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Minutes

Meeting of : Annual Meeting of Salisbury City Council
Date : 13 May 2017
Meeting held in : The Church of St Thomas and St Edmunds, Salisbury
Commencing at : 12 Noon

Present:

Chair: Cllr D Brown OBE

Vice-Chair: Cllr J Lindley

Cllrs: S Berry, J Broom, C Corbin, T Corbin, K Daley, A Foster, S Hocking, A Hoque, S Jackson, Dr M McClelland, F Moody, L Sirman, M Osment and J Walsh.

Officers: Reg Williams, Cathy Titcombe and Beth George

The Mayor, Cllr Derek Brown OBE welcomed everyone to St Thomas's.

Cllr Brown opened the Annual Meeting of Salisbury City Council by calling for nominations for Mayor for 2017/18.

64. Election of the Mayor for 2017/18:

Cllr Jo Broom proposed that Cllr John Lindley be elected Mayor of the City of Salisbury for the ensuing municipal year 2017/18. This was seconded by Cllr Frogg Moody.

As there were no other nominations it was resolved unanimously that Cllr John Lindley be elected Mayor of the City of Salisbury for 2017/18.

The newly elected Mayor then moved to the Mayoral seat and was vested by the outgoing Mayor with the Mayor's Chain of Office. He then made a declaration of acceptance of office, which he duly signed, this being witnessed by the City Clerk, Mr Reg Williams.

The new Mayor Cllr Mr John Lindley took the Chair

65. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Baber, B Dalton, M Dean, J Farquhar, J Nettle, C Rogers OBE and I Tomes.

66. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted from the public.

67. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted from Members.

68. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Salisbury City Council held on 14 May 2016 were approved and signed by the Chair.

69. Retiring Chairman's Announcements:

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Derek Brown began by acknowledging the work done by Salisbury City Councillors over the last year including the renovation of the Guildhall roof and the transfer of assets from Wiltshire Council.

He spoke about the various events organised by Salisbury City Council such as the carnival on 21 October 2017 and the Christmas Lights Switch on by Joey Essex, he noted that this brought over 10,000 people to the Market Square. Cllr Brown described Salisbury's Big Business Event on 25 – 27 April 2017 as a terrific success with inspirational and motivational speakers, including the world's greatest living explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

The Mayor and Mayoress climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in January 2017 to raise funds for his chosen charity. Cllr Brown spoke of how the bad weather seemed to be the mountain saying "if you want to get to the top you are going to have to work really hard but if you succeed you will have achieved something very special." Cllr and Mrs Brown raised money for Horatio's Garden, ABF the Soldiers' Charity and Friends of Salisbury Cathedral by completing the climb. These three charities made up the Mayoral Appeal for 2016/17.

Cllr Brown thanked his Mayoral Chaplain for the year, the Reverend Colin Fox, for his sage advice and he extended his thanks to his family and wife, Mrs Penny Brown who he said has played the role of Mayoress magnificently.

Cllr Brown then proceeded to present Mrs Brown with her Past Mayoress's badge.

He presented the Mayoral Scout's badges to Tom Parrott, his Scout and Eleanor Jacobs, his Guide for the past year.

A full version of the speech is available on the SCC website.

70. Chair's Announcements:

Cllr John Lindley began by thanking Cllr Derek Brown for his year as Mayor and Cllr Jo Broom for her kind words in proposing him. He began by explaining how he is from a local family and was born and bred in the City of Salisbury. Cllr Lindley's parents lived in a caravan on the site which is now Homebase before they could afford to buy their house.

He explained how it was stubbornness that led to him becoming a Young Conservative despite a largely liberal upbringing from his family. He was also told that the Young Conservatives were one of the largest marriage bureaux in the country and he was looking for love!

Cllr Lindley is now the Chairman of St Paul's Conservative Working Men's Club and explained how it is one of the best in the City and does a lot for its members.

He stated his awareness that he is a temporary caretaker of this City role and his duty to ensure it is more prosperous when he leaves office.

Cllr Lindley introduced The Reverend Jonathan Plows as his Mayoral Chaplain, Tim Baker as the Mayoral Scout and Lilah Khan as the Reserve Mayoral Scout, Mere Makasiale as the Mayoral Guide and Scarlett Brooking as the Reserve Mayoral Guide for 2017/2018.

The Mayor announced that throughout his Mayoral year he will be supported by Mrs Joan Gordon who he nominated as his Consort and presented her with the Mayoress's chain.

The Mayor announced that he had chosen to support The Alzheimer's Society as his charity for the coming year. Further details of their work are to be announced later at the reception in the Guildhall by representatives the charity.

A full version of the speech is available on the SCC website.

71. Election of the Deputy Mayor 2017/18:

The Mayor called for any nominations.

Cllr John Walsh proposed that Cllr Mike Osment be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Salisbury for the ensuing year 2017/18. This was seconded by Cllr Liz Sirman.

There were no other nominations and it was resolved unanimously that Cllr Mike Osment be elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Salisbury for 2017/18.

Cllr Mike Osment then moved to the Deputy Mayor's seat and was vested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office by the Mayor. He then made the declaration of acceptance of that office which he duly signed, this being witnessed by the City Clerk, Mr Reg Williams.

- 72. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chair decides should be discussed as a matter of urgency for information only. Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the Agenda of this summons:**

No matters were raised

The meeting closed at 12:42pm.

Following the meeting and whilst still at St Thomas's, the Mayor then presented Cllr Derek Brown with his Past Mayor's Badge as a lasting recognition of his year in office.