

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT PETER NEWTON PAVILION, SKIMPOT ROAD, LUTON, LU5 4JU.

ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2024 FROM 7.00 pm

Present: Liz Jones (Retiring Town Mayor); Louise O’Riordan (Retiring Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors Trevor Adams; Gregory Alderman; Richard Attwell; Wendy Bater; Robert Blennerhassett; Matthew Brennan; Philip Crawley; Mark Davis; John Gurney; Kenson Gurney; Peter Hollick; Sally Kimondo; Nicholas Kotarski; Matthew Neall; and Johnson Tamara with Paul Hodson (Town Clerk and Chief Executive)

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

108/24 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Bater, and seconded by Councillor Brennan and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Louise O’Riordan be elected Town Mayor of Dunstable for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The newly elected Town Mayor made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and gave a short address to the Council. The Mayor’s charities for the year were to be Kids in Action and the Dunstable Foodbank.

The Town Mayor was presented with her robes and chain of office whilst Bart O’Riordan was presented with his Mayor’s consort badge.

109/24 VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Adams and seconded by Councillor Hollick and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Liz Jones be in receipt of the sincere thanks of the Council for the courteous, efficient, and admirable manner in which she has discharged the important and exacting duties of the office of Town Mayor of Dunstable during the Municipal year ended 20 May 2024.

Councillor Jones was presented with her past Mayor’s chain and new pin for the year 2024/25.

110/24 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS

There were no specific declarations of interest.

111/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Michelle Henderson

112/24 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sally Kimondo be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Dunstable for the ensuing Municipal Year.

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

Councillor Kimondo was presented with her Deputy Mayor's chain whilst her consort received their Deputy Mayor's consort badge.

113/24 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor was pleased to report that Reverend Rachel Phillips, Team Rector of Dunstable had agreed to be the Town Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

114/24 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year 2024/25 and associated Chairs and Vice-Chairs as set out below:

Finance and General Purposes Committee Louise O'Riordan, Sally Kimondo, Gregory Alderman (Chair), Nicholas Kotarski (Vice-Chair), Kenson Gurney, Liz Jones, Richard Attwell, Wendy Bater, Peter Hollick, Matthew Brennan, John Gurney, Phillip Crawley, Michelle Henderson, and Johnson Tamara

Community Services Committee Louise O'Riordan, Sally Kimondo, Liz Jones (Chair), Matthew Neall (Vice-Chair), Trevor Adams, Robert Blennerhassett, Peter Hollick, Wendy Bater, Gregory Alderman, Mark Davis, John Gurney, and Nicholas Kotarski

Grounds and Environmental Services Committee Louise O'Riordan, Sally Kimondo, Richard Attwell (Chair), Phillip Crawley (Vice-Chair), Johnson Tamara, Robert Blennerhassett, Trevor Adams, Matthew Brennan, Matthew Neall, Kenson Gurney, Mark Davis, and Michelle Henderson

Personnel Sub-Committee Louise O'Riordan, Sally Kimondo, Gregory Alderman, Richard Attwell, Liz Jones, Nicholas Kotarski, and Johnson Tamara

Dunstable Joint Committee Louise O'Riordan, Sally Kimondo, Gregory Alderman, Liz Jones, and Richard Attwell (Named substitutes: Remaining Vice-Chairs of the three Standing Committees)

Plans Sub-Committee Louise O'Riordan, Sally Kimondo, Wendy Bater, Richard Attwell, Nicholas Kotarski, Peter Hollick, and Gregory Alderman

115/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

116/24 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, ETC

It was moved by Councillor Neall seconded by Councillor Attwell, 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)	Nicholas Kotarski
Dunstable International Town Twinning Assoc.	Louise O’Riordan, Peter Hollick and Kenson Gurney
South Beds Dial-a-Ride Management Cttee	Peter Hollick
Citizens Advice Management Committee	Richard Attwell
Hospice at Home Management Cttee	Wendy Bater
Dunstable Town Band	Robert Blennerhasset
Dunstable District Scouts Trustee Board	Nicholas Kotarski
Ashton Schools Foundation	Gregory Alderman, Peter Hollick
Ashton Almshouses Charity	Louise O’Riordan, Gregory Alderman
Chews Foundation	Kenson Gurney, Matthew Brennan
Poor’s Lands Charity	Liz Jones, Kenson Gurney
Lockington Charity	Liz Jones, Kenson Gurney
Marshe Charity	Liz Jones, Kenson Gurney
Dunstable Men in Sheds	Richard Attwell

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There were no questions.

The Meeting ended at 7.40 pm.