

7th December 2022

Minutes of the proceedings of the **CIVIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **Main Hall, Town Hall, Wokingham** from 10.00am to 11.15am.

PRESENT

Chair: Cllr D G Lee (Chair)

Councillors: R Bishop-Firth (Vice-Chair) and M Gee (Mayor).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Lucy Zeal (High Steward of Wokingham)

Captain Jan Howlin (Representative from Churches Together in Wokingham)

Jake Morrison (Chief Executive Citizens Advice Wokingham)

Roger Ilett (Former District Scout Chairman)

Katy Hughes (Incoming Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr D King, Mr Phil Creighton (Wokingham Today) and Chief Insp Helen Kenny (The LPA Deputy Police Commander)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Some representatives and members advised that they knew certain individuals and offered comments in the discussions but abstained from voting where applicable.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)

It was proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Bishop-Firth and it was

**RESOLVED
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that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

CHAIR'S INITIALS _____



PART TWO

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Agenda Item 5)

**RESOLVED
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It was proposed by Cllr D Lee and seconded by Cllr R Bishop-Firth and it was

that the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 8th December 2021 (pages 16441 to 16442), be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CIVIC AWARDS (Agenda Item 5)

a) The nominations for Civic Awards were received and scrutinised by the Committee.

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It was proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr R Bishop-Firth and it was

that 4 individual nominees should receive a Civic Award and the Civic Officer should notify everyone accordingly.

b) The following feedback was received about the process:

- Committee members and representatives shared that it may be beneficial to look at the Civic Award process again in terms of whether it wishes to recognise organisations. It was felt that a better approach may be to offer support on a more ongoing basis with visits from the Mayor as it has often done in the past, and maintain the Civic Award process as recognising individuals only.
- The number of nominations was remarked as being low and it was questioned whether asking for two people to support a nomination complicates the process and prevents some people from submitting one.
- A suggestion was made to include quotes and stories from previous civic award winners when promoting the process next year.

ACTION: Civic Officer

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE _____

CHAIR'S INITIALS _____

