

CABINET COMMITTEE

21 April 2020

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins

Councillors: Carter Corbett Giraud-Saunders Godwin
 Nash Pennington

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Nil

598. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Nash and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Hopkins is elected as Chairman of the
Cabinet committee for the remainder of the civic year.

599. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Corbett and seconded by Councillor Hopkins

THAT Councillor Carter is elected as Vice Chairman of the
Cabinet committee for the remainder of the civic year.

600. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members of the committee were present.

601. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared

602. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

603. REPORT FOR DECISION – CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS TO INCLUDE RULES RELATING TO REMOTE DIGITAL MEETINGS.

After a general discussion it was proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Nash and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the committee adopt the changes to Standing Orders as set out
in the agenda to allow for digital meetings.

604. REPORT FOR DECISION – ANNUAL MEETING

A number of Councillors expressed their desire that the Council maintained the civic tradition of holding an Annual Meeting in which the Mayor is elected and that the current covid19 lockdown should not preclude this from happening. Therefore, it was proposed by Councillor Nash and seconded Councillor Carter and agreed UNANIMOUSLY

THAT despite changes to legislation, Devizes Town Council will hold the Annual Meeting on Thursday 14 May at which it will elect a Mayor for the civic year 2020/21.

605. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Nash asked if the meeting has been advertised. It was confirmed that the normal statutory notice had been displayed including on physical notice boards and on the Council's website. In addition, the published agendas carried both a link to the digital meeting address and passwords.

Councillor Nash asked if any staff had been furloughed. It was confirmed that seven staff have been furloughed from those Council services, which have been deficit to deliver as a result of the lockdown.

Councillor Carter asked about the position with our tenanted properties. It was confirmed that all the tenants have been contacted and where they can demonstrate their business has been impacted by the Coronavirus lockdown, they can apply for a three months' rent holiday with the balance being spread over the remainder of the lease period.

“Agreed at the meeting of the 12 May”

CHAIRMAN