

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
at 7 pm on Thursday, 9th May 2024

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: Mace Bearer, Mr Eric Humphries, Deputy Lieutenant Claire Brentnall, Revd Prebendary Matthew Stafford, invited guests.

The Mayor, Cllr David Fenwick, 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 Wilfred Grainger and **seconded** by Cllr Christian Toon that Cllr Marcus Themans be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

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

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr Marcus Themans, 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. David Fenwick, which was unanimously **APPROVED**. Cllr. David Fenwick 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 Christopher Tyler and **seconded** by Cllr Wilfred Grainger that Cllr Daniel Thomas be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Daniel Thomas 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 the appointment of the Revd Prebendary Matthew Stafford as his Chaplain and handed signed confirmation to the Town Clerk.

6. NEXT MEETING

It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Crooke-Williams and **seconded** by Cllr David Fenwick that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be deferred for consideration on Thursday, 16th May 2024.

It was RESOLVED that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be resumed on Thursday, 16th May 2024 commencing at 7 pm at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed.....
Town Mayor

Date.....