

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 51 HIGH STREET NORTH, DUNSTABLE LU6 1JF

ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2022

Present: Gloria Martin (Retiring Town Mayor); Liz Jones (Retiring Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors, Wendy Bater, Lisa Bird, Matt Brennan, Phil Crawley, Pamela Ghent, Kenson Gurney, Peter Hollick, Lee Roberts, and Johnson Tamara with David Ashlee (Town Clerk and Chief Executive)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Sid Abbott, Alan Corkhill, Greg George, Gladys Sanders, and Cameron Restall

Before the commencement of the meeting Mr John Hassall led the Council in prayer.

77 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

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

RESOLVED: that Councillor Liz Jones 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.

78 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS

There were no specific declarations of interest.

79 VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Tamara and seconded by Councillor Kenson Gurney and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gloria Martin 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 16 May 2022

80 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Crawley, and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Lisa Bird 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.

81 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor was pleased to report Stephen Brevitt, of the Salvation Army had agreed to be the Town Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

82 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: that the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year 2022/202 and associated Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as set out below:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Martin (Chairman), Crawley (Vice-Chairman), Abbott, Bater, 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), Sid Abbott, Brennan, Cant, Corkhill, Crawley, Ghent, K Gurney, Sanders and Tamara

Community Services Committee

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

Dunstable Joint Committee

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

Personnel Sub-Committee

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

Plans Sub-Committee

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

Appeals and Appointments Committee

Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, remaining Chairmen of the three Standing Committees and Vice-Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee and Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

83 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 April 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, ETC

It was moved by Councillor Kenson Gurney seconded by Councillor Crawley, and

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

Body

Representative

Observer at Development Committee Cllr Abbott (named substitute
(Central Beds) Cllr Martin)

Dunstable International Town Twinning Assoc. Town Mayor and Cllrs Corkhill and Abbott

South Beds Dial-a-Ride Management Cttee Cllr Martin

CAB Management Committee Cllr Bater

Hospice at Home Management Cttee Cllr Jones

Dunstable Town Band Cllr Martin

Dunstable Concert Ensemble Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor

Dunstable District Scout Council Executive Cllr Restall

Ashton Schools Foundation Cllr Hollick and Martin (until May 2023)

Ashton Almshouses Charity Cllrs Corkhill and Hollick (until May 2023)

Chews Foundation Cllrs Corkhill and Kenson Gurney (until
May 2023)

Poor's Lands Charity Cllrs Hollick and Jones (until May 2023)

Lockington Charity Cllrs Jones and John Gurney (until May
2023)

Marshe Charity

Cllrs Jones and John Gurney (until May 2023)

Dunstable Men in Sheds

Cllr J Gurney (until May 2023)

85 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;

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 8.40 p.m.