

Minutes of a meeting of the
Worthing Council
21 May 2024
at 6.00 pm

Councillor Jon Roser (Chair)

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| Councillor Ibsha Choudhury | Councillor Kevin Jenkins |
| Councillor Noel Atkins | Councillor Dr Heather Mercer |
| Councillor Mike Barrett | Councillor Nigel Morgan |
| Councillor Caroline Baxter | Councillor Richard Mulholland |
| Councillor Ödül Bozkurt | Councillor Richard Nowak |
| Councillor Ferdousi Henna Chowdhury | Councillor Dale Overton |
| Councillor Dr Beccy Cooper | Councillor Hilary Schan |
| Councillor Sophie Cox | Councillor Lysanne Skinner |
| Councillor Ian Davey | Councillor Dawn Smith |
| Councillor Tom Ellum | Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes |
| Councillor Dom Ford | Councillor Samuel Theodoridi |
| Councillor Rita Garner | Councillor John Turley |
| Councillor Cathy Glynn-Davies | Councillor Carl Walker |
| Councillor Josh Harris | Councillor Vicki Wells |
| Councillor Dan Hermitage | Councillor Andy Whight |
| Councillor Margaret Howard | Councillor Rosey Whorlow |
| Councillor Charles James | |

C7623-24 Apologies for absence

The Mayor received apologies for absence from Councillors Helen Abrahams, Daniel Humphreys and Claire Hunt.

C7723-24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C7823-24 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

C7923-24 Motion on Notice

Members had a motion before them proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Richard Nowak.

The following amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor Beccy Cooper and seconded by Councillor Rita Garner.

The Worthing Labour Group has been listening for the past 12 months to all our communities including other members of this Council. We recognise that there remains

widely differing views about the wearing of the Mayoral Robes. We are conscious however that having listened, we also acknowledge that in this day and age, it is no longer appropriate or acceptable to many to wear real fur and I therefore propose the following amendment to the motion before us:-

Part 1 - Subject to Part 2 of this motion and sourcing an alternative Mayoral Robe without real fur that use of the Mayoral Robes be reinstated and that these should be worn by the Town's Mayor at their discretion at all public engagements and especially those of significant calendar note in Worthing.

Part 2 - That a separate work stream is implemented and that it is tasked to consider the opportunity to secure the position of an alternative Mayoral gown that does not contain animal fur or other like products that may cause any incumbent Mayor not to utilise them.

** The meeting was adjourned at 18.15 and reconvened at 18.35.*

Following debate and a vote, the amendment was supported.

The substantive motion as amended was then debated.

The Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules, was required to determine Part 1 of the Motion and refer Part 2 to the Leader of Worthing Borough Council for determination.

Following a vote, it was agreed that

Decision:

The Council resolved, that subject to Part 2 of this motion and the sourcing of an alternative Mayoral Robe without real fur, that use of the Mayoral Robes be reinstated and that these should be worn by the Town's Mayor at their discretion at all public engagements and especially those of significant calendar note in Worthing.

The Council referred Part 2 of the motion to the Leader of Worthing Borough Council for determination - *That a separate work stream be implemented and that it is tasked to consider the opportunity to secure the position of an alternative Mayoral gown that does not contain animal fur or other like products that may cause any incumbent Mayor not to utilise them.*

C8023-24 Items raised under urgency provisions

There were no urgent items raised under urgency provisions.

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm