

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING (Adjourned)
of the
BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 14th May 2019

PRESENT

Councillor D Ellis (Town Mayor) - in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek	Cllr R B Jones	Cllr E L Preece
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr P G Shone
Cllr I D Howes	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr M P Teire
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr I Peters	Cllr A G Williams
Cllr H D Hutchinson	Cllr N Phillips	Cllr A Woolley
Cllr J S Jones	Cllr C M Preece	

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M B Wright - Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs L George – Personal Assistant
Mrs T J Reece – Personal Assistant

17559- APOLOGIES

An apology for absence and reason was received and approved from Councillor J F Thornton (prior engagement). The Council was advised that Councillor Thornton's wife Ivy was not well and it was therefore agreed that a bouquet of flowers and card be forwarded to Ivy.

17560- WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed Members, friends and families of Members and others to the meeting. He also thanked Reverend Canon Martin Batchelor for saying prayers before the commencement of the meeting.

The Mayor then announced that the charitable activities undertaken during his Mayoral Year had resulted in excess of £13,600 being raised. The Mayor invited a representative of the Alzheimer's Society to receive a cheque to the value of £4,517.66, the Marie Curie Nurses to receive a cheque to the same value and the Stroke Association to receive a cheque to the value of £4,567.66. All those receiving cheques thanked the Mayor for his sterling efforts in raising the money for the charities and assured the Council that the monies would be used for support in the local area.

The Mayor then invited Malcolm and Jacqueline Ellis to the Rostrum for each to receive the Town Council's Certificate of Merit for their outstanding voluntary contributions in various aspects of the Town.

Mac Ellis thanked the Mayor and the Council for the honour bestowed on both himself and his wife and emphasised that none of the work they did could be achieved without the support of many others. The Mayor then invited Clive Jones to the Rostrum to receive the Town Council's Certificate of Merit, again for his outstanding voluntary work in the community. Mr Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for the honour bestowed on him and again emphasised that the work he did could not be achieved without the support of many others.

The Mayor gave a speech in relation to his year in office. The Mayor thanked the following for the support he had received from them during the year, all Members, the Staff, his Chaplain (Reverend Canon Martin Batchelor) the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress and finally and most importantly the Mayoress, his wife, Councillor C A Ellis. The Mayor highlighted a number of memorable events during his year and stated that any Members wishing to speak on his year should do so under Agenda item 7.

17561- ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor, prior to investing Councillor Woolley as the Mayor for 2019/20, reminded Members of the decision taken at the March meeting of the Council that Councillor A Woolley be appointed as Town Mayor elect. Following a mover and a seconder the Mayor called for a show of hands to now elect Councillor A Woolley as Town Mayor. The vote was carried.

The outgoing Mayor then presented Councillor A Woolley with the Chain of Office of Town Mayor of Buckley and took his seat in the Chamber.

The Mayor gave a short acceptance speech in which he thanked the Council for the honour it had bestowed upon him in making him Town Mayor and promised to uphold the values and duties of the Town Mayor to the best of his ability. The Mayor stated that he would do his utmost to equal the achievements of his predecessors. The Mayor also stated that he could not have taken on the responsibility of the post without the support of his wife Paula Woolley. The Mayor then announced that his charities for the forthcoming year would be the Buckley under 18 activities football, cricket and boxing clubs. The Mayor announced his Chaplain for the year would be the Reverend Canon Martin Batchelor and that the Civic Service would be held at Bistre Parish Church on 9th June 2019 at 10.30am.

17562- MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Clerk reminded the Council and public that although Councillor A Woolley had been presented with the Chain of Office of Town Mayor, he was required to sign the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office before he officially became the Mayor. Councillor A Woolley read out the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the document. The Clerk countersigned as witness to the Mayor's signature and announced that Councillor A Woolley was duly elected as the Town Mayor for Buckley for 2019/20.

17563- APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor reminded the Council that at its March meeting it had appointed Councillor V E Blondek as Deputy Town Mayor elect. The Mayor, following a mover and seconder being identified, requested a show of hands to appoint Councillor V E Blondek as Deputy Town Mayor. The vote was carried. The Mayor then called Councillor V E Blondek to the Rostrum and presented her with the Chain of Office of Deputy Town Mayor of Buckley and a bouquet of flowers. The newly elected Deputy Town Mayor thanked the Council for the honour it had bestowed upon her and stated that she would support the Town Mayor in every aspect throughout the forthcoming year.

17564- APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORT

The Mayor announced he was nominating his wife Paula Woolley as Mayoress. Mrs Woolley came to the rostrum and the Mayor presented her with the Chain of Office of Mayoress together with a bouquet of flowers.

The Mayor then announced that the Deputy Mayor was nominating her partner Mr Andy Wright as her Consort. Mr Wright came to the rostrum and the Deputy Mayor presented him with the Chain of Office of Consort.

17565- PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor asked the outgoing Mayor Councillor D Ellis and his wife Councillor C A Ellis to return to the rostrum, where the Mayor presented Councillor D Ellis with a memento in recognition of his year of office and presented Councillor C A Ellis with a bouquet of flowers. The outgoing Mayor requested permission to make some presentations and upon being given approval by the Mayor, provided tokens of his thanks for assistance provided during his year to the Clerk, the Personal Assistants, the Town Centre Manager and the outgoing and incoming Mayor's Chaplain for his support. Finally, the Clerk presented the outgoing Mayor with the Town Council's Past Mayor's Badge.

The Mayor then advised Members of the Council that if any wished to speak in relation to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor D Ellis, they should do so. A number of Members paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Ellis throughout his year of office as Mayor and applauded the charitable monies Councillor Ellis had raised during the year.

17566- ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor announced that the meeting was being adjourned until 7pm on Tuesday 28th May 2019 and invited all present to join him and the Mayoress in refreshments.

CHAIR