

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT ALL SAINTS ACADEMY, HOUGHTON ROAD, DUNSTABLE

ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019

Present: Mr John Kane (Retiring Town Mayor); Mr Nigel Warren (Retiring Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors Sid Abbott, Wendy Bater, Lisa Bird, Matthew Brennan, Mark Cant, Alan Corkhill, Philip Crawley Greg George, Pamela Ghent, John Gurney, Kenson Gurney, Peter Hollick, Liz Jones, Gloria Martin, Cameron Restall, Lee Roberts, Gladys Sanders and Johnson Tamara with David Ashlee (Town Clerk and Chief Executive)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Lee Roberts

Before the commencement of the meeting Dr Johan Schoeman led the Council in prayer.

71 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Martin and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Sid Abbott be and is hereby elected Town Mayor of Dunstable for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The newly elected Town Mayor thereupon made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and addressed the Council. He would announce his chosen charities for the year shortly.

72 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS

There were no specific declarations of interest.

73 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Hollick, seconded by Councillor Bird, and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Liz Jones be and is hereby elected Deputy Town Mayor of Dunstable for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The newly appointed Deputy Town Mayor thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

74 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor was pleased to report Dr Johan Schoeman of the Priory Church of St Peter had agreed to be the Town Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

75 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: that the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year 2019/2020:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Bater, Brennan, Cant, Corkhill, Crawley, J Gurney, K Gurney, Hollick, Martin, Restall, Roberts and Tamara

Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Bird, Brennan, Cant, Corkhill, Crawley, George, Ghent, K Gurney, Sanders and Tamara

Community Services Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Bater, Bird, George, Ghent, J Gurney, Hollick, Martin, Restall, Roberts and Sanders

Dunstable Joint Committee

Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Chairmen of three Standing Committees and Councillor Bird
(Named substitutes: Vice-Chairmen of the three Standing Committees)

Personnel Sub-Committee

Councillors Abbott, Bird, Brennan, J Gurney, Hollick, Jones and Martin

Accounts Sub-Committee

Councillors Bater, Corkhill, Hollick and Roberts

Plans Sub-Committee

Councillors Cant, Corkhill, Crawley, George, J Gurney, Jones and Restall

Appeals and Appointments Committee

Town Mayor and Chairmen of the three Standing Committees and Vice-Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee

76 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 April 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

77 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, ETC

It was moved by Councillor Corkhill, seconded by Councillor Restall, and

RESOLVED: that the representatives to serve on outside organisations be as follows:

Body

Representative

Observer at Development Committee
(Central Beds)

Cllr Abbott (named substitute
Cllr Martin)

Dunstable International Town Twinning Assoc.

Town Mayor and Cllrs Corkhill & Hollick

South Beds Dial-a-Ride Management Cttee

Cllr Martin

CAB Management Committee

Cllr Bater

Hospice at Home Management Cttee

Cllr Jones

Dunstable District Scout Council Executive

Cllr Restall

Dunstable Town Band

Cllr Martin

Ashton Almshouses Charity

Cllrs Corkhill and Hollick (4 year term of
office until May 2023)

78 REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The Town Mayor reported that whilst Central Bedfordshire Council's Returning Officer had not yet produced his report, the election results had been publicised on both the Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council's websites. He confirmed that all Dunstable Town Council members had made the Statutory Declaration of the Acceptance of their Office, which had been verified by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

79 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Town Mayor advised that at the meeting of the Council in February 2019 it had been resolved that the Council had evidenced that it met the required eligibility criteria and had adopted the general Power of Competence. This eligibility had to be reaffirmed at this Annual Council Meeting, and then every four years at the same meeting thereafter.

RESOLVED: that, in having evidenced that it meets the required eligibility criteria, the Council adopts the General Power of Competence.

80 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – DISPENSATION

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Colbourne, and

RESOLVED: i) that the Council grants all members a dispensation from any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) relating to decision making when setting the annual revenue and capital budget and associated precept and council tax charge

ii) that the Council grants all Councillors who are also Central Bedfordshire Councillors a dispensation from any DPI relating to decision making on matters that are associated with Central Bedfordshire Council.