

PARISH OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD

2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 6.00 pm in the Town Hall

MINUTES OF MEETING

APM2022.1 OPENING THE MEETING

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford Councillor Mark Dykes opened the meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

APM2022.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Mr Kevin Tillett proposed, Mrs Polly Andrews seconded and it was unanimously

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2021 held on 25 May be accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

APM2022.3 PUBLIC MATTERS OF A PAROCHIAL NATURE AS AUTHORISED UNDER SCHEDULE 12, PART III, OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Mr Oliver asked if anything would be done to celebrate, albeit post hoc, the 900th anniversary of the May Fair, and whether a book could be compiled detailing the history of this remarkable and unique tradition. The Town Clerk replied that there had been a film made as the Fair couldn't be held in the year the 900th anniversary actually fell. Members of the public present felt it was worth looking into to see if something more ceremonial could be arranged in conjunction with the Showmen's Guild and the Clerk undertook to report to the appropriate council committee in due course.

Mr Kenyon asked if the City Council could provide financial support to the Food Bank. The Clerk said there had been support in the past and there could certainly be more, the mechanism would be for the organisers of the Food Bank to apply for a grant.

Mr Stevens (a non-resident) asked if the Mayor was happy with the state of the city centre as regards cleanliness, litter, street furniture, etc. Residents present indicated that this was a shared concern. The Mayor

responded that he was not impressed with the state of the city centre and he would write to the Herefordshire Council asking them to improve their efforts to ensure the city looks its best, especially as visitor numbers are growing and we have Three Choirs in the city later in the year.

Mrs Andrews added that this is an ongoing problem and wondered if the city council could employ someone themselves. The Clerk replied that this would cause difficulties with contracts and might lead to the Herefordshire Council reducing services still further on the assumption that the parish council had taken over full responsibility. He added that the council had negotiated to fund an additional enforcement officer who could be deployed where the city council felt it would do most good. Littering, dog fouling and gum dropping in the city centre would be among the priorities highlighted for action.

Mrs Foxton raised the state of the Town Hall especially the frontage in St Owen Street. The Clerk interjected that this was not strictly a parochial matter as the building was owned and managed by Herefordshire Council not the parish council.

APM2022.4 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the discussion and closed the meeting at 6.13pm.

Signed
(Mayor of Hereford and Chair of the Annual Parish Meeting)

Date