

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL MEETING AND  
MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY  
HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016  
AT THE TOWN HALL**

**MEETING COMMENCED:** 5.00 pm

**MEETING CONCLUDED:** 5.40 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alan Peak (The Mayor of Weston-super-Mare), Jos Holder (The Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare), Clive Webb (Leader of the Town Council), Raymond Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Mark Canniford, James Clayton, Robert Cleland, Sarah Codling, Peter Crew, John Crockford-Hawley, James Davis, Catherine Gibbons, David Hitchins, Jan Holloway, Steven Kane, Michal Kus, Michael Lyall, Richard Nightingale, Frederick Parsons, Robert Payne, Lisa Pilgrim, Anita Spencer-Johns, Richard Tucker and Roz Willis.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Jacqueline Peak (Mayoress) , Malcolm L Nicholson (Town Clerk), Chris Millard (Mayor's Civic Officer), Keith Harris (Macebearer), Samantha Bishop (Committee Officer), Tricia Brabham (Committee Officer), Reverend Julie Birkett (Retiring Mayors Chaplin), Reverend Andrew Alden (Incoming Mayors Chaplin), Reverend S. Christian (Incoming Deputy Mayors Chaplin), D. Rowe (Retiring Mayors Cadet), A. Poyser (Incoming Mayors Cadet), Simon Parry (Photographer), dignitaries and invited guests.

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 Alan Peak**

The Mayor welcomed his 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 his term of office, the Mayor presented his retiring Chaplain Reverend Julie Birkett and retiring Cadet D. Rowe with a Town Council Shield, and his Mayoress, Jacqueline Peak with a bouquet of flowers.

The Mayor then announced the presentation of a special award which was made by the Mayors Civic Officer to his Grandson Ellis Rogers in recognition of his commitment and support to the Mayors office and for serving as Mini Mayor during the last year.

The presentation of the 2016/17 Town Mayors Awards took place.

The Town Mayor invited Mr Iain Norris to come forward to receive the presentation of the Borough Shield in recognition of his significant charitable contributions to local good causes, veterans' organisations and charities.

The Town Mayor then invited the following recipients to come fourth and receive their Mayors Awards in recognition for their inspirational and dedicated work to the local community and that their names be duly recorded on the Town Mayor's Roll of Honour.

Mr Keith Price founder of the Weston-Super-Mare Model Railway show came fourth to receive his presentation of the Mayors Award in recognition of his and his wife Joyce's tireless voluntary work raising funds for charity and putting Weston-super-Mare on the map.

Mrs Tilliria Newbury came fourth to receive her presentation of the Mayors Award in recognition of her voluntary work as Chair-person of the Multicultural Friendship Association  
The Mayor proceeded to deliver his end of office speech.

	<p>The Mayor was delighted to see everyone.</p> <p>The Mayor furthermore thanked all his guests for their presence.</p> <p>In addition, the Mayor thanked the Town Clerk, Town Council staff and especially his Civic Officer for all their support and help throughout his term of office.</p> <p>The Mayor informed that since the last full Town Council meeting in March, he and the Mayoress had attended a total of 221 engagements. The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for her support.</p> <p>The Mayor invited his Chaplain to say prayers.</p> <p>The Mayor invited any questions and observations from parishioners present.</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p><b>Election of the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare</b></p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Peter Crew to propose and Councillor Clive Webb to second the proposition that Councillor Jos Holder be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2017/2018.</p> <p>Councillors Peter Crew and Clive Webb endorsed Councillor Jos Holder's ascension to the office of Mayor and in their closing testimonials, affirmed that they had no hesitation in the election of Councillor Jos Holder as Mayor.</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Jos Holder be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2017/2018.</p> <p>Councillor Jos Holder assented to her election.</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>Preceded by the Mace and Macebearer, the retiring Mayor (Councillor Alan Peak), and Mayoress (Jacqueline Peak), the Mayor (Councillor Jos Holder), the Mayoress (Councillor Roz Willis), the Town Clerk (Malcolm L Nicholson) and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain (Reverend Julie Birkett) adjourned from the meeting, returning to the Council Chamber when robing had been completed.</p> <p>The Mayor, Councillor Jos Holder, took her seat.</p> <p><b>The Mayor signs the Declaration of Office</b></p> <p>The Mayor, at the request of the Town Clerk, proceeded to read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2017/2018, signing the document and returning thanks for her election to office.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillor Peter Crew for proposing, Councillor Clive Webb for seconding and all Councillors for electing her as Mayor. She pledged that she would endeavour to carry out her duties to the best of her abilities with integrity, honesty and openness.</p> <p>The Mayor's chosen charities were to be The Hearing Dogs and EnergEyes.</p> <p><b>Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress</b></p>

	<p>The Mayor invited Councillor Catherine Gibbons to propose and Councillor John Crockford-Hawley to second a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.</p> <p>The Mayor invited the retiring Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare to come forward to accept Town Council commemorative shields to mark the Town Council's appreciation of their services during their term of office 2016/2017.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clive Darke, Peter Fox, Derek Mead, Ian Porter, Len Purnell, and Martin Williams.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Election of the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare 2017/2018</b></p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Catherine Gibbons to propose and Councillor Richard Tucker to second the proposition that Councillor Michael Lyall be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2017/2018.</p> <p>Councillors Catherine Gibbons and Richard Tucker endorsed Councillor Michael Lyall's ascension to the office of Deputy Mayor and in their closing testimonials reiterated that Councillor Michael Lyall would work diligently for the Town Council and support the Mayor during his term of office.</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Michael Lyall be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-Super-Mare for the year 2017/2018.</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 Michael Lyall) and Deputy Mayoress (Mrs Margaret Lyall) adjourned from the meeting and returned to the Council Chamber when robing was complete.</p> <p><b>The Deputy Mayor signs the Declaration of Office</b></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 year 2017/2018, signing the document and returning thanks for his election to office.</p> <p><b>Appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain, Deputy Chaplain and Cadet</b></p> <p>The Mayor announced the appointment of her Chaplain, Reverend Andrew Alden and her Deputy Chaplain, Reverend Steven Christian. The Mayor presented them both with their stoles of office.</p> <p>The Mayor appointed Cadet A. Poyser as the Mayor's Cadet 2017/2018 and presented him with a badge depicting the Weston-super-Mare Coat of Arms.</p> <p>The Town Mayor invited the Mayoress, Councillor Roz Willis and Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Margaret Lyall to come forth and receive bouquets of flowers in anticipated appreciation for their support during her year in office.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p>

	There were no declarations of interest received.
5.	<p><b>Approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b></p> <p>The minutes had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> Councillor Clive Webb  <b>SECONDED:</b> Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be signed and approved.</p>
6.	<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 2017/2018 was put to council.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Peter Crew  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor James Davis</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Clive Webb be appointed Leader of the Town Council for 2017/2018.</p> <p>The proposition to elect the Deputy Leader of the Town Council for 2017/2018 was put to council.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Peter Crew  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor James Davis</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Michael Kus be appointed Deputy Leader of the Town Council for 2017/2018.</p>
7.	<p><b>Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations</b></p> <p>Political Group Leaders had reviewed the Town Council's Committee Membership document 2017/2018 and a copy had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Two changes were proposed by the Leader of the Council:</p> <p>That Councillor James Davis be appointed Armed Forces Champion and that Councillor Len Purnell be appointed representative for the Water Safety Committee</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Clive Webb  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Michal Kus</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That with the above amendments, the Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations for 2017/2018 as circulated be approved.</p>
8.	<b>To Approve Earmarked Reserves for the year 2017/2018</b>

	<p>A list of earmarked reserves produced by the Finance Officer had previously been circulated.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Clive Webb <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Michal Kus</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Earmarked Reserves for the year 2017/2018 as circulated be approved.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare formally closed the meeting at 6.04 pm.</p> <p>The Macebearer requested that everyone present, stand.</p> <p>Preceded by the Macebearer, the Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare, the Mayor's Cadet, the retiring Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare and retiring Cadet left the Chamber.</p>

Signed: .....  
Mayor of Weston-super-Mare

Dated: .....