

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 10.00 am.

### **Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Ken Ellcome (in the Chair)

### **Councillors**

Dave Ashmore	Lee Mason
Simon Boshier	Stephen Morgan MP
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Tom Coles	Steve Pitt
Yahiya Chowdhury	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Jason Fazackarley	Jeanette Smith
John Ferrett	Judith Smyth
George Fielding	Lynne Stagg
James Fleming	Luke Stubbs
David Fuller	Ben Swann
Scott Payter-Harris	David Tompkins
Hannah Hockaday	Claire Udy
Jo Hooper	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Suzy Horton	Steve Wemyss
Frank Jonas BEM	Matthew Winnington
Donna Jones	Neill Young
Ian Lyon	Rob Wood
Leo Madden	Tom Wood
Hugh Mason	

The Lord Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **28. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That a vote of thanks be given to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

**It was RESOLVED unanimously that the council places on record its sincere thanks to Councillor Ken Ellcome and Mrs Jo Ellcome for their outstanding service to the city as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during their year of office.**

**That the council expresses its great appreciation of the fine qualities which Councillor Ken Ellcome has brought to the conduct of the business of this Council, his devotion to duty and the distinction and goodwill with which he carried out the many and various duties of the office of Lord Mayor.**

**That the Council also places on record its gratitude to Mrs Jo Ellcome who also gave her untiring support and help as Lady Mayoress to the Lord Mayor.**

**That this resolution be engrossed and be presented to Councillor Ken Ellcome and Mrs Jo Ellcome at this ceremony.**

The retiring Lord Mayor was presented with the Council's gift of an engrossed scroll which signifies the Council's appreciation of his time in office.

## **29. Election of the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Councillor Donna Jones nominated Councillor Lee Mason for election to the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Hannah Hockaday.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal which was CARRIED unanimously and he declared Councillor Lee Mason duly elected Lord Mayor.

Councillor Lee Mason then left the chamber with the retiring Lord Mayor to don the Lord Mayor's robes and the chain of office.

## **30. Investiture of the New Lady Mayoress**

Mrs Sylvia Mason, the new Lady Mayoress, was invested with the chain of office, after which she signed a document of office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

## **31. New Lord Mayor takes the Chair**

Councillor Lee Mason took the chair and thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the City Solicitor.

## **32. Presentation of the Keys of the City**

The Lord Mayor received the Keys of the Fortress of Portsmouth presented to him by Warrant Officer Marcus Daniels.

## **33. Presentation of the Portsmouth Sword**

The Lord Mayor received the Portsmouth Sword presented to him by Sub-Lieutenant Kilgallon.

**34. The Lord Mayor returns thanks to the Council**

The Lord Mayor thanked members of the Council for his election. He played a video and spoke about his chosen charities for the year ahead.

**35. Appointment of the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson nominated Councillor David Fuller as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason.

There being no other nominations, the Lord Mayor put the proposal, which was CARRIED unanimously and he declared Councillor David Fuller duly elected as the Deputy Lord Mayor and he made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This was witnessed by the City Solicitor. The Chief Executive said that Councillor David Fuller would be supported by his Deputy Lady Mayoress, Mrs Leza Tremorin. The Deputy Lady Mayoress then made and subscribed a document undertaking to support the Deputy Lord Mayor in carrying out his official duties which was witnessed by the City Solicitor.

**36. Appointment of Chaplain to the City Council**

Pastor Dan Harman was appointed as Chaplain to the City Council.

**37. Announcement of Civic Awards**

The Lord Mayor advised that Civic Award recipients this year were David Baynes, Kate Pickles, Rachael Ross, and Ms Amba Tremain and Mr Charlie Fletcher jointly on behalf of the Urban Vocal Group.

Youth Civic Awards were awarded to Adam Bolderson and Lewis Hine.

The Lord Mayor advised that the awards would be presented at a separate ceremony.

The meeting adjourned at 11.30 am, to be reconvened no earlier than 2.30 pm.

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Lord Mayor