

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Town Hall on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6.45pm.**

Present: K Sawbridge BEM (Mayor)  
R Connolly (Deputy Mayor)  
C Aked  
S Barlow  
C Baines MBE  
J Buckley  
A Chetter  
D Cooper  
N Cooper  
R Leraistre  
E Marshall  
L Neal  
L Rochelle  
R Seabright

In Attendance:  
Mrs C Turner, Town Clerk  
Mrs R Williams, Deputy Town Clerk  
Mrs R Follette, Finance Administrator  
Miss E Overton, Property and Grounds Administrator  
Miss R Henshaw, Business Administrator  
Civic Dignitaries  
Invited Guests

0001/2324 **WELCOME**

The Town Mayor issued a welcome to the meeting.

0002/2324 **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor N Cooper  
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

**RESOLVED:** that Rachel Connolly, a Councillor of this Town, be and is hereby  
elected as Mayor of this Town for the coming year.

The elected Mayor then signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office after  
being invested with Robe and Chain of Office.

0003/2324 **PRESENTATION OF GRATITUDE TO DEPARTING MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor R Connolly, seconded by Councillor N Cooper  
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

**RESOLVED:** to record a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor for the most able manner in which she had discharged the duties of the office.

The newly elected Mayor addressed the assembly and offered her own message of thanks to the out-going Mayor and presented her with a gift as a measure of appreciation.

The outgoing-Mayor responded to the vote of thanks and presented the following awards:

- a. The Civic Award to Clive Gwilt.
- b. The Davies Shield to Dewi Arch.

0004/2324 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor J Buckley, seconded by Councillor A Chetter  
Majority agreed by Councillors

**RESOLVED:** that Ian Wellings, in his absence, a Councillor of this Town, be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of this Town for the coming year.

The meeting was informed that the Deputy Mayor would sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a later stage due to his absence from the meeting.

0005/2223 **REMAINING BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor E Marshall, seconded by Councillor D Cooper  
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

**RESOLVED:** that the remaining business of the Annual Meeting be deferred for consideration at the Adjourned Annual Meeting to be held at the Annexe, College House, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 6.45pm.