

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM SOFTWARE
ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020 AT 6.00PM**

Present: Chairman (Councillor Johnson)

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Carter
	Corbett	P Evans	S Evans
	Gay	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders
	Godwin	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Nash	Parsons	Pennington
	Rose	Rowland	Von Berg

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2020/2021

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins seconded by Councillor Carter and RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Johnson is elected Town Mayor of Devizes for 2020/2021.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Johnson made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. MAYORAL THANKS

Councillor Johnson thanked his proposer and seconder and the members of the Council for his election and for the confidence they had placed in him. The Town Mayor thereupon advised the meeting that his Mayor's Appeal charities will be Devizes Opportunity Centre, Devizes & District Food Bank and the new St James' Centre.

4. MAYORESS' BADGE OF OFFICE

Council Johnson announced that his wife, Kayoko will be his Mayoress.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12 March 2020, having previously been circulated, were agreed by the Council.

6. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Stevens.

7. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT This Council resolves that a vote of thanks be recorded to Councillor Judy Rose, Mayor for Devizes 2019/20, for maintaining the presence of Devizes in many fora and bringing great passion to the maintenance of the Mayoral role which has been for the benefit of all the residents of Devizes.

8. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: REPLY

The immediate past Town Mayor, Councillor Rose then suitably replied in response to this resolution and in turn thanked the members of the Council for their support during her Mayoral Year.

9. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

THAT Councillor Gay is elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2020/2021.

10. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

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

- Chamberlains - Councillor Hopkins and Councillor Nash
- High Constables - Daniel Johnson and Danny Lajda
- Mayor's Chaplain - Reverend Cannon Paul Richardson
- Mayor's Officer - Mr Richard Hopkins
- Macebearers - Mr Peter Powell and Mr Andrew Bewley
- Mayoresses Macebearer - Mr Nick Rusby

11. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The Council received and noted the report.

12. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

REPORT FOR DECISION – GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Nash and UNANIMOUSLY 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 Town Clerk holds the 2015 Cilca qualification.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk confirmed that there were no matters to bring to the Council's attention

14. QUESTIONS

The Town Clerk replied that there were no questions.

15. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS IN 2020/2021

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 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 Carter and RESOLVED

THAT The Sealing Resolution be adopted.

17. CLOSURE

Town Mayor then declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm

CHAIRMAN

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