

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Horwich Town Council held remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions on Thursday, 6 May 2021, commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors S. Denton, Town Mayor (in the Chair)
Councillors M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, M. Brady, S. Burke,
S. Chadwick, D. Grant, S. Rock, G. Stone
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
The Mayor's Clergy Reverend Nicola Butterworth

TO APPOINT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2021/2022:

AM 286 It was proposed by Councillor Brady to appoint Councillor Denton as Town Mayor for 2021/2022. Councillor Grant was pleased to second the motion. It was resolved to appoint Councillor Denton as Town Mayor for 2021/2022.

UNDERTAKING BY THE TOWN MAYOR TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS OF THE HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

AM 287 Councillor Denton read out the declaration, signing of the declaration to be deferred to a later date, and to be witnessed by the Town Clerk.

OPENING PRAYERS CONDUCTED BY REVEREND NICOLA BUTTERWORTH:

AM 288 Opening prayers were offered by Reverend Nicola Butterworth.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

AM 289 An apology for absence was accepted from Councillor Aldcroft.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

AM 290 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 9 MAY 2019:

AM 291 Resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 May 2019.

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021:

AM 292 Resolved to approve the Annual Report for the year 2020/2021.

APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN MAYORESS FOR 2021/2022:

AM 293 The Town Mayor was pleased to appoint Mrs Barbara Stott as Town Mayoress for 2021-2022.

TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS:

AM 294 The Town Mayor thanked all Councillors who had voted for her appointment and also Councillor Gordon Stone, the retiring Town

Mayor for his excellent work carrying out his duties over the past two years, including the past twelve months during the pandemic. Although Councillor Stone could never have expected a two-year term of office, with the support of his wife Julie as Town Mayoress he had served the Council well. During the last twelve months he had organised the Council's Zoom meetings on which the Council had come to rely on and it was noted that this would be the final remote meeting as Council would have to return to in-person meetings after 7 May 2021.

Councillor Denton was looking forward to moving forward with a determined and committed Council. Her first chosen charity was to be Bolton Community First Responders as she had been very impressed by their work after learning about this during their recent presentation to Council. Her second charity, yet to be decided, would be a charity or organisation providing sporting facilities and opportunities locally for young people.

Councillor Denton informed Members that it was a great honour to be chosen to serve as Town Mayor for a second time and with the support of the Town Mayoress, her good friend Mrs Barbara Stott she would do her very best to represent the town during her year of office.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2021/2022:

AM 295 It was proposed by Councillor Brady, seconded by Councillor Baines and resolved to elect Councillor Steven Chadwick as Deputy Town Mayor for 2021/2022.

UNDERTAKING BY DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS OF HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

AM 296 Councillor Chadwick read out the declaration, signing of the declaration to be deferred to a later date, and to be witnessed by the Town Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYORESS FOR 2021/2022:

AM 297 The Deputy Town Mayor was pleased to appoint Mrs Kath Hodson as the Deputy Town Mayoress for 2021/2022.

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

AM 298 Resolved to approve and adopt the Town Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented.

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES ON WHICH ALL MEMBERS WILL SERVE:

AM 299 a. Finance and General Purposes Committee

b. Planning Committee

Resolved to appoint all Members to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Planning Committees.

TO AGREE TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON ADVISORY BODIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND SUB COMMITTEES AT THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 14 JUNE, 2021:

AM 300 Resolved to agree to appoint Members to serve on these Sub Committees at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 14 June, 2021.

TO APPROVE THE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2021/2022:

AM 301 A list of dates had been circulated to all Members. It was resolved to approve the dates for the meetings of the Town Council and Standing Committees for 2021/2022.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.44 pm.

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Chairperson

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Date