

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**HELD AT CREASEY PARK COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE, DUNSTABLE ALL SAINTS
ACADEMY, HOUGHTON ROAD, DUNSTABLE**

ON MONDAY 17 MAY 2021

Present: Mr Peter Hollick (Retiring Town Mayor); Gloria Martin (Retiring Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors Sid Abbott, Wendy Bater, Lisa Bird, Mark Cant, Philip Crawley, Greg George, Pamela Ghent, Kenson Gurney, Liz Jones, Lee Roberts, and Johnson Tamara with David Ashlee (Town Clerk and Chief Executive)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Matt Brennan, Alan Corkhill, John Gurney, Gladys Sanders, and Cameron Restall

Before the commencement of the meeting Rev Rachel Phillips led the Council in prayer.

74 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Abbott, seconded by Councillor George and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Gloria Martin 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 made a short address to the Council.

75 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS

There were no specific declarations of interest.

76 VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Ghent and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter Hollick be in receipt of the sincere thanks of the Council for the courteous, efficient, and admirable manner in which he has discharged the important and exacting duties of the Office of Town Mayor of Dunstable during the Municipal year ended 17 May 2021

77 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Ghent, 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.

78 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor was pleased to report Mr John Hassall, Elder at St Catherine's Church (United Reformed Church) had agreed to be the Town Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

79 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: that the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year 2021/2022 and associated Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as set out below:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Abbott (Chairman), Crawley (Vice-Chairman), Bater, Bird, Brennan, Cant, J Gurney, K Gurney, Hollick, Restall, Roberts and Tamara

Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

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

Community Services Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Hollick (Chairman), Restall (Vice-Chairman), Abbott, Bater, Corkhill, George, Ghent, J Gurney, Roberts, and Sanders

Dunstable Joint Committee

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

Personnel Sub-Committee

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

Plans Sub-Committee

Councillors Bird, Cant, Crawley, J Gurney, Jones, Restall and Tamara

Appeals and Appointments Committee

Town Mayor, Deputy 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 19 April 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

77 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, ETC

It was moved by Councillor George, seconded by Councillor Ghent, and

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

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Observer at Development Committee (Central Beds)	Cllr Abbott (named substitute Cllr Martin)
Dunstable International Town Twinning Assoc.	Town Mayor and Cllrs Corkhill & Abbott
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

78 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – DISPENSATION

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

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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.

The Meeting ended at 8.34 p.m.