

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
at 7 pm on Thursday, 4th May 2023

Present: Cllr William Benbow, Cllr Susan Crooke-Williams, Cllr David Fenwick, Cllr Wilfred Grainger, Cllr John O'Dowd, Cllr Marcus Themans, Cllr Daniel Thomas, Cllr Christian Toon, Cllr Chris Tyler, Cllr Linda West, Cllr Duncan White

Town Clerk: Trudi Barrett

In attendance:

Reverend Prebendary Matthew Stafford
Mace Bearer, Mr Eric Humphries
Deputy Lieutenant Claire Brentnall
Invited guests

The Mayor, Cllr. Duncan White, invited the Reverend Matthew Stafford to say prayers prior to the commencement of the meeting.

After prayers, the Mayor declared the meeting open.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(1)(2) it was **proposed** by Cllr. Daniel Thomas and **seconded** by Cllr. Linda West that Cllr. David Fenwick be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. David Fenwick be elected Town Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr. David Fenwick, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Mayor gave his address of thanks for his election.

The Mayor **proposed** and Cllr. Daniel Thomas **seconded** that a 'Vote of Thanks' be accorded to the ex-Mayor, Cllr. Duncan White, which was unanimously **APPROVED**.

Cllr. Duncan White addressed the Council in reply to the 'Vote of Thanks'.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(6) it was **proposed** by Cllr. Wilfred Grainger and **seconded** by Cllr. Christian Toon that Cllr. Marcus Themans be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Marcus Themans be elected Deputy Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None, as all Councillors were present.

5. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor announced his appointment of the Reverend Prebendary Matthew Stafford as his Chaplain and handed signed confirmation to the Town Clerk.

6. NEXT MEETING

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Chris Tyler and **seconded** by Cllr. Duncan White that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be deferred for consideration on Thursday, 11th May 2023.

It was RESOLVED that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be resumed on Thursday, 11th May 2023 commencing at 7 pm at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed.....
Town Mayor

Date.....