

16th May 2017 Annual Council Meeting Evening

Minutes of the proceedings of the adjourned **FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING** of **WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held this day in the **MAIN HALL, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM**, from 7.30pm to 7.38pm.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr Lucey (Mayor)

Cllrs: M Ashwell, M Bishop, C J Bowring, Mrs U K Clark, DOH Davies, A Drake, L Forbes, S C Gurney, Mrs G S Hewetson, T Lack, D G Lee, J P Mirfin, J McGhee-Sumner, M S Monk, K G Morgan, M L Richards, I L Shepherd-Dubey, S Steatham, A Waters, R J Wyatt.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jan Nowecki – Town Clerk

Nicky Harmsworth – Responsible Finance Officer

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Reverend Catherine Bowstead of the Methodist Church.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr N Campbell-White
C R George, S Odedra, C D Moore.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 11)

No declaration of interests from any Members present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Agenda Item 12)

It was proposed by Cllr D Lee and seconded by Cllr L Forbes

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that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 4th April 2017 (pages 15345 to 15348) and;
that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 25th April 2017 (pages 15352 to 15353) be accepted and signed as a true and correct record.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item 13)

There were no communications or announcements from the Mayor.

Cllr Mrs Hewetson asked that the list of her last engagements as Mayor from 31 March 2017 to 13 May 2017 be received.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 14)

No questions from either Council Members or the Public had been received.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER (Agenda Item 15)

The Attendance Charts extracted from the Attendance Register of Members at Council and Committee meetings for the past year was received.

STANDING COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP (Agenda Item 16)

The Mayor suggested that, given there were no changes to membership, Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of any Committee except Civic, where the outgoing Mayor takes the role of Chairman and the previous Chairman takes the role of Vice-Chair, that Agenda Items 16 and 17 be taken en-bloc.

It was proposed by Cllr D Davies and seconded by Cllr P Mirfin and it was

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that all membership and Chairmanship of the following Committees remain the same as 2016-17: Strategy, Amenities, Arts & Culture, Finance & Personnel, Planning & Transportation, and Emergency.

The Mayor duly announced that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Civic Committee for the ensuing year would be Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson and J P Mirfin respectively.

Cllr Davies reminded Councillors that even if they were not members of a particular committee they were welcome to attend any meeting.

MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 18)

It was confirmed that the Mayoral Selection Committee for 2017/2018 will be in accordance with Standing Order 23.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 19)

The Mayor confirmed that representation on outside bodies would remain the same as 2016-17.

CHAIRMAN