

**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

Present: **Councillor Matthew Bayliss**
 Mark Boyce-Churn
 Annette Eyre
 Ben Hamlin
 Don Hammond
 Graham Hill
 Matthew Kellermann
 Nick O'Brien
 Janice Treacher
 Jonathan Waugh

Outgoing Town Mayor Ginny Boxall

In attendance: **Leah Coney** - **Town Clerk**
 Patricia Harris - **Finance & Admin Manager**
 Samantha Brown - **Councillor Support Officer**
 Martin Whapshott - **Head Groundsman**
 County Councillor Andrew Joy
 8 Members of the public

1 Election of Town Mayor for 2023/24

The outgoing Town Mayor Ginny Boxall asked for nominations for the position of Town Mayor.

On the proposal of Councillor Eyre, seconded by Councillor Waugh, Councillor Bayliss was nominated and consented to the nomination.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Boyce-Churn, Councillor Hamlin was nominated and consented to the nomination.

Taken in alphabetical order Councillor Bayliss received 5 votes and Councillor Hamlin 5 votes.

The casting vote was made by the Town Mayor Ginny Boxall in favour of Councillor Hamlin and thus it was

RESOLVED

Using the casting vote, Councillor Hamlin be elected Town Mayor for the coming year.

2 To receive the Town Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Ben Hamlin read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 **Presentations to outgoing Town Mayor**

The Town Mayor presented a gift to the past Mayor, Ginny Boxall and thanked her and her consort for their service to the town.

4 **Town Mayor's Mayoress/Consort, Chaplain and Charities**

1. The Town Mayor decline to appoint a Chaplain.
2. The Town Mayor announced that his charity for the mayoral year will be the Woodland Trust.
3. The Town Mayor announced that his wife, Maureen would be his Consort.

5 **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

6 **To elect the Deputy Town Mayor**

On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Boyce-Churn, Councillor Eyre was nominated.

On the proposal of Councillor Bayliss, seconded by Councillor Kellermann, Councillor Hill was nominated.

Taking in alphabetical order Councillor Eyre received 5 votes and Councillor Hill 5 votes.

The casting vote was made by the Town Mayor Ben Hamlin in favour of Councillor Eyre and thus it was

RESOLVED

Using the casting vote, Councillor Eyre was duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

7 **Co-option of Councillors for vacant seats**

Full details of the process for the co-option of Councillors for the three vacant seats were contained in the agenda papers for the meeting.

Amery Ward – Nominations

Barbara Tansey was proposed by Councillor Bayliss, seconded by Councillor Boyce-Churn

Pandora Kellermann was proposed by Councillor Eyre, with no seconder.

Robert Saunders was proposed by Councillor Hill with no seconder.

As the only nomination taken forward, on a show of hands Barbara Tansey received sufficient votes to attain the seat.

Ashdell Ward – Nominations

Pandora Kellermann was proposed by Councillor Waugh, seconded by Councillor Eyre

Ellie Waple was proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Taken in alphabetical order Pandora Kellerman received 5 votes and Ellie Waple 5 votes.

The casting vote was made by the Town Mayor Councillor Hamlin in favour of Ellie Waple, the additional vote being sufficient to attain the seat.

Whitedown Ward - Nominations

Pandora Kellerman was proposed by Councillor Kellerman, seconded by Councillor Hill

John Chubb was proposed by Councillor Waugh , seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Taken in alphabetical order John Chubb received 5 votes and Pandora Kellerman 5 votes.

The casting vote was made by the Town Mayor Councillor Hamlin in favour of John Chubb, the additional vote being sufficient to attain the seat.

Thus it was **RESOLVED**
To approve the appointment of:

- 1. Barbara Tansey as Ward Councillor for Amery**
- 2. Ellie Waple as Ward Councillor for Ashdell**
- 3. John Chubb as Ward Councillor for Whitedown**

8 **To Approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24**

On the proposal of Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Eyre , it was

RESOLVED
To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24 as tabled
All in favour

9 **Confirmation of General Power of Competence**

Members were requested to satisfied themselves that the Town Council has the power (under specified statute) to undertake that activity – the full details of such power contained within the agenda papers published.

On the proposal of Councillor Bayliss, seconded by Councillor Boyce-Churn

The Town Council RESOLVED from 17th May 2023 until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI965 The Parish

**Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions)
Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.**

All in Favour

10 **Confirmation of Bank Mandate**

Members were requested to give their formal approval to the alternation of the Unity Bank Account Mandate to remove former Councillors and add all new Councillors as signatories.

On the proposal of Councillor Eyre, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, it was

RESOLVED

**To amend the Bank Mandate to authorise all new Councillors as
Signatories of the Unity Trust bank account.**

All in favour

The meeting finished at 7.38 pm.