

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA HELD ON 16TH MAY, 2020

The Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the provisions of the Coronavirus Regulations, 2020.

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Gifford, (Chairman), Janet Alty, Alan Boad, Sarah Boad, Julija Boulton, David Brunson, Will Bryce, Mubarik Chowdry, Judith Clarke, Amy Evans, Jennifer McAllister, Louisa Radice, Susan Rasmussen, Amanda Stevens and Nick Wilkins.

Officers: R. Nash. K. Geddes and A. Goodey.

There were 10 Members of the Public in attendance.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Navdeep Atwal.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Members relating to any matter identified for discussion at this Meeting.

3. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, INCLUDING DISBURSEMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND 2019/20**

Councillor Gifford announced that he was delighted with the support that he had received in terms of the various fundraising activities throughout the year. He particularly thanked the support of Councillor Mubarik Chowdry and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association which had helped organise two Civic events. He was pleased to announce that as a result of all these efforts he would be able to disburse over £12,000 to be shared by the two Charities – Springfield Mind and Pam Britton Trust.

4. **ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA FOR 2020/2021 AND RECEIPT OF THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

The Mayor called for nominations for the appointment of the Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for 2020-21.

Councillor Judith Clarke proposed that Councillor Susan Rasmussen is elected Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2020-21. The motion was seconded by Councillor Nick Wilkins.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Susan Rasmussen is elected Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2020-21.

Councillor Rasmussen made the declaration of acceptance of Office, following which she thanked the Council for its support and outlined her aspirations for the year ahead.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR 2020/21**

RESOLVED that the Reverend Christopher Wilson is appointed Mayor's Chaplain for the year 2020-21.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021.

The Mayor called for nominations for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for 2020-21.

Councillor Janet Alty proposed that Councillor Nick Wilkins is elected Deputy Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2020-21. The motion was seconded by Councillor Susan Rasmussen.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Nick Wilkins is elected Deputy Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa for the year 2020-21.

7. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Sarah Boad that a vote of thanks be accorded the retiring Mayor, Councillor Bill Gifford, for his services during his term of office.

The motion was seconded by Councillor David Brunson.

RESOLVED that Councillor Bill Gifford is thanked for his services as Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa during the year 2019-20.

Councillor Gifford thanked the Council for its support and wished the newly elected Mayor every success in her year of office.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or representations from members of the public.

9. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th March, 2020.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th March 2020, are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to a Report (Report No. 10) regarding appointment of the Council's Standing Committees for 2020/21.

RESOLVED that the following Committees of the Council are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:-

| Committee | No of Seats | Councillors |
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| Policy and Resources | 9 | Janet Alty Sarah Boad Alan Boad Will Bryce Mubarik Chowdry Judith Clarke Bill Gifford Louisa Radice Susan Rasmussen |

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| Cultural and Community | 8 | Julija Boulton David Brunson Will Bryce, Judith Clarke Amy Evans, Jennifer McAllister Louisa Radice Amanda Stevens |
| Planning | 8 | Janet Alty Navdeep Atwal Julija Boulton David Brunson Mubarik Chowdry Jennifer McAllister Amanda Stevens Nick Wilkins |
| Urgent Matters | 5 | Sarah Boad Judith Clarke Amy Evans, Bill Gifford Nick Wilkins |
| Allotments Sub Committee | 4 | Sarah Boad David Brunson Susan Rasmussen Nick Wilkins |
| Staffing | 4 | Sarah Boad Jennifer McAllister Judith Clarke Nick Wilkins |
| Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | 4 | Janet Alty Sarah Boad Mubarik Chowdry Susan Rasmussen |

11. APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the following Members of Council are approved as signatories for all payments, money transfers and expenditures, in accordance with Standing Order 21 and Financial Regulations.

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

The Meeting commenced at 11.30 am and ended at 11.56 am.