

**HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

The Annual (Mayor Making) Meeting of Huntingdon Town Council was virtually over Zoom Video Conference, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor K Webb– Town Mayor Presiding

Councillors: A Beevor; A Blackwell; P Brown; C Doyle; V Hufford; P Kadewere; P Kennington; B Luckham; S McAdam; P Pearce; T Sanderson; T Shrapnel and S Sweek.

Apologies: Councillor A Diaz

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and before the commencement of proceedings, invited the Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Jon Randall, to say a prayer.

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR (CHAIRMAN) FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT YEAR 2020/21**

Councillor McAdam proposed Councillor Webb to be elected as Mayor for the local government year. Councillor Sanderson 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, and his dedication to helping out at many civic and fundraising events throughout the year.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor Sanderson. It was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Webb be duly elected Town Mayor of Huntingdon for the local government year 2020/21.

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 Council to thank Members for electing him as Mayor of Huntingdon. Councillor Webb also thanked his family, and colleagues at RAF Wyton, for their support. While the COVID-19 pandemic had delayed the start of the 2020-21 mayoral term, Councillor Webb was positive about the upcoming year.

Councillor Webb – Town Mayor – Then presided over the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Diaz.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT YEAR 2020/21**

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor McAdam 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 2020/21.

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 Sanderson proposed a vote of thanks to retiring Mayor, Councillor McAdam for his year of service to the Council, which was seconded by the Mayor, Councillor Webb. Councillor Sanderson expressed that Councillor McAdam had made an excellent Mayor during his term and that the Council had been grateful for his time and dedication to the role.

Finally, the Mayor of Huntingdon, Councillor Webb presented the retiring Mayor McAdam with his Former Mayor's badge and ribbon.

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 2020/21, namely Finance, Leisure & Community Services, Planning and Strategy & Corporate Plan Committee. 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 Luckham 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 2019/20.

- b) Leisure & Community Services Committee; it was proposed by Councillor Shrapnel and seconded by the Deputy Mayor 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 2020/21.

- c) Planning Committee; it was proposed by The Mayor and seconded by Councillor Luckham 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 2020/21

- d) Strategy and Corporate Plan Committee; it was proposed and seconded that Councillor Sir Peter Brown be appointed as the Chairman of the Strategy and Corporate Plan 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 Sir Peter Brown as Chairman of the Strategy and Corporate Plan Committee for the local government year 2020/21.

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- (i) That the Town Mayor's Chaplain for 2020/21 would be Reverend Jon Randall
- (ii) That the Town Mayor's Macebearer for 2021/21 would be Mr Dennis Smith
- (iii) That the Town Mayor's Mayoress for 2020/21 would be Mrs Hilary Meers-Webb
- (iv) That the Town Mayor's Cadet for 2020/21 would be an Able Cadet Zach Crennel.
- (v) That the Town Mayor's Charities for 2020/21 would be Dreamdrops, Huntingdonshire Children's Charity.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and said he would look forward to welcoming members and guests when lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

**MAYOR**