

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BALL
ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY 20th MAY 2017
(AND AJOURNED TO THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2017 AT 7.00PM)

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Ayres; M Brandon; A Gibson; R MacKenzie; J North;
J Osman; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs; D Swain; G Wilson; C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Approximately 80 members of the public

Informal session: The proceedings commenced with the procession of the Mayor and City Council. Prayers were said by the Chaplain.
The Town Clerk welcomed the assembled guests; apologies were received from Cllrs: C Briton; C Cox; N Kennedy; D Unwin.
A vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor was made by Cllr Siggs.
The Mayor Cllr Gibson gave her speech and presented gifts.

Formal meeting: The Mayor then opened the formal business meeting of the Council:

17/61C ELECTION OF MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor called for nominations for Mayor.
Cllr Osman nominated Cllr North, seconded by Cllr Wride. There were no further nominations and Cllr North was unanimously elected.
Cllr Gibson declared the election of the 644th Mayor of Wells and invested Cllr North with the chain of office.
The mayoral party left the room for the exchange of robes and chain whilst Cllr Siggs spoke about the history of the Council.
The Mayoral party returned.

17/62C ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

- i. The Town Clerk led the Mayor through the signing of the following legal and historic documents:
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office
The Oath of Allegiance
The Roll of Mayors
- ii. The Mayor gave his speech of acceptance and thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him.
He appointed his Mayoress, Mrs Gail North.
The former Mayor and Consort were presented with the city badge by the senior councillor, Cllr. Maureen Brandon.

17/63C ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor:
Cllr Robbins nominated Cllr Wride, seconded by Cllr Gibson. There were no further nominations and Cllr Wride was unanimously elected.
The Mayor declared the election of Cllr Wride as the Deputy Mayor of Wells and invested her with the chain of office.
The Deputy Mayor spoke and presented a traditional gift to the Mayor.

17/64C TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF TWIN TOWN KEYS

The Chairman of Wells Twinning Association presented the symbolic keys of Paray-le-Monial, Bad Durkheim and Fontanellato to the Mayor, for safe keeping.

17/65C APPOINTMENT OF HONOURARY OFFICERS

The Mayor, assisted by the Town Clerk, confirmed the following appointments:

- i. The Mayor's Chaplain
- ii. The Churchwarden, St Cuthbert's church
- iii. The High Constables
- iv. The Serjeants-at-Mace
- v. The Town Crier

The Mayor presented a certificate to Mr Richard Green recognising his 25 years of service to the Civic Fun Fairs.

17/66C THE PROCLAMATION

The Town Crier went to the balcony, ringing his bell, and proclaimed to the people of the city the Election of the 644th Mayor of Wells.

17/67C MINUTES AND ALL FURTHER BUSINESS

The Council was adjourned and all further business deferred until Council be reconvened at: 7pm Thursday 25th May 2017 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.