

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA HELD ON 19 MAY 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors Susan Rasmussen (Chair), Janet Alty, Alan Boad, Sarah Boad, Julija Boulton, David Brunson, Will Bryce, Mubarik Chowdry, Bill Gifford, Jennifer McAllister, Jade McGhee, Louisa Radice, Ruggy Singh, Amanda Stevens and Nick Wilkins.

Officers: Town Clerk, Democratic Support Officer, Civic Officer, Chauffeur/Mace Bearer.

The Mayor welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting.

Mr Tim Robottom presented an image of a mural in South Leamington to the Mayor Cllr Rasmussen. The mayor thanked Mr Robottom for all his efforts in relation to the artwork in the town.

1. **ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA FOR 2022/23**

The Mayor called for nominations for the appointment of Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for 2022-23.

Councillor Ruggy Singh proposed that Cllr Nick Wilkins is elected Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2022/23. The motion was seconded by Councillor Will Bryce.

RESOLVED that Councillor Nick Wilkins is elected Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2022/23.

Councillor Wilkins made the declaration of office, following which he delivered a short speech and took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

2. **TO APPOINT THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR 2022/23**

Councillor Nick Wilkins advised that Father Stephen Parker will be his chaplain for the forthcoming year.

3. **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA FOR THE YEAR 2022/23**

The Mayor called for nominations for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for 2022/23.

Councillor Jennifer McAllister proposed that Councillor Alan Boad is elected Deputy Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2022/23. The motion was seconded by Councillor Bill Gifford.

There being no further nominations, the motion was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Alan Boad is elected Deputy Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2022/23

4. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

Cllr Julija Boulton proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded the retiring Mayor, Cllr Susan Rasmussen, for her services during her term of office. The motion was seconded by Cllr Janet Alty.

RESOLVED that Cllr Susan Rasmussen is thanked for her services as Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Judith Clarke

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

7. PUBLIC FORUM

None

8. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 03 March 2022.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council are agreed as a correct record.

9. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2022/23

The Town Council considered report number 9 regarding standing committees for 2022/23.

RESOLVED That the following committees of the council are appointed for 2022/23.

Committee	No of Seats	Councillors
Policy and Resources	9 4 x Green 1 x Labour 4 x Lib Dem	Alan Boad (LD) Sarah Boad (LD) Will Bryce (G) Mubarik Chowdry (LD) Judith Clarke (Lab) Bill Gifford (LD) Jade McGhee (G) Ruggy Singh (G) Nick Wilkins (G)
Cultural and Community	8 3 x Green 2 x Labour 3 x Lib Dem	David Brunson (LD) Will Bryce (G) Judith Clarke (Lab) Jennifer McAllister (LD) Jade McGhee (G) Louisa Radice (G) Susan Rasmussen (Lab) Amanda Stevens (LD)

Planning	8 3 x Green 1 x Labour 4 x Lib Dem	Janet Alty (G) Julija Boulton (Lab) David Brunson (LD) Mubarik Chowdry (LD) Jennifer McAllister (LD) Ruggy Singh (G) Amanda Stevens (LD) Nick Wilkins (G)
Urgent Matters	5 2 x Green 1 x Labour 2 x Lib Dem	Janet Alty (G) Sarah Boad (LD) Judith Clarke (Lab) Bill Gifford (LD) Nick Wilkins (G)
Allotments Sub Committee	5 2 x Green 1 x Labour 2 x Lib Dem	Janet Alty (G) Sarah Boad (LD) David Brunson (LD) Susan Rasmussen(Lab) Nick Wilkins (G)
Staffing	5 2 x Green 1 x Labour 2 x Lib Dem	Sarah Boad (LD) Will Bryce (G) Judith Clarke (Lab) Jennifer McAllister (LD) Nick Wilkins (G)
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	4 1 x Green 1 x Labour 2 x Lib Dem	Janet Alty (G) Sarah Boad (LD) Mubarik Chowdry (LD) Susan Rasmussen(Lab)

10. APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENTS

RESOLVED That the following members of the Town Council are approved as signatories for payments, in accordance with Standing Order 21 and Financial Regulations.

Councillors, Janet Alty, Sarah Boad, Judith Clarke and Bill Gifford.

11. PAYMENTS

The following payments were approved:

Cheque No / Electronic payment	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Total
Electronic	Warwick District Council	May 2021 by-election costs Leamington Brunswick ward	£9,104.11	£0.00	£9,104.11
Electronic	Warwick District Council	Dec 2021 by-election costs Leamington Willes ward	£9,889.44	£0.00	£9,889.44
Electronic	Living Designs co uk Ltd	Mayoral awards	£157.80	£0.00	£157.80
Electronic	WALC	CIr training	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
Electronic	A Goodey	Mayoral awards event - expenses reimbursement	£84.73	£0.00	£84.73
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The meeting was closed at approximately 18:30.