

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING AND
MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY
HELD ON THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014
AT THE TOWN HALL**

MEETING COMMENCED: 5.00 pm

MEETING CONCLUDED: 5.54 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Keith Morris (The Mayor of Weston-super-Mare), Rosslyn Willis (The Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare), Raymond Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Mark Canniford, Peter Crew (Leader of the Town Council), John Crockford-Hawley, Clive Darke, Peter Fox, David Hitchins, Jan Holloway, Cyril King, Clare Kingsbury-Bell, Michal Kus, Michael Lyall, Derek Mead, Frederick Parsons, Robert Payne, Alan Peak, Lisa Pilgrim, Ian Porter, Sonia Russé, Richard Tucker, Rose Warwick, Clive Webb and Holly Young

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Malcolm L Nicholson (Town Clerk), Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Chris Millard (Mayor's Civic Officer), Keith Harris (Macebearer), Jennifer Lawley (Committee Officer), dignitaries and invited guests.

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

58.	<p>Welcome by the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare, Councillor Keith Morris</p> <p>The Mayor (Councillor Keith Morris) welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting of the Town Council and Mayor Making Ceremony.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked his Chaplain (Reverend Andrew Alden) and Deputy Chaplain (Reverend Father Richard Dwyer) for their ministry throughout the Mayor's term of office 2013/2014. He also thanked his Cadet (Lance Corporal Rory Macgregor) and congratulated him on his excellent work and service.</p> <p>Presentation awards were made to the Reverend Andrew Alden and Lance Corporal Rory Macgregor in recognition of their services. Reverend Father Richard Dwyer was unable to attend the Mayor Making Ceremony.</p> <p>The Mayor proceeded to deliver his end of term speech.</p> <p>The Mayor welcomed the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Chairman of North Somerset Council, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen and Councillors to the Mayor Making Ceremony and Annual General Meeting of the Town Council.</p> <p>The Mayor (Councillor Keith Morris) and the Mayoress (Mrs Jocelyn Holder) had attended approximately 300 functions and Civic events within the town of Weston-super-Mare and surrounding areas of North Somerset and Somerset. They had attended some very interesting events and were made most welcome by the many people they had met. They had also learnt much about the diversity of the work provided by voluntary organisations in the town.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Rosslyn Willis) for her support; the Mayor's Secretary/Civic Officer (Chris Millard) for his hard work and expertise and Town Councillors and Town Council staff for their help throughout his term of office.</p> <p>The Mayor called upon Chris Millard to receive a presentation award in recognition and thanks for services to the Mayor during his term of office 2013/2014.</p>
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	<p>In conclusion, the Mayor thanked his Mayoress (Mrs Jocelyn Holder) for her constant support throughout the Mayor's term of office.</p>
	<p><i>The Mayor invited his Chaplain (Reverend Andrew Alden) to say prayers.</i></p> <p><i>The Annual General Meeting of the Town Council and Mayor Making Ceremony was officially opened and the Mayor invited questions and observations from parishioners present.</i></p> <p><i>Councillors Robert Payne and Tim Taylor joined the meeting at 5.10 pm.</i></p>
59.	<p>Election of the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare 2014/2015</p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Lisa Pilgrim to propose and Councillor Cyril King to second the proposition that Councillor Rosslyn Willis be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2014/2015.</p> <p>Councillors Lisa Pilgrim and Cyril King endorsed Councillor Rosslyn Willis' ascension to Mayor of Weston-super-Mare 2014/2015. Councillor Rosslyn Willis was a dedicated Councillor who would represent the town of Weston-super-Mare to the highest standard.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that: Councillor Rosslyn Willis be elected the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2014/2015.</p> <p>Councillor Rosslyn Willis assented to her election.</p> <p>The Macebearer announced that there would be an adjournment and requested that all present, rise.</p> <p>Preceded by the Mace and Macebearer, the retiring Mayor (Councillor Keith Morris), retiring Mayoress (Mrs Jocelyn Holder), the Mayor (Councillor Rosslyn Willis), the Mayoress (Mrs Joan Thompson), the Town Clerk (Mr Malcolm L Nicholson) and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain (Reverend Andrew Alden) adjourned from the meeting for a short period and returned to the Council Chamber when robing was complete.</p> <p>The Mayor, Councillor Rosslyn Willis, took her seat,</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 2014/2015, signing the document and returning thanks for her election to office.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the Town Council for the honour and opportunity to be the first citizen of Weston-super-Mare. In representing the town and Council to the best of her abilities, she would uphold the Mayoral traditions with dignity, honour and impartiality. The Mayor cherished the town and its communities and for that reason she had given the honour of Mayoress to Mrs Joan Thompson who was the Chairman of Worle Community Centre.</p> <p>The Mayoress (Mrs Joan Thompson) was presented with a bouquet of flowers.</p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Peter Crew to propose and Councillor Clive Darke to second a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council spoke of the retiring Mayor's role as an Ambassador for the town</p>

	<p>and his excellent contribution. Both the Leader of the Council and Councillor Clive Darke thanked Councillor Keith Morris for his hard work as Mayor for the town and residents of Weston-super-Mare.</p> <p>The Mayor invited the retiring Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-super-Mare to come forward to accept shields to mark the Town Council's appreciation of their services during their term of office 2013/2014. The retiring Mayoress (Mrs Jocelyn Holder) was also presented with a bouquet of flowers.</p>
	<p><i>The business of the Town Council's Annual General Meeting commenced with the Mayor receiving apologies.</i></p>
60.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Bell, Tony Probert, Len Purnell, Simon Stokes and Reverend Father Richard Dwyer.</p> <p>Councillor Tony Probert was unable to attend due to illness and the Town Council accorded their best wishes.</p> <p><i>Councillor Derek Mead joined the meeting at 5.30 pm.</i></p>
61.	<p>Election of the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare 2013/2014</p> <p>The Mayor invited Councillor Robert Payne to propose and Councillor Mark Canniford to second the proposition that Councillor Ray Armstrong be elected Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2014/2015.</p> <p>Councillor Robert Payne (Political Group Leader for the Liberal Democrats) and Councillor Mark Canniford informed that they were delighted to be able to propose and second Councillor Raymond Armstrong as the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare. Councillor Raymond Armstrong was totally committed to working for the Town Council and for the benefit of the people of the town, and would serve the Mayor very well as her Deputy.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that: Councillor Ray Armstrong be elected the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the Year 2014/2015.</p> <p>Following the election, the Macebearer announced a short adjournment.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Ray Armstrong) and Deputy Mayoress (Mrs Jennifer Bindon) adjourned from the meeting for a short period and returned to the Council Chamber when robing was complete.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayoress was presented with a bouquet of flowers.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as the Deputy Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for the year 2014/2015.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor returned his thanks for election to office and informed that he was honoured to be the town's Deputy Mayor and would serve to the best of his ability.</p>

62.	<p>The Mayor announced the appointment of her Chaplain, the Reverend Keith Berry-Davis and her Deputy Chaplain, Reverend Richard Taylor. Sashes of office were presented.</p> <p>The Mayor appointed Cadet Sergeant Cameron Service as the Mayor's Cadet 2014/2015. The Mayor informed of her own connection with the RAF and of her pleasure in appointing Cadet Sergeant Cameron Service. She wished him well for the forthcoming year and presented him with a badge depicting the Weston-super-Mare Coat of Arms.</p>
	<p><i>Business items 4-8 on the Town Council agenda followed.</i></p>
63.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
64.	<p>Approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 2014.</p> <p>The minutes had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED: Councillor Tim Taylor</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The minutes be signed and approved.</p>
65.	<p>Decision Making Arrangements for 2014/2015</p> <p>A minute extract from the meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee on the 28th April 2014 together with an amended Committee Terms of Reference had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The reviewed Committee Terms of Reference document had been presented to members of the Policy & Finance Committee on the 28th April 2014 when in order to make efficiency savings it was resolved to delete the Estates and Premises Committee and move transportation matters such as public paths, highways, vehicle parking and traffic management, including disabled parking bay applications, from the Community Services Committee to the Planning Committee.</p> <p>The Committee Terms of Reference document as resolved at the Policy & Finance Committee required final approval by full Town Council.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Robert Payne</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The reviewed Terms of Reference be approved for 2014/2015.</p>
66.	<p>Appointment of Town Councillors to Committees, Sub Committees, Working Parties and External Organisations</p> <p>The document proposing Committee Membership for 2014/2015 including External Liaison Bodies was circulated at the meeting.</p>

	<p>Political Group Leaders had reviewed the Town Council’s Committee Membership 2014/2015. The Leader of the Town Council advised that the Museum Working Party had a vacancy for another committee member. Debate ensued during which Councillor Alan Peak put himself forward as the additional committee member for the Museum Working Party.</p> <p>Town Council approval was required for Committee Membership 2014/2015 as circulated with the inclusion of an additional committee member for the Museum Working Party.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Michal Kus</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Alan Peak be appointed as a committee member for the Museum Working Party. 2. With this addition the Committee Membership for 2014/2015 as circulated be approved.
<p>67.</p>	<p>To agree Calendar of Meeting Dates May 2014 – May 2015</p> <p>The draft Town Council Calendar of Meetings had been previously circulated with agenda.</p> <p>Approval was sought from full Town Council for the proposed Calendar of Meetings for 2014/2015 which had been compiled by the Town Clerk who had taken into consideration North Somerset Council’s diary of meetings for 2014/2015.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The Calendar of Meetings for June 2014 to May 2015 be approved.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare formally closed the meeting at 5.54 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: Dated:
 Mayor of Weston-super-Mare