

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL MEETING AND MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**Meeting Commenced:** 5.00 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 6.10 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors James Clayton (Town Mayor), Dorothy Agassiz, Raymond Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Mike Bell, Gill Bute, Mark Canniford, Gillian Carpenter, Sarah Codling, Peter Crew, John Crockford-Hawley, Ciaran Cronnelly, David Dash, Peter Fox, Catherine Gibbons, Peter McAleer, Robert Payne, Alan Peak, Lisa Pilgrim, Ian Porter, Sonia Russe, Helen Thornton, Richard Tucker and Roz Willis.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Samantha Bishop (Committee Officer), Rebecca Saunders (Civic & Committee Officer), Becky Walsh (Communications Officer), Keith Harris (Macebearer), Rev. Peter Ashman (Mayor's Chaplain), Emily Green (Retiring Mayor's Cadet), Nathaniel Parker (Incoming Mayor's Cadet), Kaylee Rose (Retiring Mayoress), Mr David Ray (Incoming Mayors Consort), Mrs Bailey (Retiring Deputy Mayoress) and Mrs McAleer (Incoming Deputy Mayoress).

The Macebearer requested that all present stand for the Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare.

**Welcome by the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare, Councillor James Clayton**

The Town Mayor welcomed the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen and councillors to the Mayor Making Ceremony and Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

In recognition and thanks for their services throughout her terms of office, the Mayor presented his retiring Chaplain Rev. Peter Ashman with a commemorative plate and retiring Cadet with a plaque and the retiring Mayoress and Deputy Mayoress with bouquets of flowers.

The Mayor had felt it an honour and a privilege to serve Weston-super-Mare and had thoroughly enjoyed his year working with the community. He had attended over 200 engagements and raised over £ 4,000 for his chosen charity Weston ROC. He highlighted on particular events that had resonated with him and of which coincided with the Council's 10-year Strategy and 5 pillars. He was proud of how well the Mayor's Facebook page had been received, with over 2000 followers and he would like to see the page continue with future Mayors of the council.

The Mayor thanked everybody for their support throughout his Mayoral year and in particular the Mayoress.

The Mayor invited his Chaplain to say prayers.

The Town Mayor invited questions and observations from parishioners present. There were none.

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Election of the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare</b></p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Peter Fox and Councillor Peter Crew to second the proposition that Councillor Sonia Russe be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2022/23.</p> <p>Councillors Peter Fox and Peter Crew respectively proposed and seconded Councillor Sonia Russe's ascension to the office of Mayor and affirmed that they would, with pleasure, endorse the election of Councillor Sonia Russe as Mayor.</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p><b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Sonia Russe be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2022/23.</p> <p>Councillor Sonia Russe assented to her election.</p> <p>At the request of the retiring Mayor the Macebearer announced that there would be a short adjournment of proceedings for robing and requested that all present, rise.</p> <p>Preceded by the Mace and Macebearer, the retiring Mayor (Councillor James Clayton), and Mayoress (Kaylee Rose), the Mayor and Consort (Councillor Sonia Russe and David Ray) the Town Clerk (Malcolm Nicholson) and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain (Rev. Peter Ashman) adjourned from the meeting, returning to the Council Chamber when robing had been completed.</p> <p>The new Town Mayor, Councillor Sonia Russe, took her seat.</p> <p>The Mayor, at the request of the Town Clerk proceeded to read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2022/23, signing the document and returning thanks for her election to office.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillor Peter Fox for proposing and Councillor Peter Crew for seconding and all members for her election as Mayor. She was honoured and delighted.</p> <p>The Mayor then presented her Consort with a personalised bow tie in anticipated appreciation for his support during her year in office.</p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillors Catherine Gibbons to propose and Richard Tucker to second a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor and Mayoress.</p> <p>The Mayor then invited the retiring Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare to come forward to accept a past Mayor's Jewel each to mark the Town Council's appreciation of their services during their term of office 2021/22.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marc Aplin, Jan Holloway, Marcia Pepperall and Tim Taylor.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillor Clare Morris was absent from the meeting.</p>

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Election of the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare 2022/23</b></p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Catherine Gibbons to propose and Councillor Richard Tucker to second the proposition that Councillor Peter McAleer be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2022/23.</p> <p>Councillors Catherine Gibbons and Richard Tucker respectively proposed and seconded Councillor Peter McAleer’s ascension to the office of Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p><b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Peter McAleer be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2022/23.</p> <p>At the request of the Mayor, the Macebearer announced that there would be a short adjournment of proceedings for robing and requested that all present, rise.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor Peter McAleer and Mrs McAleer), adjourned from the meeting and returned to the Council Chamber when robing was complete.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor, at the request of the Town Clerk, proceeded to read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the 2022/23, signing the document and returning thanks for his election to office.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for his election.</p> <p>The Mayor announced the appointment of his Chaplain, Reverend Peter Ashman and presented him with a stole of office.</p> <p>The Mayor appointed cadet as the Mayor’s Cadet 2022/23 and presented him with a badge depicting the Weston-super-Mare Coat of Arms.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 21st March 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Alan Peak  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Ian Porter</p> <p>An amendment to minute number 381 was requested and accepted to state that:</p> <p><i>but was saddened that the new style CCTV reports had not been received and therefore, suggested a letter be sent to NSC requesting them to inform the supplier that the council would like the promised reports.</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That with the above amendment, minutes be approved.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Election of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Town Council</b></p> <p>The proposition to elect the Leader of the Town Council for 2022/2023 was put to council.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Catherine Gibbons <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Richard Tucker</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Alan Peak be appointed Leader of the Town Council for 2022/23.</p> <p>The proposition to elect the Deputy Leader of the Town Council for 2022/23 was put to the council.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Mark Canniford <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor John Crockford-Hawley</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Robert Payne be appointed Deputy Leader of the Town Council for 2022/23.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations</b></p> <p>The draft Committee Membership for 2022/23 had been previously circulated to members.</p> <p>It was requested by the Leader of the Conservative Party that Councillor Roger Bailey, replace Councillor Roz Willis on the Weston in Bloom Working Party.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Ian Porter <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Alan Peak</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That with the above amendment, the Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations for 2022/2023 as circulated be approved.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>To approve the revised Calendar of Meetings 2022/2023</b></p> <p>It was requested by the Chairman of the Tourism &amp; Leisure Committee for an additional date of 25<sup>th</sup> August to be added to the calendar for reasons to do with procurement.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Alan Peak <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Peter Crew</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That with the above addition, the revised Calendar of Meetings for 2022/2023 be approved.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Responding to the Development Sites Consultation</b></p> <p>The report of the Town Clerk had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The report recorded that a briefing for councillors by a planning officer had been arranged for earlier the same day and recommended councillors to send their comments to the Town Clerk by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June for him, in consultation with Group Leaders; to collate the Town Council's response to the consultation and forward it to North Somerset Council.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Alan Peak <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Ian Porter</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That councillors send their comments to the Town Clerk by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June for him, in consultation with Group Leaders, to collate the Town Council's response to the consultation and forward it to North Somerset Council.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 6.10 pm</p> <p>Signed: ..... Dated: ..... Town Mayor</p>