



EVESHAM

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AND MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EVESHAM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: A. Booth (Chair to item 6), R. Raphael (Chair from item 7)
Councillors: J. Clatworthy, M. Arens, P. Boyd, Mrs S. Amor, D. Davis, A. Dyke, M. Goodge, Mrs M. Griffiths, Mrs J. Haines, T. Haines, R. Hale, Miss S. Hemming, Mrs C. Kimberley, W. Kimberley, Ms A. Lyon, J. Campbell Muir, Mrs C. Smith, Mrs E. Stokes and Mrs J. Tucker

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs J. Adams, Town Clerk; Mrs S. Schaathun, Finance Assistant, Mrs K. Rose, Admin Assistant

MACEBEARERS: Mr G. Lyon and Mr G. Hale

Also present were the Mayor's Chaplain Revd C. Green, 183 invited dignitaries, guests and members of the public.

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs P. Scurfield, S. Brotherton and Mrs E. Nishigaki.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests

There were none.

3. Presentations

- i. Cllr Booth presented a Civic Award to Ms Kerry Wood, for her work in fundraising for the purchase of defibrillators to be placed in residential areas around the town. Cllr Booth also presented a Civic Award to Mr Kyle Hotchkins for his continued work to help members of the community who were in need to extra support.
- ii. Cllr Booth acknowledged the work of his chosen charities, Garage Arts Group, Working World and Shopmobility, and presented funding awards to each.

4. Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor reflected on his past year of office and thanked those who had supported him, fellow councillors, council staff and role-holders as well as his Mayoress, Mrs Chrissy Smith. The year had presented challenges but despite these, community spirit in the town remained strong. He spoke of the positive events that had taken place in the year, including the superb musical performances from two students from TDMS at his Civic Service.



5. Acknowledgement to the Town Mayor

Cllr R. Raphael moved a vote of thanks to Cllr Booth in respect of his past year's service as Town Mayor which was seconded by Cllr Mrs J. Tucker.

6. Election of the Town Mayor for 2024/25

Cllr Dyke nominated Cllr Raphael for Town Mayor. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Goodge. There being no further nominations, it was resolved that Cllr Raphael be elected and serve as Town Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25. There was a short interval to enable the exchange of robes.

7. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was attested by the Town Clerk.

8. Address by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor addressed the Council and guests in response to his election. He thanked his fellow councillors for electing him.

He noted the difficulties that had arisen in the past year and his wish to move the council in a positive direction. He spoke of his wish to see improvements in the Riverside Centre and local traffic issues and hope for progress in the cycle route to the Valley and beyond. He spoke of his pride in Evesham and his wish to revitalise Evesham in Bloom.

Finally the Town Mayor thanked all the assembled dignitaries, councillors and guests for their attendance and their support. He invited those present to join him at Wallace House for refreshments following the meeting.

9. Appointments by the Town Mayor

- a) Mayoress
- b) Chaplain
- c) Macebearers
- d) Mayor's Charities

The Town Mayor appointed Cllr Marion Griffiths as his Mayoress. He appointed the Reverend Caroline Green as his Chaplain, Mr Phillip Rowne Speed, Mr Glen Lyon and Mr Gary Hale as his Macebearers and Mr John Raphael as his Town Crier. The Mayor's Charities for 2024/25 would be Wallace House Community Centre, Ourside Youth Centre and Evesham Adventure Playground.

10. Election of Deputy Mayor

Cllr Amor nominated Cllr Clatworthy for Deputy Mayor. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Dyke. There being no further nominations, it was resolved that Cllr Clatworthy be elected and serve as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

11. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Deputy Mayor



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The Deputy Mayor made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was attested by the Town Clerk.

12. Dates and Times of Meetings

It was resolved that the Council meet during the municipal year on the second Monday every month at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Evesham Town Hall, with the exception of August when the Council is in recess, December, and May when the Annual Council Meeting (Mayor Making) commences at 7.00pm.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned until 6.30pm on Monday 20th May for the consideration of other business to be listed on a separate agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

CLLR R. RAPHAEL
TOWN MAYOR