination had been received by the Town Clerk for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Kathryn Cargill was therefore elected as Deputy Mayor for the year 2019-2020.

6. Acceptance of Office

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

The Mayor presented Cllr K Cargill with the chain of office.

Cllr K Cargill said that she was delighted to be elected as Deputy Mayor and would work hard to support the Mayor during the year.

7. Presentation of Consorts Chain

The Mayor's Consort, Mr Tim Forman, presented the Deputy Mayor's Consort's chain to Mr Mark Cargill.

8. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

The Mayor gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Foster, noting the many events where he had so ably represented the town with his Consort. She congratulated him on raising such a significant sum of money for Warwickshire Young Carers.

9. Reply by Retiring Mayor

Cllr Foster thanked the Mayor for her kind words. He said that he had been very proud to be the Mayor of Alcester and had enjoyed his year in office. He thanked the other civic dignitaries for their company at events throughout the year. He also thanked the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe and the Assistant Town Clerk, Sarah Duran for all their help and assistance. Finally, he thanked his wife, Kathrin and his children for their support.

10. Presentation of Past Mayor's Badge

The Mayor presented the Past Mayor, Cllr Foster, 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 2019-2020 totalling £10,310.

The amounts awarded: Arrow Action Group £500; Alcester in Bloom £1500; Malt Mill Lane Residents Association £400; St Nicholas Church Alcester PCC (for Benefaction Board) £750; Alcester Male Voice Choir £1000; Run Alcester £600; Alcester First Responders £460; Alcester Town Football Club £1000; Alcester Christmas Lights (ABLE) £450; Citizen's Advice South Warwickshire £750, Alcester Heartsafe £250; Bowmen of Alcester £300; Heart of England Town Criers Competition £400; Alcester War Memorial Town Hall £1000; Opera Experience CIC £250; Girlguiding Alcester & Avon Villages District £700.

12. Mayoral Charities for 2019-2020

The Mayor announced that her charities would be Alcester and District First Responders and Ekica, which runs an orphanage in Tanzania. A brief presentation was made by representatives from both charities.

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

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 14th May 2019 at Globe House.