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MINUTES

Of the 47th ANNUAL MEETING of Lewes Town Council,

held on Wednesday 5th May 2021, online via Zoom meetings, at 7:30pm.

PRESENT Councillors Dr J Baah; M Bird; R Burrows; S Catlin (Wischhusen); G Earl; R Handy; O Henman; J Herbert; J Lamb; I Makepeace; Dr W Maples; Dr G Mayhew; M Milner; R O'Keeffe; S Sains; J Vernon; R Waring; K Wood.

In attendance: S Brigden (Town Clerk); Mrs F Garth (Assistant Town Clerk & Civic Officer); Rev J Egar (Council Chaplain).

Also present: Ms Gaynor Lamb (outgoing Mayoress)

The Council's Chaplain, Rev Judith Egar, offered a few words before commencement of the meeting, on the uplifting discovery of rich resources of creativity, compassion and solidarity over the past year.

The meeting opened with Cllr John Lamb in the Chair, as outgoing Mayor.

FC2021/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR:

It was resolved that:

FC2021/01.1 Cllr Stephen Wischhusen (known to all as Catlin) is elected as Mayor for the 2021/22 municipal year.

FC2021/02 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Cllr Catlin made his statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor before Council.

Cllr Catlin took the chair for the remainder of the meeting

Cllr Catlin addressed the meeting, thanking his colleagues for the honour of the Mayoralty. He described his outlook for the Mayoral year and announced that the good causes he had chosen to support would be Sussex Search & Rescue and Lewes Youth Band. He announced that Cllr Shirley Sains would support him as Mayoress during the forthcoming year.

FC2021/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

FC2021/04 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Cllr Dr Maples wished to ask questions of the Deputy Mayor Elect and requested a recorded vote. It was explained that if there were no other nominations than the Deputy Mayor Elect, Cllr Sains, there would be no requirement for a vote. Cllr Makepeace was then also proposed, and speeches of commendation for the candidates were heard. Questions were then posed to the candidates, with some dissension. There followed a vote, recorded by request (Standing Order 1(s) [following provisions of Local Government Act 1972 Sch12 p13 (2)], and the record of votes cast is appended to these Minutes. It was resolved that:

FC2021/04.1 Cllr Shirley-Anne Sains, is appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 municipal year.

FC2021/05 DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Cllr Sains made her declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor before Council. She made a short speech thanking colleagues for the honour of the appointment.

FC2021/06 VOTE OF THANKS: Cllr Burrows proposed the motion (NM001/21) expressing thanks to the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress for their service.

He went on to describe highlights from Cllr Lamb's term as Mayor and noted the hard

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work that he and his wife Gaynor, as Mayoress, had put into an extended term, recognizing the complications arising from Covid-19. Consequently, it was **resolved** that:

FC2021/06.1 This Council records its thanks to Cllr John Lamb, and his wife Gaynor, for their service to the council and community of Lewes in the office of Mayor and role of Mayoress during the past two years.

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

FC2021/07 MINUTES:

It was resolved that:

FC2021/08.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th April 2021 are received and agreed as an accurate record.

FC2021/08 ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS:

The attendance record of councillors for the previous municipal year was noted. (copy in minute book)

FC2021/09 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES of COUNCILLORS 2021/22:

A motion (NM002/21) was proposed, and it was resolved that:

FC2021/09.1 The individual duties of Members for the ensuing municipal year shall be as shown in the list (*copy in minute book*) provided to members for the meeting of Council on 5th May 2021.

FC2021/10 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

A motion (NM003/21) was proposed, and it was resolved that:

FC2021/10.1 The Council's representatives on outside bodies, for the ensuing municipal year, shall be as shown in the list (copy in minute book) provided to members for the meeting of Council on 5th May 2021.

FC2021/11 BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORITY:

A motion (NM004/21) was proposed, and it was **resolved that:**

FC2021/11.1 The Council approves the authorization of Councillors as signatories to the Council's bank account as shown in the list (copy in minute book) provided to members for the meeting of Council on 5th May 2021.

FC2021/12 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:

A motion (NM005/21) was proposed, and it was resolved that:

FC2021/12.1 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 thanked everyone for their attendance.

	The meeting ended at 8:25pm
Signed:	Date:

VOTING RECORD SHEET

MEETING of: Council

date: Wednesday 5th May 2021

LEWES TOWN COUNCIL

Please note: this is a record of voting where this has been requested under Standing Order 1(s) [following provisions of Local Government Act 1972 Sch12 p13 (2)]

✓ = Indicated "For" x = Indicated "Against" C = Chairman's casting (supplementary) vote A = Abstained NP = Not Present NV = not voting	Lib Dem	Green	Lib Dem	Ind	Lib Dem	Green	Lib Dem	Green	Lib Dem	Green	Green	Ind	Lib Dem	Ind	Lib Dem	Green	Green	Lib Dem				Voting	٥٠
MOTION or AMENDMENT VOTED UPON	ВААН	BIRD	BURROWS	CATLIN	EARL	HANDY	HENMAN	HERBERT	LAMB	MAKEPEACE	MAPLES	MAYHEW	MILNER	O' KEEFFE	SAINS	VERNON	WARING	WOOD	No. FOR	No. AGAINST	No. Abstentions	Not Present or Not Voting	CARRIED? Yes/No
Deputy Mayor for 2021/22 (Record requested by Cllr Dr Maples)																							
Nominee: Cllr Sains	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	×	✓	*	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	*	✓	11	6	1	0	Yes
Nominee: Cllr Makepeace	×	✓	×	×	×	A	×	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	×	6	11	1	0	No