

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 14th MAY 2018

Present: Cllrs. B Bayford, J Bayford, Binks, Buckley, Dexter, Hayton, Leys, Matterface, Moore, Parsons, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Shaw, Taylor-Smith Town Clerk: Danielle Dunn

PRAYERS

Prayers were read by the Mayors Chaplain, Rev. Dominic Fenton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Paul Moore as Town Mayor for the Council's civic year 2018 – 2019 Cllr. Moore made a declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Moore named Wendy Steele as his appointed Mayoress.

Cllr Moore was proposed by Cllr Leys and seconded by Cllr Dexter Motion unanimously carried

RESOLVED that the Council place on record its appreciation of the valued services rendered to the Town by Cllr. Shaw during his two-year term of office as Town Mayor 2016 - 2018 and offer him a hearty vote of thanks for the able and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of that office.

Proposed Cllr Dexter, seconded Cllr Binks

Motion unanimously carried.

Cllr Shaw presented personal gifts to Dennis Taylor, Town Sergeant, Marian Cleverly, Mayors Secretary and Mayors' Chaplin Dominic Denton in acknowledgment of their help and support during his time in office. He also thanked the staff from the Town Council Office for their help over the Civic Year 2017-2018, especially for the work on the purchases of Pierremont Hall and Retort House.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Leys as Deputy Town Mayor for the Council's civic year 2017 – 2018. Cllr. Leys made a declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Leys named Mr Nathan Spray as his deputy consort for the year.

Cllr Leys was proposed by Cllr Shaw and Seconded by Cllr Taylor-Smith Motion unanimously carried.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

RESOLVED that the Council receive the minutes of:

The Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26th March 2018 (unconfirmed). The meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 9th April 2018 (confirmed); and 30th April 2018 (unconfirmed).

Proposed Cllr D Saunders, seconded Cllr Taylor-Smith Motion unanimously carried

6. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED to appoint two committees, as follows:

a) A Finance and General Purposes Committee, comprised of thirteen members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sit ex officio.

b) A Planning Committee, comprised of six members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sit ex officio.

Proposed Cllr Buckley, seconded Cllr Matterface Motion unanimously carried

7. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

RESOLVED to approve the Mayor's allowance, in accordance with the agreed budget for the Council's civic year 2018 – 2019 and the Scheme for permitted spending. Proposed Cllr Buckley, seconded Cllr Binks

8. CHEQUE AND BACS SIGNATORIES

RESOLVED to appoint the following persons to be signatories for the Town Council's payroll and signatories for the cheques, BACS payments, standing orders and direct debits from the Town Council's Bank Accounts:

Where six signatories are required: The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the vice-chairman of the Planning Committee.

Where four signatories are required: the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Chairman of the Planning Committee. Proposed Cllr J Bayford, seconded Cllr M. Saunders Motion unanimously carried

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED to approve the Town Council's annual subscriptions to:

- Kent Rural Community Council
- Kent Coast Alliance
- County Playing Fields Association

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- Guild of Mace-Bearers
- Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)
- National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
- Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
- The Purple Guide Events Management

Proposed Cllr D Saunders, seconded Cllr Savage Motion unanimously carried

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED to approve the annual Calendar of Meetings for the civic year 2018–2019 Proposed Cllr M. Saunders, seconded Cllr Parsons Motion unanimously carried

11. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

12. MAYORESS AND MILLENIUM CUP

RESOLVED to award:

-the Mayoress Cup to the Crampton Tower Museum Trust as a mark of gratitude for the volunteers maintaining the important Asset of Crampton Tower and Museum.

-the Millennium Cup to Victoria Suchak for her work establishing the youth café at the St. Peter's Recreation Ground.

Both cup recipients gave an acceptance speech.

Town Clerk Meeting ended at 8.24 p.m.

Meeting was recorded: yes/no Members of the public were present: yes/no Members of the press were present: yes/no