

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2020 AT 6PM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Mayor/Chair)
Cllr R Blacklaw-Jones
Cllr A Buckfield
Cllr J Dunckley
Cllr C Evans
Cllr S Hooper
Cllr P Johnson
Cllr J Morgans
Cllr E Perkins
Cllr G Roberts
Cllr C Thomas

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

1921 Election of the Town Mayor/Chair

The Town Clerk gave her thanks to the Mayor, Cllr Mrs S Murray, for agreeing to remain in office during the pandemic and for all her support. Apologies were given to the incoming Officers for the delay in confirming their appointments due to the pandemic.

Cllr A Buckfield was elected as the Town Mayor, Admiral of the Port and Chair of Council for the 2020/2021 mayoral year. The majority voted in favour of the appointment; Cllr Murray abstained.

The Mayor read out the oaths of office for the Town Mayor and Admiral of the Port of Haverfordwest. Cllr Buckfield will sign the declaration of office tomorrow.

The Mayor appointed his wife Mrs G Buckfield as his Mayoress.

The Mayor gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Murray, which was fully supported by Council.

Cllr Murray responded to the vote of thanks. The speech gave an overview of the commitment required to fulfil the role of Mayor and a Town Councillor. She gave thanks to Council, Town Clerk and staff for their support. Cllr Murray thanked her husband Mr P Murray for his continual support. The beginning of the town regeneration had seen the delivery of the new library with gallery, including the Cleddau Reaches walk and Priory Saltings for which Jon Collier was praised and thanked for achieving during his term as a fellow Town Councillor and his continuing support with the project. Cllr Murray reflected on her achievements during her term in office as Mayor and as a Town Councillor, including volunteering with Pembrokeshire Next Door, improving relationships with Pembrokeshire County Council, Festival Week and the return of the Carnival.

RESOLVED Cllr A Buckfield is elected as Town Mayor, Admiral of the Port and Chair of Council for the ensuing term of office

1922 Election of Deputy Mayor

Cllr C Evans was elected as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the 2020/2021 mayoral year. All voted in favour of the appointment.

The Deputy Mayor appointed Cllr S Hooper as Deputy Mayoress.

RESOLVED Cllr C Evans is elected as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the ensuing term of office

1923 Election of Town Sheriff

Cllr R Blacklaw-Jones was elected as Town Sheriff for the 2020/2021 mayoral year. All voted in favour of the appointment.

The Sheriff appointed his wife Mrs S Blacklaw-Jones as Sheriff's Lady.

RESOLVED Cllr R Blacklaw-Jones is elected as the Town Sheriff for the ensuing term of office

1924 Declarations of interest from Members

Declarations of interest from members will be taken as and when they arise.

1925 Councillors' Oath of Office

All Councillors confirmed the oath of office.

1926 Appointments

RESOLVED Reverend Father N Hook has been invited to fulfil the position of Mayor's Chaplain
Ms M Squelch and Mr David Williams were appointed as Sergeants at Mace
Mrs P Hall was appointed as Sergeant at Arms

1927 Governance

RESOLVED Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct were re-adopted

1928 Dates of Council Meetings

RESOLVED Dates of meetings of Full Council and Standing Committees were accepted
All Civic events are cancelled for the 2020/2021 mayoral year due to the covid-19 pandemic

1929 Standing Committees

RESOLVED The following appointments were made to the Standing Committees:
Management, Estates and Strategy Committee – Cllr A Buckfield (Mayor/Ex-officio); Cllr R Blacklaw-Jones; Cllr J Dunckley, Cllr C Evans, Cllr P Johnson, Cllr G Roberts
Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee – Cllr A Buckfield (Mayor/Ex-officio); Cllr S Hooper; Cllr J Morgans; Cllr Mrs S Murray; Cllr E Perkins; Cllr C Thomas

1930 Presentation of Awards

All voted in favour for the Award of Merit to be presented to Haverfordwest Yarn Bombers. No nominations were received for the Young Laurel Award.

RESOLVED The Award of Merit is presented to Haverfordwest Yarn Bombers

The Mayor gave his thanks to all for their attendance, and to the Town Clerk and staff for organising the meeting. The Mayor recognised that we are working in difficult times; he will endeavour to promote the town and events during his term in office.

With no further business to consider, the meeting ended at 6.32pm

Chair of Council/Mayor **Signed**

Proper Officer/Town Clerk **Signed**

Date

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