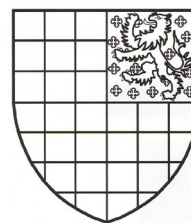


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**LEWES
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COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Of the 45th ANNUAL MEETING of Lewes Town Council,
held on **Thursday 16th May 2019**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lewes** at **7:00pm**.

PRESENT Councillors J Baah; M Bird; R Burrows; S Catlin (Wischhusen); G Earl; R Handy; O Henman; J Herbert; J Lamb; Dr W Maples; Dr G Mayhew; M Milner; R O'Keeffe; S Sains; J Vernon; R Waring; K Wood.

In attendance: S Brigden (Town Clerk); Mrs F Garth (Assistant Town Clerk & Civic Officer) L Symons (Macebearer); Canon R Moatt (Council Chaplain).

There were 110 guests and civic dignitaries assembled.

The Council's Chaplain, Canon Richard Moatt, offered a few words before commencement of the meeting, on the topic of choices facing everyone, but particularly those in positions of responsibility.

The meeting opened with Cllr Janet Baah in the Chair, as outgoing Mayor.

FC2019/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Cllr John Lamb was elected as Mayor for the 2019/20 municipal year.

FC2019/02 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Cllr Lamb made his statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor before Council and assembled guests, and signed a deed to that effect.

Cllr Lamb took the chair for the remainder of the meeting

Cllr Lamb addressed the assembly, thanking his colleagues for the honour of the Mayoralty. He described his outlook for the Mayoral year, and announced that the good causes he had chosen to support would be the Oyster Project and Lewes Football Club's mental wellbeing initiative. He introduced his wife, Gaynor, who would support him as Mayoress during the forthcoming year.

FC2019/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Makepeace, who was recovering from minor surgery

It was resolved that:

FC2019/03.1 Reasons submitted for absence from this meeting are noted.

FC2019/04 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Cllr Stephen Wischhusen, known to all as Catlin, was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 municipal year.

FC2019/05 DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Cllr Catlin made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor before Council and assembled guests, and signed a deed to that effect. He offered a short speech of thanks for the honour, and introduced Ms Annabella Ashby and Wolf Storm, who would jointly support him in the role of Deputy Mayor's Consort through the year.

FC2019/06 VOTE OF THANKS: Cllr Mayhew proposed the motion (NM001/19) :

“That this Council records its thanks to Cllr Janet Baah, and appreciation for her service to the council and community of Lewes in the office of Mayor during the past year.”

He went on to describe Cllr Baah's term as Mayor, and highlighted functions and events she had attended and her work through the year fundraising for her chosen good causes.

It was **resolved FC2019/06.1** accordingly.

Cllr Baah replied at length, describing her own view of the past year and adding thanks to all those individuals who had helped throughout her service as Mayor.

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FC2019/07 PRESENTATIONS: Cllr Baah and her Consort, Barbara Rowe, were presented with gifts in recognition of their service in the past year. Cllr Baah then presented a gift to Canon Moatt, for his invaluable work as Chaplain and his pastoral care within the organization.

Cllr Lamb then declared that the traditional, ceremonial, element of the meeting was concluded; and the meeting moved on to deal with items of ordinary business.

FC2019/08 MINUTES:

It was resolved that:

FC2019/08.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th April 2019 are received and signed as an accurate record.

FC2019/09 ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS:

The attendance record of councillors for the previous municipal year was noted. (*copy in minute book*)

FC2019/10 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES of COUNCILLORS 2019/20:

A motion (NM002/19) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**

FC2019/10.1 The individual responsibilities of Members for the ensuing municipal year shall be as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) provided to members for the meeting of Council on 16th May 2019, *pro tem subject to review by Council in June or July 2019.*

FC2019/11 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

A motion (NM003/19) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**

FC2019/11.1 The Council's representatives on outside bodies, for the ensuing municipal year, shall be as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) provided to members for the meeting of Council on 16th May 2019, *pro tem subject to review by Council in June or July 2019.*

FC2019/12 BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORITY:

A motion (NM004/19) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**

FC2019/12.1 The Council approves the authorization of Councillors as signatories to the Council's bank account: as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) provided to members for the meeting of Council on 16th May 2019.

FC2019/13 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:

A motion (NM005/19) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**

FC2019/13.1 The Town Clerk be asked to ensure the Council's continued membership of approved national and local organizations representing Parish and Town Councils.

FC2019/14 QUALIFICATION for GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

A motion (NM006/19) was proposed, supported by a briefing note (*copy in minute book*), and it was **resolved that:**

FC2019/14.1 Lewes Town Council declares that it meets the conditions, prescribed in Article 2 paragraph 2 of The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (SI2012/965), and hereby resolves to adopt the General Power of Competence as provided in the Localism Act 2011 ss1-8. This declaration has effect until the Council's Annual Meeting 2023.

FC2019/15 STATUTORY DISPENSATION *iro* DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS:

A motion (NM007/19) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**

FC2019/15.1 Lewes Town Council Members are considered to have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests which would be affected by the setting of the Council Tax Precept – specifically: beneficial interests in land within the area of the Council. Having regard to the provisions contained in s33 of the Localism Act 2011 and all relevant circumstances the Council hereby resolves to grant all Members a dispensation from the restrictions imposed by s 31 (4) of that Act on participation and voting on this matter, as without such dispensation

the transaction of Council business would be impeded; the matter is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area, and the interest is common to a significant proportion of the general public within the Council's area. This dispensation has effect until the Council's Annual Meeting 2023.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting and invited all present to join her in attending the Civic Reception in the Assembly Room.

The meeting ended at 7:55pm

Signed:

Date:

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