

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING AND MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON
THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2019**

Meeting Commenced: 5.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 5.58 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Michael Lyall (Town Mayor), Dorothy Agassiz, Raymond Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Mike Bell, Gill Bute, Mark Canniford, Gillian Carpenter, James Clayton, Sarah Codling (part attendance), Peter Crew, John Crockford-Hawley, Ciaran Cronnelly, David Dash, Peter Fox, Catherine Gibbons, Jan Holloway, Daniel Marcos-Ashworth, Peter Mcaleer, Robert Payne, Alan Peak, Marcia Pepperall, Lisa Pilgrim, Ian Porter, Sonia Russe, Ella Sayce, Timothy Taylor, Helen Thornton, Richard Tucker and Roz Willis.

IN ATTENDANCE: Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Sarah Pearse (Deputy Town Clerk) Samantha Bishop (Committee Officer), Chris Millard (Mayors Civic Officer), Alison Ashford (Secretary/Administrator), Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator), Fiona Walsh (Finance Officer), Molly Maher (Development Officer), Becky Walsh (Communications Officer), Keith Harris (Macebearer), Rev. Peter Ashman (Mayor's Chaplain), Rev. Bekah Clark (Retiring Mayor's Deputy Chaplain), Emma Lawton (Retiring Mayor's Cadet), Tom Neale and Eleanor Cush (Incoming Mayor's Cadets), Andrew Thompson (Photographer), Mrs Margaret Lyall (Retiring Mayoress), Mrs Estelle Canniford (Incoming Mayoress) and Mrs B Charles (Retiring 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 Mike Lyall

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, retiring Deputy Chaplain Rev. Bekah Clark, and retiring Cadets Tom Neale and Emma Lawton each with a Town Council Shield and the retiring Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers.

The Mayor had felt it an honour and a privilege to serve Weston-super-Mare and had thoroughly enjoyed it. He had attended over 200 events and raised over £2,200 for his chosen charity Weston Food Bank. He highlighted on the remembrance centenary of World War I and how proud he was to be part of it. He also mentioned the visit to Hildesheim, Weston-super-Mare's twin town in Germany where he and the Mayoress were treated wonderfully and brought back memories of when he did national service.

The Mayor thanked everybody for their support throughout his Mayoral year and would miss being part of the Town Council due him standing down as a Town Councillor.

	<p>The Mayor invited his Chaplain to say prayers.</p> <p>The Town Mayor invited questions and observations from parishioners present.</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Election of the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare</p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Robert Payne and Councillor John Crockford-Hawley to second the proposition that Councillor Mark Canniford be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2019/20.</p> <p>Councillors Robert Payne and John Crockford-Hawley respectively proposed and seconded Councillor Mark Canniford’s ascension to the office of Mayor and affirmed that they would, with pleasure, endorse the election of Councillor Mark Canniford as Mayor.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: That Councillor Mark Canniford be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2019/20.</p> <p>Councillor Mark Canniford assented to his 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 Michael Lyall), and Mayoress (Mrs Margaret Lyall), 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 Mark Canniford, took his 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 2019/20, signing the document and returning thanks for his election to office.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillor Robert Payne for proposing and Councillor John Crockford-Hawley for seconding and all members for his election as Mayor. He was honoured and delighted.</p> <p>The Mayor then presented the Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers in anticipated appreciation for her support during his 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 Town Council commemorative shield, past Mayor’s Jewel each and a portrait to mark the Town Council’s appreciation of their services during their term of office 2018/19.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>To receive Apologies for Absence</p>

	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marc Aplin and David Hitchins. It was noted that Councillor Sarah Codling had left the meeting at 5.40pm.</p>
3.	<p>Election of the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare 2019/20</p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Alan Peak to propose and Councillor Catherine Gibbons to second the proposition that Councillor James Clayton be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2019/20.</p> <p>Councillors Alan Peak and Catherine Gibbons respectively proposed and seconded Councillor James Clayton's ascension to the office of Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: That Councillor James Clayton be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2019/20.</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 (Councillor James Clayton), 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 2019/20, signing the document and returning thanks for his election to office.</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 cadets Tom Neale and Elenor Cush as the Mayor's Cadets 2019/20 and presented them both with a badge depicting the Weston-super-Mare Coat of Arms.</p>
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
5.	<p>To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 18th March 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ian Porter SECONDED BY: Councillor Alan Peak</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.</p>
6.	<p>Election of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Town Council</p> <p>The proposition to elect the Leader of the Town Council for 2019/2020 was put to council.</p>

	<p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor SECONDED BY: Councillor Mike Bell</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Alan Peak be appointed Leader of the Town Council for 2019/20.</p> <p>The proposition to elect the Deputy Leader of the Town Council for 2019/20 was put to the council.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mike Bell SECONDED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Robert Payne be appointed Deputy Leader of the Town Council for 2019/20.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations</p> <p>The draft Committee Membership for 2019/20 and an accompanying report of the Town Clerk had been previously circulated to members and a copy was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The Town Clerk’s report advised the political balances figures as a result of the 2019 elections and therefore, the committee membership figures. In addition the Town Clerk had recommended that all members of the Personnel Committee be appointed to the Appeals Panel with power to hear all personnel matters and that all 31 members of the Council be appointed as potential substitutes under the Council’s committee substitution scheme.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council proposed to increase the committee membership of the Tourism and Leisure Committee to 13, with a Labour councillor to be nominated which would be later advised.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader advised that Councillor Ray Armstrong would represent the Liberal Democrats on both the Allotment Management Sub Committee and the Weston in Bloom Working Party.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak SECONDED BY: Councillor Robert Payne</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That with the above amendments, the Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations for 2019/2020 as circulated with the Town Clerk’s report be approved. 2. That all members of the Personnel Committee be appointed to the Appeals Panel with power to hear all personnel matters. 3. That all 31 members of the Council be appointed as potential substitutes under the Council’s committee substitution scheme.

	<p>The Town Clerk advised members of a further report from the Deputy Town Clerk and circulated at the meeting regarding the appointment of town councillor positions as authorised financial payment signatories for approval.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak SECONDED BY: Councillor Ian Porter</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the nominated signatory positions of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mayor – Chairman of Council (Cllr Mark Canniford)2. Deputy Mayor (Cllr James Clayton)3. Leader of Council (Cllr Alan Peak)4. Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee (tbc at the committee meeting) <p>be confirmed and approved.</p>
8.	<p>To re-adopt the General Power of Competence</p> <p>The report of the Town Clerk had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ian Porter SECONDED BY: Councillor Robert Payne</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Weston-super-Mare Town Council meets the conditions in the Schedule to the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 no. 965 and therefore the Town Council resolves to re-adopt the General Power of Competence described in the Localism Act 2011.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 5.58 pm</p> <p>Signed: Dated: Town Mayor</p>