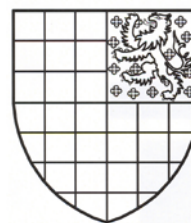


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**LEWES
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MINUTES

Of the 44th ANNUAL MEETING of Lewes Town Council,
held on Thursday 17th May 2018, 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; H Jones; J Lamb; Dr G Mayhew; M Milner; R Murray; S Murray; R O'Keeffe and C Renton.

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

There were 79 guests and civic dignitaries assembled.

The meeting opened with Cllr M Chartier in the Chair, as outgoing Mayor.

FC2018/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR: Cllr Baah was elected as Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

FC2018/02 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Cllr Baah made her 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 Baah took the chair for the remainder of the meeting

Cllr Baah addressed the assembly, thanking her colleagues for the honour of the Mayoralty. She described her outlook for the forthcoming Mayoral year, and noted that she would be supporting four good causes: Chestnut Tree Hospice; Lewes Victoria Hospital; Sussex Prisoners' Families Support, and the Princes Trust. She went on to introduce her consort: Dr Anthony Baah.

FC2018/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: (Apologies had been received from Cllr Elliott, who was unwell; Cllr Rowell, who was in Amsterdam; and Cllr Watts who was unwell.)

FC2018/04 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR: Cllr Susan Murray was elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

FC2018/05 DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Cllr Murray 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, and introduced her consort Cllr Roger Murray.

FC2018/06 VOTE OF THANKS: Council considered the motion (NM001/18) :

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

This went on to describe Cllr Chartier's term as Mayor, and highlighted salient features; functions, and events he had attended and his tireless work throughout the year to raise money for his chosen good causes – always closely supported by his Mayoress; Monica.

It was **resolved FC2018/06.1** accordingly.

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Cllr Chartier 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.

FC2018/07 PRESENTATIONS: The outgoing Mayor and Mayoress were presented with gifts in recognition of their service in the past year. Cllr Chartier explained that cheques had been presented to his chosen good causes; 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.

FC2018/08 MINUTES: the minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2018 were received and signed as an accurate record.

FC2018/09 ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS:
The attendance record of councillors for the previous municipal year was noted. (*copy in minute book*)

FC2018/10 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES of COUNCILLORS 2018/19:
A motion (NM002/18) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**
FC2018/10.1 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 17th May 2018.

FC2018/11 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:
A motion (NM003/18) was proposed, regarding appointments to Outside Bodies, but an immediate Motion to defer the item was proposed. A vote was called on this proposal, and it was consequently **resolved that:**
FC2018/11.1 The appointment of Council's representatives on outside bodies, for the ensuing municipal year, shall be deferred until the next meeting of Council (21st June 2018).

FC2018/12 BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORITY:
A motion (NM004/18) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**
FC2018/12.1 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 17th May 2018.

FC2018/13 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:
A motion (NM005/18) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**
FC2018/13.1 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 7:55pm*

Signed: Date: