Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of an Annual Council meeting held on 14 May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Frogmore Road, Market Drayton.


Also present: 2 members of the public.

Clerk: Town Clerk & Assistant Town Clerk

C.01 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/2016

Councillor T. Beckett thanked everyone for the support shown to him during his time as Town Mayor over the last 12 months.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Ridgway seconded to nominate:

Councillor Aldcroft for Town Mayor.

There were no more nominations.

The Clerk said a show of hands would be sufficient to vote on this occasion.

The votes were as follows: 11 votes for and 3 abstentions.

Councillor Aldcroft was duly elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Civic year.

Councillor Aldcroft signed the Declaration of Office.

Councillor Aldcroft thanked Councillors for their votes.

The Mayor said it is an honour to be Mayor for a second time. He thanked Councillor T. Beckett for all his hard work over the past two years and hoped to keep the team working hard together this coming civic year.

C.02 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/2016

Councillor Ridgway proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded to nominate:
Councillor Minnery for Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Whittle proposed Councillor Hughes; there was no seconder for this nomination.

The Clerk said a show of hands would be sufficient to vote on this occasion.

The vote were as follows: 10 votes for and 4 abstentions.

Councillor Minnery was duly elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Civic year.

Councillor Minnery signed the Declaration of Office.

C.03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Gough and V. Taylor.

C.04 MINUTES

Councillor Minnery proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED:

To agree and adopt the minutes of a meeting of Market Drayton Town Council held on 16 April 2015.

C.05 APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Now the Mayor and Deputy Mayor has been elected the Clerk requested the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes so she could finish the possibilities for committee membership.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Minnery seconded and it was RESOLVED:

The meeting to be adjourned for 5 minutes.

The Clerk left the Chamber.

The Clerk returned to the Chamber and handed a list of possible committee compositions for 2015 to all members.

The Clerk asked for member’s opinions on the selected committees members have been assigned to.
Councillor Whittle said he would have liked to sit on the Finance and General Purpose Committee and the Personnel Appeals Panel.

The Clerk said she had not received Councillor Whittle’s Willing to Serve Form which was requested twice.

Councillor Whittle said he thought members choose committee members on the night.

Councillor Hughes said it was made clear on the form that the Clerk required a reply.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Ridgway seconded and it was RESOLVED with 1 abstention:

To adopt the Clerks recommendation as below:

**Services and Facilities Committee**

**Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**Personnel Committee**

**Planning Committee**
All Councillors.

**Complaints Panel**

**Personnel Appeals Panel**

**REVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CONTACTS**

The Mayor said it is important to set up a Working Group to review the representatives and contacts.

Councillor Minnery proposed, Councillor Ridgway seconded and it was RESOLVED:
For Councillors: D. Minnery, R. Hughes, L. Ridgway, M. Whittle and R. Aldcroft to hold a Working Group at the Town Hall on; Monday 18 May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

C.07 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Councillor Hughes said the schedule of meetings seemed fine, however due to some planning applications being of a very low importance it seems a waste of Members and Clerks time to meet. This should be considered at the first planning meeting.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Ridgway seconded and it was RESOLVED with 1 abstention.

To adopt the schedule of meetings as recommended by the Clerk and at the first planning meeting an agenda item should be to consider how the Town Council approaches the planning applications.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 pm

Chairman ........................................

Date ............................................