

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

The Reconvened Annual (Mayor Making) Meeting of Huntingdon Town Council was held at The Coneygear Centre, Huntingdon, on Thursday 29th July 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor K Webb – Town Mayor (Presiding)

Councillors: A Beevor; A Blackwell; P Brown; J Cole; C Doyle; S Gifford; M Kadewere; P Kadewere; P Kennington; A McAdam; S McAdam; P Pearce and T Sanderson

Apologies: Councillors: M Baker; V Hufford; B Luckham and T Shrapnel

In attendance: There were approximately 50 civic guests and members of the public in attendance

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and before the commencement of proceedings, asked Members if it was their wish to reconvene the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to do so.

With the meeting reconvened, the Mayor invited the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Jon Randall, to say a prayer.

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR (CHAIRMAN) FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT YEAR 2021/22**

Councillor Gifford proposed Councillor Webb to be elected as Mayor for the local government year. Councillor McAdam seconded the proposal and said a few words as to why Councillor Webb was deserving of the role, providing an overview of his experience as Deputy Town Mayor for 2019/20, his dedication to the role of Councillor at committee meetings and his involvement in the local community.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Webb be duly elected Town Mayor of Huntingdon for the local government year 2021/22.

The Town Clerk congratulated Councillor Webb on his election as Mayor and invited him to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Webb made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he duly signed, witnessed by the Town Clerk.

Councillor Webb addressed the meeting to give thanks to the Council for their vote of confidence in him taking on the role as Town Mayor of Huntingdon for a

further year and expressed his gratitude of support from the local community and from his family.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors: M Baker; V Hufford; B Luckham; T Shrapnel and S Sweek.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT YEAR 2021/22**

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Sanderson that Councillor Kennington be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. It was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Kennington be duly appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Huntingdon for the local government year 2021/22.

The Mayor and Town Clerk congratulated Councillor Kennington on her appointment as Deputy Town Mayor and the Town Clerk invited Councillor Kennington to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Kennington made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which she duly signed, witnessed by the Town Clerk.

5. **EXPRESSION OF THANKS & PRESENTATION OF FORMER MAYOR'S BADGE TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR (CHAIRMAN).**

Councillor Webb explained that as he had been elected as Town Mayor for a further year, there would be no vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, or an announcement of the charity funds raised. This would be done at the end of Councillor Webb's term.

The final item to be covered was the presentation of the Mayor of Huntingdon's Community Shield. Katie Casey of the Friends of Stukeley Meadows School (FOSMS) was awarded the Shield for her dedication as Chairman on FOSMS, fundraising tens of thousands of pounds for the school. Thanks were given to the other nominees, namely;

- Paul Sweeney of the Commemoration Hall,
- Lianne Simpson of Diamond Hampers and
- Rob Bradshaw for his local community support

The Mayor invited Katie Casey to receive the Community Shield and a bouquet of flowers. Congratulations were offered to Katie for her work on behalf of the Council and the School.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MAIN COMMITTEES**

- (i) The Mayor proposed that all Members of Huntingdon Town Council be appointed to sit on the Town Council's three Standing Committees for the local government year 2021/22, namely Finance, Leisure & Community Services and Planning. This was seconded by the Deputy Mayor and it was unanimously

RESOLVED that all 19 Members of Huntingdon Town Council would sit on the Town Council's four Standing Committees.

- (ii) The Mayor then asked for a proposer and seconder to appoint a Chairman for each of the following Standing Committees:

- a) Finance Committee; it was proposed by Councillor Sanderson and seconded by Councillor Kennington that Councillor Pearce be appointed as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year. The Mayor asked whether there were any other nominations; there were none.

A vote was taken, and all were in favour. It was

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Pearce as Chairman of the Finance Committee for local government year 2021/22.

- b) Leisure & Community Services Committee; it was proposed by Councillor Kadewere and seconded by Councillor Kennington that Councillor Sanderson should be appointed as Chairman of the Leisure & Community Services Committee for the ensuing year. The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations; there were none.

A vote was taken, and all were in favour. It was

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Sanderson as Chairman of the Leisure & Community Services Committee for the local government year 2021/22.

- c) Planning Committee; it was proposed by The Mayor and seconded by Councillor Pearce that Councillor Doyle be appointed as the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the ensuing year. The Mayor asked whether there were any other nominations; there were none and it was unanimously

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Doyle as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the local government year 2021/22.

- d) Strategy & Corporate Plan Committee: it was proposed by Councillor Sanderson and seconded by Councillor Pearce that Councillor S McAdam be appointed as the Chairman of the Strategy & Corporate Plan Committee for the ensuing year. The Mayor asked whether there were any other nominations; there were none and it was unanimously

RESOLED to appoint Councillor S McAdam as Chairman of the Strategy & Corporate Plan Committee for the local government year 2021/22.

7. **TOWN MAYOR'S (CHAIRMAN'S) CLOSING REMARKS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- (i) That the Town Mayor's Chaplain for 2021/22 would be Reverend Jon Randall
- (ii) That the Town Mayor's Macebearer for 2021/22 would be Mr Dennis Smith
- (iii) That the Town Mayor's Mayoress for 2021/22 would be Mrs Hilary Meers-Webb
- (iv) That the Town Mayor's Cadet for 2021/22 would be Able Cadet Zach Crennel of Huntingdon Sea Cadet Corps
- (v) That the Town Mayor's Charity for 2021/22 would be Dreamdrops

The Mayor gave thanks to all those in attendance and concluded the meeting, welcoming guests to enjoy refreshments in the Main Hall.

MAYOR