

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the
Town Hall Chapel Road Worthing**

19 May 2017

12 noon

The Mayor, Councillor Sean McDonald
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alex Harman

Councillor Noel Atkins	Councillor Louise Murphy
Councillor Antony Baker	Councillor Mark Nolan
Councillor Paul Baker	*Councillor Luke Proudfoot
*Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Clive Roberts
Councillor Keith Bickers	Councillor Jane Sim
*Councillor Callum Buxton	Councillor Bob Smytherman
Councillor Edward Crouch	Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes
Councillor James Doyle	Councillor Hazel Thorpe
Councillor Diane Guest	Councillor Bryan Turner
Councillor Lionel Harman	Councillor Val Turner
Councillor Joshua High	Councillor Vicky Vaughan
Councillor Paul High	Councillor Steve Waight
Councillor Daniel Humphreys	Councillor Paul Westover
Councillor Susan Jelliss	Councillor Steve Wills
Councillor Kevin Jenkins	*Councillor Mark Withers
Councillor Heather Mercer	Councillor Tom Wye
Councillor Nigel Morgan	Councillor Paul Yallop
	One vacancy

*=absent

(The Mayor, Councillor McDonald in the Chair)

C/001/17-18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Roy Barraclough, Callum Buxton and Mark Withers.

C/002/17-18 Election of the Mayor

Proposed by Councillor Dan Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Lionel Harman that Councillor Alex Harman be elected to serve as Mayor for the coming year.

Resolved that Councillor Alex Harman be elected Mayor of the Borough of Worthing for the 2017-18 Municipal Year.

There was an adjournment from 12.22 to 12.30 whilst the newly elected Mayor received the Insignia and Robes.

Councillor Alex Harman returned to the Chamber and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Mayor, Councillor Alex Harman, in the Chair)

C/003/17-18 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Paul Baker be appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2016/17, this was seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman.

Resolved that Councillor Paul Baker be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2017-18 Municipal Year.

Councillor Paul Baker made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

C/004/17-18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

C/005/17-18 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Mayor.

C/006/17-18 Vote of thanks to outgoing Mayor and presentation of past Mayor and Mayoress' insignia

Proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy and

Resolved that the Council places on record its sincere thanks to Councillor Sean McDonald for the fine manner in which he upheld the tradition of the Office of Mayor of the Borough, for his service to the community of Worthing during the year, and for the fair business like way in which he presided over the meetings of the Council during the year.

The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayor with his Past Mayor insignia and Councillor Vicky Vaughan with the past Mayoress' insignia

C/007/17-18 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no urgent items.

C/008/17-18 Announcements by the Mayor and/or Head of Paid Service

The Mayor invited those present to his Civic Service on Sunday 21st at St George's Church at 10am.

The Mayor notified Council that the Proper Officer had received formal notification from Joan Bradley of her resignation from the Council.

C/09/17-18 Decision making

Before the Council was a report by the Director of Communities, copies of which had been distributed to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 9. The report asked Council to note the political balance on the Council, agree some constitutional matters required to be considered at the Annual Meeting and the appointments to the committees and chairmanships for the coming year. The names nominated for the committee seats were the wishes of the various groups on the Council. An amended Annex A had been circulated and is attached to the minutes.

The recommendation was proposed by the Leader, Councillor Humphreys. When making his recommendation the Leader asked Council to note that Councillors Bryan Turner and Clive Roberts had recently resigned from his Cabinet, with Councillor Jenkins and Councillor Guest taking the respective portfolios, Councillor Jenkins would also become Deputy Leader. The Leader went on to thank Councillors Turner and Roberts for their work whilst in his Cabinet.

In seconding the proposal, Councillor Thorpe highlighted an error on page 8 of the amended Annex A, the substitute Lib Dem member should be listed as Councillor Hazel Thorpe.

Council accepted the minor amendment and on a vote For 32, Against 0, Absent 0

Resolved that

- i) Council notes the decision making structure of the Council and the political balance of the Council as paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the report;
- ii) Council confirms the Terms of Reference of the Council, Executive, Committees and Sub-Committees as outlined in Part 3 of the Constitution including those relating to Joint Committee Agreements;
- iii) Council appoints to the Committees in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups on the Council detailed in the revised Annex A and attached to these minutes;
- iv) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman indicated on the revised Annex A be appointed until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.
- v) Council notes the change of Leader of the UKIP group on the Council.
- vi) Under Council Procedure Rule 39, Council does not appoint a Leader of the Main Opposition.

C/013/17-18 Youth Mayor

Council noted the appointment of the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for 2017-18, Josh Davies and Katie Waters.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.50 pm

Mayor