

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
at 7 pm on Thursday, 15th May 2025

Present: Cllr Susan Crooke-Williams, Cllr David Fenwick, Cllr Paul Madeley, Cllr Marcus Themans, Cllr Daniel Thomas, Cllr Chris Tyler, Cllr Duncan White, Cllr Daisy Whiteman

Town Clerk: Trudi Barrett

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

The Mayor, Cllr Marcus Themans, 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 TOWN MAYOR

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(1)(2) it was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Crooke-Williams and **seconded** by Cllr Duncan White that Cllr Daniel Thomas be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

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

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr Daniel Thomas, 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 David Fenwick **seconded** that a vote of thanks be accorded to the ex-Mayor, Cllr. Marcus Themans. It was unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Marcus Themans be accorded a vote of thanks.** Cllr. Marcus Themans addressed the Council in reply.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(6) it was **proposed** by Cllr David Fenwick and **seconded** by Cllr Duncan White that Cllr Susan Crooke-Williams be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, **it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Susan Crooke-Williams be elected Deputy Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.**

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Tyler, who was away.

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. HONORARY FREEMAN

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mr Eric Humphries as an Honorary Freeman of Much Wenlock in recognition of his outstanding service to the community and presented Mr Humphries with a framed scroll. Mr Humphries gave an address in reply.

7. NEXT MEETING

It was **proposed** by Cllr Marcus Themans and **seconded** by Cllr David Fenwick that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be deferred for consideration on Thursday, 22nd May 2025.

It was RESOLVED that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be resumed on Thursday, 22nd May 2025 commencing at 7 pm at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed.....
Town Mayor

Date.....