

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM
ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairmen: Cllr Mrs S Horsman for the first part of Item 1, and subsequently Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore

Cllrs: M Beanland, L A Clarke, Mrs S-J Gilmore, C Gorst, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart and G Smith

Opening Prayer

1. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor (separate programme)

Cllr Sewart proposed Cllr Mrs Gilmore for election of Mayor. In his speech Cllr Sewart noted that Cllr Gilmore has during her three years with the Town Council worked hard on projects, in particular, on the recent Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr King seconded the proposal for Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs Gilmore is appointed as the Mayor (NC)

The Clerk and the retiring Mayor formally congratulated the new Mayor.

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr Mrs Gilmore, signed the formal declaration of acceptance of office before the Clerk and Members of the Council. The newly appointed Mayor then chaired the meeting from this point.

The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayor with the Past Mayor's recognition badge.

Cllr Clarke proposed Cllr Mrs Sewart as the Deputy Mayor. In his speech Cllr Clarke noted that Cllr Mrs Sewart first joined the Town Council in 2008, has lived in Poynton for 40 years, served on all the council committees with the exception of Finance and General Purposes Committee, was heavily involved with the scheme to remodel the Civic Hall, creating the joint entrance to the library, closely associated with the Neighbourhood Plan and the Heritage Garden projects, chaired the sub-committee for the standing orders committee and is a former teacher. Cllr Beanland seconded the proposal for Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs J Sewart is appointed as the Deputy Mayor (NC)

Cllr Mrs Gilmore noted that she is both delighted and extremely proud to be appointed as the new Mayor of Poynton. She looks forward to representing the Town and also raising funds for the St George's Living Well Charity.

Cllr Mrs Sewart thanked members for supporting the nomination for Deputy Mayor and confirmed that she looks forward to doing her best to support the Mayor.

Following formal photographs the meeting resumed with the other items on the agenda.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs L Berry, I Hollingworth, H Murray, Mrs T Lorde, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders and Mrs N Wylie

3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 11 and will withdraw from the meeting.

4. Approve previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th March 2017 are approved as an accurate record (9 for, 1 abstention)

5. Immediate past Mayor's announcements

The immediate past Mayor referred to the record of her official engagements since 13th March 2107. Full details of these are available from the Clerk.

Cllr Sewart proposed a formal vote of thanks for the extensive work and services of the outgoing Mayor.

RESOLVED: That the report is received. That a formal vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor is approved (NC)

6. Appointment of representatives of the Town Council to outside bodies for 2017/18

The following appointment of representatives were proposed:

- a) Air Training Corps (ATC) - Cllr I Hollingworth
- b) Almshouses Trust and Warren Bulkeley Charities - Cllr Gorst
- c) Coppice Road Allotments Association - Cllr Murray
- d) Projects 4 Poynton - Cllr M Beanland
- e) Poynton in Bloom (PIB) - Mrs S Horsman
- f) Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) - Cllr Mrs Gilmore
- g) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Cllr Podmore

h) Poynton Area Community Partnership - Cllrs Mrs Saunders and King

RESOLVED: That the Appointment of representatives of the Town Council to outside bodies for 2017/18 as stated is approved (NC)

7. Appointment to Standing Committees for 2017/2018

As detailed in the appendix.

RESOLVED: That the appointment to Standing Committees for 2017/2018 as stated is approved (NC)

8. Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Standing Committees for 2017/2018

Community, Order and Public Safety Committee (COPS)

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Vice-Chairman: Cllr G King

Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee (FIED)

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Vice-Chairman: Cllr L Berry

Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP)

Chairman: Cllr C Gorst

Vice-Chairman: Cllr M Beanland

Planning and Environment Committee (P&E)

Chairman: Cllr L A Clarke

Vice-Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Management and Establishment Committee (M&E)

Chairman: Cllr I Hollingworth

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs N Wylie

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Standing Committees for 2017/2018 as stated is approved (NC)

9. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 6th February 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 20th February 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 27th February 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 6th March 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 20th March 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 27th March 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 3rd April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 24th April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

10. Consider and approve the Town Council calendar of meetings for 2017/2018

RESOLVED: That the Town Council calendar of meetings for 2017/2018 is, up to April 2018, approved. That a draft proposal of dates for May and June 2018 are received at a subsequent meeting was agreed (NC)

Cllr Clarke left the meeting for agenda item 11.

11. Receive and consider the emails from Dr John Shaw about Park Lane, dated 14th March 2017 and 16th March 2017

Members received and considered the emails from Dr John Shaw about Park Lane, dated 14th March 2017 and 16th March 2017.

It was requested that Phil Cunningham, Operations Manager, forward a copy of all correspondence in relation to works on Park Lane to CE councillors so that councillors are able to follow up with CE.

RESOLVED: That the emails from Dr John Shaw about Park Lane, dated 14th March 2017 and 16th March 2017 are directed to the FIED committee as agreed (NC)

Cllr Clarke re-joined the meeting.

12. Consider the Town Council's response to the Cheshire East Council bus service review starting on 18th May 2017

The Clerk shared with members a letter received from a concerned resident about the changes proposed to the 392 bus route through Poynton.

A member recommended that the COPS committee should make a response on behalf of the Town Council.

A member noted that there have been several contacts with residents who are concerned about the changes to the west side of the P1 bus route.

It was proposed that the Town Council publicise the consultation on the Town Council website and Poynton Update and News (PUN) urging residents to respond. Also that the Clerk responds to the concerned resident thanking her for her correspondence and urging her to respond to the consultation.

It was noted that Cllr Beanland has requested a meeting with CE on the proposed changes to the bus service and this should also be noted in the PUN.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council publicise the consultation on the Town Council website and PUN urging residents to respond noting that Cllr Beanland is addressing the issue with CE. That the Clerk responds to the concerned resident thanking her for her correspondence and urging her to respond to the consultation (NC)

13. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting

The following communication messages were agreed:

- The P1 bus.
- Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED: That the communication messages arising from this meeting as stated are approved (NC)

The meeting concluded: 8.40pm