

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor Hughes)

Councillors Bell, P Budge, P M Budge, Dignum, M Evans, P Evans, J French, T French, Galloway, Kilby, Macey, Plowman, Scicluna, Sharp and

Tupper

APOLOGIES : Councillors Apel, Dempster, Holman, Joy and Keyworth

IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Administration Manager and Macebearer

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2015/2016

The Mayor, Councillor Hughes in the Chair for this item only.

It was moved by Councillor Dignum and seconded by Councillor P Evans and unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Budge be and is hereby elected Mayor of the City until the date of the next Annual Meeting and that the allowance to be paid to him be at a rate of £4,000 per annum (exclusive of additional allowances already approved).

The new Mayoress Councillor P M Budge was invested with her Chain of Office by the retiring Mayoress.

2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY MAYOR

Councillor P Budge in the Chair.

Councillor P Budge having been invested with the Chain of Office and presented with the Mayor's Ring and Gold Snuff Box then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2015/2016

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, seconded by Councillor M Evans and unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Trevor Tupper be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the City until the date of the next Annual Meeting.

The Deputy Mayor's Badge and Walking Stick were presented to Councillor Tupper.

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4 ELECTION OF BAILIFF 2015/2016

It was moved by Councillor Galloway, seconded by Councillor Macey and unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor P Evans be elected Bailiff of the City until the date of the next Annual Meeting.

The Bailiff's Badge of Office and Walking Stick was presented to Councillor P Evans.

5 MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was moved by the Mayor, duly seconded and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 April 2015 and the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2015 having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

6 LOCALISM ACT 2011 - THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was RESOLVED that Chichester City Council continues to meet the eligibility criteria to exercise the General Power of Competence until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council in an Election Year.

7 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Council that the Reverend Canon Simon Holland of St Paul's Church, Chichester would be his Mayor's Chaplain until the date of the next Annual Meeting and that the Mayoral Charities for the year would be the Chichester Boys Club and the Drop-in Centre at the Bell Tower, Chichester.

The Mayor thanked the retiring Mayor and Mayoress (John and Cherry Hughes) for their unstinting contribution in representing the City over the past 16 months. Thanks were also expressed to those Councillors that had represented the City Council over the past 4 years and who had not been reelected to office or had decided not to seek election.

It was with sadness that the Mayor announced that John Fogden, the City Council's long-standing Macebearer would be retiring after the Mayor Making Ceremony. Mr Fogden had provided sterling service for many years, leading the City Council on many Civic Processions and was the one person that all Mayors followed!

Over the next 12 months the Mayor hoped to raise the profile of the City Council and welcomed people to attend the Council's Committee meetings and would be introducing bi-monthly meetings to involve the residents of the City more with the Council.

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor T French that a Vote of Thanks be given to the retiring Mayor, former Councillor John Hughes. Councillor T French said that John and Cherry Hughes had taken over seamlessly when the former Mayor, Alan Chaplin, resigned from office in December 2013 and over the past 16 months had attended over 250 mayoral engagements and with their delightful personalities had put people at their ease when they had met them.

Mr Hughes thanked Councillor T French for his kind words and said that it had been an honour for both him and Cherry to serve the City of Chichester as Mayor and Mayoress. He thanked former Councillor David Siggs and Margaret Siggs who had served him as his Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

Over the past 15 months, a total of £10,000 had been raised for the Mayor's charity, Homestart - Chichester and District and a cheque was presented to Dominic Barsby of Homestart.

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9 COMMON SEAL

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to any documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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