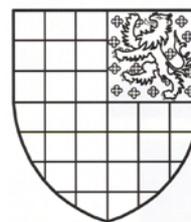


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## *MINUTES*

Of the **43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of Lewes Town Council**,  
held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lewes** at **7:00pm**.

**PRESENT** Councillors A Ashby; J Baah; A Barker; R Burrows; S Catlin (Wischhusen); M Chartier; W Elliott; H Jones; J Lamb; Dr G Mayhew; M Milner; R Murray; S Murray and R O'Keeffe.

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

There were 83 guests and civic dignitaries assembled.

The meeting opened with Cllr Dr Mayhew in the Chair, as outgoing Mayor.

**FC2017/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR:** Cllr Chartier was elected as Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

**FC2017/02 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr Chartier made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor as prescribed by s83(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, before Council and assembled guests, and signed a deed to that effect.

*Cllr Chartier took the chair for the remainder of the meeting*

Cllr Chartier addressed the assembly, thanking his colleagues for the honour of the Mayoralty. He described his 34 years of unbroken service with the Council, and five previous Mayoralties, along with his outlook for the forthcoming Mayoral year. He announced that the organizations he had chosen to support would be the Friends of Lewes Victoria Hospital and the Lewes & District Talking Newspaper Association. He introduced his Mayoress, Mrs Monica Chartier, who would once again support him during the forthcoming year, and the Council's Chaplain: Canon Richard Moatt.

**FC2017/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Bolt, who had a work commitment; Cllr Rowell, who cited conflicts of personal principles with the ceremonial context of the meeting; and Cllr Watts who, through her work, was heavily involved with National Dementia Awareness Week. No message had been received from Cllr Makepeace. **It was resolved that:**

**FC2017/03.1** The reasons submitted for absence from this meeting are noted.

**FC2017/04 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:** Cllr Janet Baah was elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

**FC2017/05 DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:**  
Cllr Baah made her declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor before Council and assembled guests, and signed a deed to that effect. She offered a short speech of thanks for the honour conferred upon her.

**FC2017/06 VOTE OF THANKS:** Council considered the motion (NM001/17) :

“That this Council records its thanks to Cllr Dr Graham Mayhew, and appreciation for his service to the council and community of Lewes in the office of Mayor during the past year.”

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This went on to describe Cllr Mayhew's term as Mayor, and highlighted salient features; functions, and events he had attended and his tireless work throughout the year to raise money (more than £7,000) for his chosen good causes – always closely supported by his Mayoress; Penny.

It was **resolved FC2017/06.1** accordingly.

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

**FC2017/07 PRESENTATIONS:** The outgoing Mayor and Mayoress were presented with gifts in recognition of their service in the past year. Cllr Mayhew explained that cheques had been presented to his three chosen good causes at an event the previous week; and then presented a gift to Canon Moatt, the Council's Chaplain, for his work in support of the Council.

The meeting then moved on to deal with items of ordinary business.

**FC2017/08 MINUTES:** the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were received and signed as an accurate record.

**FC2017/09 ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS:**  
The attendance record of councillors for the previous municipal year was noted. (*copy in minute book*)

**FC2017/10 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS 2017/18:**  
A motion (NM002/17) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**  
**FC2017/10.1** 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 the meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**FC2017/11 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:**  
A motion (NM003/17) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**  
**FC2017/11.1** 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 the meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**FC2017/12 BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORITY:**  
A motion (NM004/17) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**  
**FC2017/12.1** The Council approves 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 the meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**FC2017/13 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:**  
A motion (NM005/17) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**  
**FC2017/13.1** 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 7:50pm*

Signed: .....

Date: .....