

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at the Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, on Monday, 14 May 2018

Present: The Mayor, Mrs S C Campbell, and Councillors B Mulhern, E J Wilcox, D H S Simmons, N A Kay, T F Abram, M Cosgrove, G Wade, Mrs C Belsom, P Flower, B Martin, N Green and A Hook

The Mayor, Councillor Shiel Campbell, welcomed everyone to the Meeting and, before the formal meeting began, prayers were said by the Reverend Simon Rowlands.

436. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A J Walker. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr S Campbell, and, on being put to the meeting, it was: ***RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr A J Walker***

437. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Cllr B Mulhern proposed, seconded by Cllr E Wilcox and, on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that Cllr Trevor Francis Abram be and is hereby duly elected Mayor of Faversham for the ensuing Municipal Year.***

438. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND INVESTITURE OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Trevor Francis Abram, having been elected as Mayor of Faversham, made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was duly invested by the Town Clerk with his Badge of Office and presented with the Wand of Office. He took the Chair and addressed the Meeting. Mrs Margaret Abram was confirmed as Mayoress

439. VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor D Simmons proposed, seconded by Councillor E Wilcox and on being put to the meeting it was unanimously ***RESOLVED that this Council records its sincere appreciation of the very able service rendered by Cllr Shiel Campbell as Mayor of the Town of Faversham during the past Municipal Year***

440. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor D Simmons proposed, seconded by Councillor G Wade and, on being put to the meeting, it was: ***RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Cosgrove be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of Faversham for the ensuing year.***

441. INVESTITURE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Mike Cosgrove, having been elected as Deputy Mayor of Faversham, was duly invested with his Badge of Office by The Mayor, Councillor Trevor Abram.

442. ELECTION OF HONORARY FREEMAN

Councillor E Wilcox proposed, seconded by Councillor S Campbell and on being put to the meeting, it was: ***RESOLVED that Mr Kenneth Neame be and is hereby elected Honorary Freeman of Faversham***

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Cosgrove proposed, seconded by Councillor D Simmons and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that Mr Andrew Osborne BEM be and is hereby elected Honorary Freeman of Faversham***

443. MAYORAL CADET

The Mayor, Councillor Abram announced Peter Asekokhai of Faversham Sea Cadets as his Mayoral Cadet and presented him with the Mayoral Cadet badge.

444. PRESENTATION OF BOUQUETS

A bouquet was presented by the Brownies to the Retiring Mayor, Cllr S Campbell, the Mayoress, Mrs M Abram and the Hazebrouck Deputy Mayors.

445. APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor confirmed that he had appointed the Reverend Simon Rowlands as his Chaplain for the new Municipal Year and closed the meeting. The Reverend Simon Rowlands then said prayers, followed by the National Anthem.

446. ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE

The Annual Civic Service will take place on Sunday 1 July at 10am.