

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BALL
ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2013, 5:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Butt Philip; D Anderson; M Brandon; C Briton; S Davies; A Denison; N Kennedy; J North; T Robbins; J Osman; J Parkes; C Price; H Siggs; D Unwin; G Wilson.

IN Town Clerk: F White.

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 150 guests, members of staff, press and public.
The proceedings commenced with the procession of the Mayor and City Council.

Prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor welcomed the assembled company.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A Gibson.

OUTGOING *A vote of thanks was given by Cllr. Robbins to Cllr. Brandon, the outgoing*
MAYOR: *Mayor. Cllr Brandon gave her retiring speech; she spoke about the many*
events throughout the year and thanked the councillors and staff for their
support.

Cllr. Kennedy, the Father of the Council, presented the City Badge to Cllr. Brandon who then opened the formal meeting.

13/58C ELECTION OF MAYOR

- i. The Mayor called for nominations; Cllr. Briton nominated Cllr. Butt Philip, seconded by Cllr. Wilson and unanimously approved.
- ii. Cllr. Brandon declared the election of Cllr. Theo Butt Philip as the 640th Mayor of Wells.
- iii. The new Mayor was invested with the Chain of Office by the retiring Mayor.
(The meeting adjourned while the Mayoral party left the room to exchange robes, then reconvened.)

13/59C ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

- i. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office: The Mayor read out, then signed, the declaration.
- ii. The Oath of Allegiance: The assembly stood while the Mayor took the Oath on the Corporation Bible; the Mayor then signed, witnessed by the Father of the Council and the Town Clerk.
- iii. Signing of the Roll of Mayors: The Mayor signed the Roll book.

13/60C MAYOR'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

The Mayor thanked the councillors for giving him the opportunity to serve the City of Wells. He welcomed the partners from Bad Durkheim celebrating the 30th anniversary of the town twinning, noting that he was 30 years old and a twin.

13/61C APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS

The Mayor appointed his twin sister, Miss Frances Butt Philip as his Mayoress and invested her with the Chain of Office.

13/62C TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF TWIN TOWN KEYS

The Chairman of the Twinning Association presented the keys of Paray-le-Monial, Fontanellato; the Chairman of the Bad Durkheim twinning Association presented the key of Bad Durkheim, to the Mayor for safe keeping.

13/63C ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

- i. The Mayor called for nominations; Cllr. Kennedy nominated Cllr. Briton,

- seconded by Cllr. Robbins and unanimously approved.
- ii. The Mayor declared the election of Cllr. Chris Briton as the Deputy Mayor of Wells.
 - iii. The Deputy Mayor was presented with the Badge of Office by the Mayor.
The Deputy Mayor presented a gift of cheese to the Mayor.

13/64C APPOINTMENT OF HONOURARY OFFICERS

The Mayor made the following appointments:

- i. The Mayor's Chaplain: Ven. N Sullivan.
- ii. The High Constables, who swore the traditional declaration of acceptance of office and received their staves:
Cllrs: J Parkes, G Wilson.
- iii. The Mayor's Serjeant-at-Mace: Mrs J Rood.
- iv. The Council's Serjeant-at-Mace: Mrs M Goody.
- v. The Town Crier: Mr L Sweales.

13/65C CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCHWARDEN

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of the Churchwarden of St Cuthbert's Church, Mr Graham Barrow, who made the traditional declaration.
The Town Crier announced the election of the 640th Mayor from the Town Hall balcony.

13/66C MINUTES AND ALL FURTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor adjourned the meeting; all further business was deferred until the Council reconvened at 7pm on Thursday 23rd May 2013 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.