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Minutes of the meeting of ANNUAL MEETING OF YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.15pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs A Kendall (Chair and Mayor); B Boyton; K Gill; E Hopkins; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; W Read; A Richards; A Soughton; R Stickland; H Stonier; R White; A Wilkes and D Woan.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); Helen Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk); Sally Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk); Lucy Ryder (Assistant Town Clerk); Neil Gage (Finance Officer); Deb Creighton (Receptionist) and Rev Dan Crouch (Mayor's Chaplain).

There were 65 members of the public present and 2 members of the press.

Rev D Crouch gave his reflections. He presented both Cllr A Kendall, Mayor of Yeovil and Cllr E Potts-Jones each with a Gideon bible.

11/166 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Casey (work commitments); K Hussain (conflicting engagement); J Snell (unwell) and R Spinner (personal reasons).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/167 FINAL ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR ANDY KENDALL – MAYOR OF YEOVIL 2023/24

Cllr Andy Kendall – Mayor of Yeovil gave his final address as Mayor of Yeovil 2023/24. He gave summary of his engagements through out the year. He thanked the Councillors, the staff, his cadet Summer and his chaplain – Rev Dan Crouch for their support throughout the year.

He presented the Mayor's Award 2024 to Marie Firth. He spoke of her 40 years working for the NHS, her fund raising for various charities and her outstanding efforts within the community.

11/168 **ELECTION OF MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – 2024/25**

Cllr Andy Kendall, Mayor of Yeovil, called for nominations for the office of Mayor of Yeovil Town for 2024/25.

It was proposed by Cllr E Potts-Jones and seconded by Cllr E Hopkins that Cllr Andy Kendall be elected as Mayor of Yeovil.

(At 7:39pm, the meeting was adjourned and Cllr A Kendall left the meeting).

Cllr E Potts-Jones and then Cllr E Hopkins spoke in support of the nomination.

(Cllrs A Kendall returned to the meeting, which was then reconvened at 7:45pm).

RESOLVED: that Cllr Andy Kendall be elected to serve as Mayor of Yeovil Town for the ensuing year.

Cllr Andy Kendall then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11/169 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – 2024/5**

Cllr A Kendall, Mayor of Yeovil, called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town for 2024/25.

It was proposed by Cllr W Read and seconded by Cllr A Soughton that Cllr Tony Lock be elected as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil.

Cllr W Read and then Cllr A Soughton spoke in support of the nomination for Cllr Tony Lock.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Tony Lock be elected to serve as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town for the ensuing year.

Cllr T Lock then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11/170 **ADDRESS BY THE WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – CLLR ANDY KENDALL**

The Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr A Kendall announced the following:

- Mayor's Chaplain 2024/25: Rev Dan Crouch
- Mayor's Cadet 2024/25: Sergeant Jayden Hodgeson
- Mayor's Charity 2024/25: Yeovil4Families

11/171 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was proposed, and duly seconded that the meeting be adjourned until 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Yeovil Town Council, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PQ.

RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned until 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Yeovil Town Council, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PQ.

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 7:57 pm.

Signed:

Date: