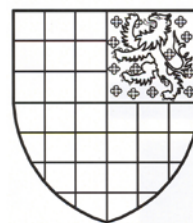


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**LEWES
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MINUTES

Of the **40th ANNUAL MEETING of Lewes Town Council**,
held on **Thursday 15th May 2014**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lewes** at **7:00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllrs E Allsobrook; S Catlin (Wischhusen); M Chartier; J Daly; A Dean; I Eiloart; J Lamb; D Lamport; L F Li; Dr G Mayhew; J McCleary; M Milner; R Murray; S Murray; R O’Keeffe; A Price; J Stockdale; Dr M Turner.

In attendance: S Brigden (Town Clerk); Mrs F Garth (Civic Officer & Asst Town Clerk); L Symons (Macebearer); Canon R Moatt (Council’s Chaplain).

There were 108 guests and civic dignitaries assembled.

The meeting opened with Cllr O’Keeffe in the Chair, as outgoing Mayor, and was preceded by a short address by Canon Moatt on the principles of democracy and sacrifice, with reference to the topical Battle of Lewes and 1st World War commemorations.

FC2014/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR: Cllr Dr Micheal Turner was elected unanimously as Mayor for the 2014/15 municipal year.

FC2014/02 MAYOR’S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Cllr Dr Turner made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor before Council and assembled guests, and signed a deed to that effect.

Cllr Dr Turner took the chair for the remainder of the meeting

Cllr Dr Turner addressed the assembly, thanking his colleagues for the honour of the Mayoralty for a second term. He described his outlook for the Mayoral year, and announced that his chosen charities would be Parkinson’s UK and the Lewes and Seaford Citizens’ Advice Bureau. He introduced his Mayoress, Mrs Anne Turner, who would support him during the forthcoming year.

FC2014/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none.

FC2014/04 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR: Cllr Leung Fuk Li was elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2014/15 municipal year.

FC2014/05 DEPUTY MAYOR’S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:
Cllr Li made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor before Council and assembled guests, and signed a deed to that effect. He offered a short speech of thanks for the honour, and introduced his wife, Mrs Sui Mei Li, who would support in the role of Deputy Mayoress.

FC2014/06 VOTE OF THANKS: Cllr Murray proposed the motion (NM001/14) :

“That this Council records its thanks to Cllr Ruth O’Keeffe, and appreciation for her service to the council and community of Lewes in the office of Mayor during the past year.”

She went on to describe Cllr O’Keeffe’s term as Mayor, and highlighted functions and events she had attended and her work throughout the year to raise money for her chosen charities – always closely supported by her Consort, Mr Nick Robinson.

It was **resolved FC2014/06.1** accordingly.

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Cllr O’Keeffe replied at length, describing her own view of the past year and adding thanks to all those individuals who had helped throughout her service as Mayor.

FC2014/07 PRESENTATIONS: Cllr O’Keeffe and Mr Robinson were presented with gifts and insignia in recognition of their service in the past year. Cllr O’Keeffe then presented a gift to Canon Moatt, for his invaluable work as Chaplain and his pastoral care for the organization; and a personal gift to Mrs Garth.

Cllr Dr Turner then declared that the traditional, ceremonial, element of the meeting was concluded; and the meeting moved on to deal with items of ordinary business.

FC2014/08 MINUTES: the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2014 were received and signed as an accurate record.

FC2014/09 ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS:
The attendance record of councillors for the previous municipal year was noted. (*copy in minute book*)

FC2014/10 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES of COUNCILLORS 2014/15:
A motion (NM002/14) was proposed, and it was **resolved**
FC2014/10.1 “That the individual responsibilities of Members for the ensuing municipal year shall be as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) attached to the agenda for this meeting”.

FC2014/11 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:
A motion (NM003/14) was proposed, and it was **resolved**
FC2014/11.1 “That the Council’s representatives on outside bodies, for the ensuing municipal year, shall be as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) attached to the agenda for this meeting”

FC2014/12 BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORITY:
A motion (NM004/14) was proposed, and it was **resolved**
FC2014/12.1 “That the Council approve the authorization of Councillors as signatories to the Council’s bank account: as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) attached to the agenda for this meeting”

FC2014/13 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:
A motion (NM005/14) was proposed, and it was **resolved**
FC2014/13.1 “That the Town Clerk be asked to ensure the Council’s continued membership of approved national and local organizations representing Parish and Town Councils”

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting and invited all present to join him in attending the Civic Reception in the Assembly Room.

The meeting ended at 7:45pm

Signed:

Date: