HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 13 May 2025

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Kevin Tillett, and Councillors Polly Andrews, Jacqui Carwardine, Mark Dykes, Elizabeth Foxton, Alex Griffiths, Debbie Hobbs, Cat Hornsey, Jim Kenyon, Jeremy Milln, Rob Owens, Sam Potts, Dan Powell, Ben Proctor, Paul Stevens, and Diana Toynbee.

Attending: Kim Carpenter, Town Clerk and Officers of the City Council.

AMC2024/25.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF HEREFORD

The Mayor called for nominations for the post of Chair of the City Council and Mayor of Hereford. Councillor Owens nominated Councillor Powell, and this was seconded by Councillor Keynon.

There being no other nominations the Mayor put the proposal to the vote, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED That Councillor Daniel Powell be elected to the office of Mayor of Hereford and Chair of the City Council for the municipal year 2025-2026.

AMC2024/25.2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Powell made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the form stipulated by the Secretary of State, and this was signed by the Town Clerk.

AMC2024/25.3 PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL INSIGNIA

The former Mayor presented the Mayor with the Chain of Office and the Mayor presented the former Mayor with their badge.

The incoming Mayor's Consort, Lucy Glover, received the badge from the retiring Mayor's Consort.

The incoming Mayor's Consort presented the retiring Mayor's Consort, with their past Consort's badge.

AMC2024/25.4 MAYOR THANKS THE CITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT

The Mayor, Councillor Powell, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked his predecessor Councillor Tillett saying it had been an honour and privilege to work alongside him as Deputy Mayor during the last year and expressed how much he is looking forward to serving the people of Hereford in the forthcoming year.

AMC2024/25.5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Polly Andrews, Mark Dykes, and Alex Griffiths which were accepted.

AMC2024/25.6 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND DEPUTY MAYOR OF HEREFORD

The Mayor called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair and Deputy Mayor. Councillor Debbie Hobbs proposed and Councillor Carwardine seconded Councillor Hornsey.

There being no other nominations it was put to the vote and unanimously.

RESOLVED That Councillor Cat Hornsey be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Hereford and Vice Chair of the City Council.

AMC2024/25.7 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Hornsey made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, and this was signed by the Town Clerk.

AMC2024/25.8 PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

The Mayor presented the Deputy Mayor with the Badge of Office.

AMC2024/25.9 DEPUTY MAYOR THANKS THE CITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT

The Deputy Mayor addressed the City Council and the assembled company thanking them for her appointment and promising to serve to the best of her ability in the forthcoming year.

AMC2024/25.10 A MEMBER OF COUNCIL THANKS THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Councillor Proctor expressed the thanks of the City Council to Councillor Tillett and his consort for their services to the City of Hereford during the 2024-25 Municipal Year.

AMC2024/25.11 FORMER MAYOR THANKS THE CITY

Councillor Tillett said it had been an immense honour and privilege to be chosen as Mayor of Hereford and thanked all those who had supported him throughout the year, fellow Councillors, all the staff and family and friends.

AMC2024/25.12 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHARITIES

The Mayor announced that his charities for the year would be Midlands Air Ambulance and Phoenix Bereavement.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed 6.45pm.

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