

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, DEVIZES
ON THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018 AT 6.45PM**

Present: Chairman (Councillor Geddes)

Councillors:	Burton	Bridewell	Carter
	Corbett	P Evans	S Evans
	Giraud-Saunders	Godwin	Greenwood
	Hopkins	Johnson	Nash
	Parsons	Rose	Wooldridge

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2018/2019

The Meeting having assembled, it was brought to order by the Deputy Town Clerk who called upon the assembly to rise and receive the Town Mayor's Chain of Office. The Mayor entered the Assembly Room followed by the Macebearers and the Deputy Town Clerk. The Maces were laid on the table.

It was proposed by Councillor Wooldridge, seconded by Councillor Rose and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Geddes is elected Town Mayor of Devizes for 2018/2019.

The newly elected Town Mayor then retired into the Grand Jury Room in order to enable the latter to robe.

On returning to the Assembly Room, Councillor Carter will formally invest the Town Mayor with the Chain and Badge of Office.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Upon the Deputy Town Clerk's invitation, Councillor Geddes made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which both he and the Deputy Town Clerk then signed. The Town Mayor thereupon assumed the Chair. He advised the meeting that his Mayor's Appeal charities will be Devizes Opendoors, Devizes and District Association for the Disabled and Wiltshire Sight.

3. MAYORAL THANKS

Councillor Geddes then rose in his place and suitably thanked his proposer and seconder and the members of the Council for his election and for the confidence they had placed in him.

4. MAYORESS' BADGE OF OFFICE

Mrs Coker passed the Mayoress badge to Mrs Geddes for the coming Mayoral year.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 8 March and 24 April 2018 having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman.

6. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Gay, Rowland, Shaw, Stevens and Von Berg.

7. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Wooldridge, seconded by Councillor Rose and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT This Council resolves that a vote of thanks be given to Nigel Carter, Mayor for Devizes 2017/2018, for the conscientious and enthusiastic manner in which he has carried out his duties as Mayor for the benefit of all the residents of Devizes.

8. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: REPLY

The immediate past Town Mayor, Councillor Carter then suitably replied in response to this resolution and in turn thanked the members of the Council for their support during his Mayoral Year and gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Geddes and Mrs Geddes for all they work they carried out on his behalf. Councillor Carter concluded his address by formally handing over to the Town Mayor the bunch of keys he will be required to use during his year in office. He advised the Council that he has raised in excess of £4,100 for his charities.

9. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Wooldridge and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Rose is elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2018/2019.

The Town Mayor thereupon invited Councillor Rose to come forward and take her designated place beside him at the Council table.

The Town Mayor then invested Councillor Rose with her Badge of Office after which Councillor Rose addressed the Council and thanked the members for her election.

10. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Town Mayor announced to the meeting the prerogative appointments he had made and suitably thanked those named for accepting them. The appointments are as follows: -

Chamberlains	-	Councillor Bridewell and Councillor S Evans
High Constables	-	Vicky Geddes and Tim Geddes
Mayor's Chaplain	-	Reverend Cannon Paul Richardson
Macebearers	-	Mr Peter Powell and Mr Andrew Bewley
Mayoresses Macebearer	-	Mr Nick Rusby
Mayor's Officer	-	Mr Marcus Hopgood

11. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The Council received and noted the report.

12. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Town Mayor then asked the Deputy Town Clerk whether he had any matters to bring to the Council's attention at this time. The Deputy Town Clerk indicated there was one report for consideration.

REPORT FOR DECISION – GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Johnson and UANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the Council confirms that it has achieved a minimum of two thirds of its membership holding office as a result of being declared elected and the Deputy Town Clerk (acting as Town Clerk) holds the 2015 Cilca qualification.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Mayor reminded members of the Council of the invitation extended to them to process in State and attend morning service at St John's Church on Sunday, 10 June 2018 (Inaugural Service) and hoped

that as many members as possible together with their partners would support him on this occasion.

14. QUESTIONS

The Deputy Town Clerk replied that there were no questions.

15. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS IN 2018/2019

Councillors were asked by the Town Mayor to note the dates of meetings during the forthcoming year, a copy of which had previously been circulated and which would be annexed to and form part of these minutes.

16. COMMON SEAL

In accordance with custom the Deputy Town Clerk read out to the meeting the Sealing Resolution which is as follows:-

THAT The Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds, or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or other decisions of the Council taken thereat.

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Wooldridge and RESOLVED

THAT The Sealing Resolution be adopted.

17. CLOSURE

The Town Mayor then declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm and the Deputy Town Clerk made an announcement inviting Councillors, their partners and the Mayor's family and personal guests to join him for the civic reception, once the Assembly Room had been made ready.

CHAIRMAN