

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Friday 4th May 2018** in The Large Hall of Buckingham Community Centre, Meadow Walk, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. T. Bloomfield  
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. D. Isham  
Cllr. A. Mahi  
Cllr. H. Mordue  
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell  
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue  
Cllr. M. Smith  
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury

**In attendance:**

*Professor R. Farwell CBE DL, The High Sheriff together with invited guests.*

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The Town Crier welcomed dignitaries and invited guests. The Mace Bearer announced The Mayor, Town Clerk and Town Councillors.

The Town Mayor opened the meeting and gave speech thanking his family, Council Officers and fellow Councillors. The Mayor presented cheques of £1,300 from the Mayor's Charity Fund to:

- Buckingham Youth Centre
- UNICEF
- NSPCC

The Mayor gave a speech and presented Mrs Barbara Farmer with a pin replica of the Mace in recognition of 30 years' service to the town of Buckingham.

Mr. N. Stafford was awarded the title of Friend of Buckingham in recognition of his 40 years' service to the community as a retained firefighter. Cllr. Newell gave a speech and The Mayor presented Mr Neil Stafford with a silver salver in recognition of his award.

The Mayor presented the Buckingham Town Council Award for Excellence in Sport and the Arts to The Buckingham School Drama and Dance Department for their work building confidence in young people in the community. Cllr. O'Donoghue gave a speech.

*Cllr. Harvey explained that the meeting would move into the formal part of the agenda.*

**1/18 Apologies**

Apologies were received and noted from Town Cllrs. Bates, Cole, P. Collins and Mrs. G. Collins, Mrs Rachel Shimmin – Chief Officer, BCC. Cllr Sue Renshell, Chair of AVDC. Sir Anthony Seldon, University of Buckingham, The Mayors of Aylesbury,

Banbury and Bicester. M. Eric Durand, Maire. Cllr. Warren Whyte – Cabinet Member, BCC. Sir H. Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. Lady Tessa Keswick - Chancellor of the University. Mr. D Hudson – Head Teacher , Royal Latin School. Mr. G. Griffiths – Head Teacher, Lace Hill Academy. Mr. & Mrs. D. Stevens. Mrs. R. Pateman. Mr. T. Merrick. Mr. K Croxton.

**2/18 Election of the Town Mayor for 2018-2019: Cllr. Jon Harvey.**

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue and seconded by Cllr. Mahi.

Cllr. Stuchbury gave a speech recognising the hard work of Buckingham Town Council as led by Cllr. Harvey's mayorship in 2017/18. Cllr. Harvey was invested with the Chain of Office by the Town Clerk. There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously – that Cllr. Harvey be elected Town Mayor of Buckingham, to hold office until the next Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council.

**3/18 The Robing of the Mayor and history of the Regalia**

Cllr. Harvey was invested with the Chain of Office by the Town Clerk.

**4/18 Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Mayoral address**

Cllr. Harvey made the statutory declaration of office.

**5/18 Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2018-2019: Cllr. Mark Cole JP**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. P. Hirons

Cllr. Isham gave a short speech thanking Cllr. Cole for his continued service.

There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously – that Cllr. Cole be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Buckingham, to hold office until the next Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council.

**6/18 Appointment of the Mayoress, Ms. Julie Uglow, by the Town Mayor and presentation of the Mayoress's Chain.**

Ms. Uglow was presented with the Chain of Office by the Mayor, Cllr. Harvey.

**7/18 Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor thanked the musicians from the Royal Latin School and The Buckingham School for entertaining guests throughout the evening and announced that imagination would be the theme of his second year as Town Mayor. Cllr. Harvey went on to read two poems especially written for the evening by pupils from Buckingham's two secondary schools.

Meeting closed at: 8.10pm

Signed ..... Date .....

Town Mayor