

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH  
HELD AT SWANSPOOL HOUSE, WELLINGBOROUGH  
ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017**

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor M Waters, and Councillors Abram, Allebone, Aslam, Bell, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Graves, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, V Waters, Watts and York.

**Officers present:** Mrs L Elliott, Managing Director, Miss S Lyons, Solicitor/Monitoring Officer, District Law, Mrs B Gamble and Miss J Thomas, Directors, Miss K Denton, Principal Corporate Support Manager, Miss S Kennedy, Communications Assistant, Mrs E Robinson, Democratic Services Assistant, Mr G Betts, Mayor's Sergeant, Mrs F Hubbard and Mrs C A Mundy, Democratic Services Officers.

(Prayers were said before the commencement of the meeting. A minutes silence was held in memory of those who had lost their lives and for those injured in the attack in Manchester on 22 May 2017.)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to note that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anslow, Bailey, Beirne, Maguire and Skittrall.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note that there were no declarations made by councillors.

**3. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-18 AND APPOINTMENT OF HIS MAYORESS AND CHAPLAIN**

Nominations were invited for the election of the mayor of the borough of Wellingborough for the municipal year 2017-18.

It was moved by Councillor Partridge-Underwood and seconded by Councillor Scarborough and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Paul Anthony Bell be elected to the office of the mayor of the borough of Wellingborough for the municipal year 2017-18.

Councillor Bell made his declaration of acceptance of office, was invested with the insignia of office, and took his seat as mayor.

The mayor appointed his wife, Mrs Carol Anna Bell, as his mayoress, and invested her with her chain of office.

The mayor also announced that he had appointed Duncan Wright, as his chaplain and informed the meeting that his civic service would be held at 3pm on Sunday 25 June 2017 at Mill Road Baptist Church, Wellingborough.

The mayor then welcomed his family, friends, distinguished guests, honorary freeman, and fellow councillors to the annual meeting of the council. He presented his inaugural

speech as mayor of the borough of Wellingborough, announcing that his two charities for the year were, the Links Day Centre and the Gateway Club. He and the mayoress were looking forward to meeting many interesting people within the community in the coming year.

**4. VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS BADGES**

It was moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Scarborough and **RESOLVED** that the council record its thanks and appreciation to the immediate past mayor, Councillor M Waters, for the service he had given to the council, and to the borough of Wellingborough, during his year of office.

The mayor presented badges to the immediate past mayor and mayoress to commemorate their term of office in 2016-17.

Councillor Waters responded to the vote of thanks. He and his mayoress had thoroughly enjoyed his mayoral year, and had carried out many visits in the community along with hosting a number of events to raise money, which would be distributed between his charities. He also thanked his secretary, officers, fellow members and the mayoress for their support during the year.

**5. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-18 AND APPOINTMENT OF HIS DEPUTY MAYORESS**

Nominations were invited for the election of the deputy mayor for the municipal year 2017-18.

It was moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Scarborough and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Malcolm Waters be appointed to the office of the deputy mayor of the borough of Wellingborough, for the municipal year 2017-18.

The deputy mayor made his declaration of acceptance office and was invested with the insignia of office by the retiring deputy mayor, Councillor Graves.

The mayor announced that the deputy mayor had appointed his wife Councillor Veronica Jane Waters to be his deputy mayoress. The retiring deputy mayoress, Mrs Graves, invested the deputy mayoress with her chain of office.

**6. REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR ON COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS, SEAT ALLOCATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-18; APPROVAL OF THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORISE THE USE OF THE COMMON SEAL.**

The report of the managing director was received in relation to the committee seat allocations, appointments to committees, appointment of lead advisers, the appointment of representatives on outside organisations, the calendar of meetings from June 2017 to June 2019 and the use of the common seal; along with a request to note the appointment of the leader and deputy leader and the leader and deputy leader of the opposition.

Councillor Griffiths presented the report, making particular reference to 5.3 and the lead adviser roles. He informed the meeting that he had amalgamated the role of lead

adviser for Older People and lead adviser for Healthier Communities to form a new role of Lead Adviser Wellbeing, he had also created an additional appointment of a lead adviser for Tourism and River Nene Special Protection Area. There would be a further review of lead advisers later on in the municipal year and a new steering group for the prison would be established. He also asked that a change to the membership of the Waendel Walk Weekend Steering Group be noted, in that Councillor V Waters would be replaced by Councillor York.

He moved the report which was seconded by Councillor Scarborough and on being put to the vote this was agreed and declared carried.

**RESOLVED** to:

- (i) approve the committee arrangements, seat allocations and appointments for the municipal year 2017-18 as detailed in appendices A to E
- (ii) approve the calendar of council and committee meetings for the municipal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 as detailed in appendix F;
- (iii) authorise the use of the common seal of the borough council of Wellingborough for the sealing of documents to give effect to any of the business of the proceedings of the council for the municipal year 2017-18;
- (iv) note the appointment of Councillor Martin James Griffiths as leader of the council and Councillor Stephen Thomas Partridge-Underwood as deputy leader of the council for the municipal year 2017-18;
- (v) note the appointment of Councillor Andrew Michael Julian Scarborough as leader of the opposition and Council Brian Emerson as deputy leader of the opposition for the municipal year 2017-18;

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that there being no correspondence, communication or other business to consider, the Mayor closed the meeting and invited his guests to join him at The Tithe Barn for a reception.

Mayor

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

