HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 12 May 2026

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Cllrs D Powell, C Hornsey, E Foxton, P Andrews, P Stevens, K Tillett, S Potts, M Dykes, D Hobbs, B Proctor, J Carwardine, A Griffiths & D Toynbee

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, preceded by the Sword Bearer, entered St Peter's Church accompanied by the Mayor-Elect, Deputy Mayor-Elect, the Town Clerk, and the Council's Chaplain.
The Mayor called upon the Council's Chaplain to say prayers.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor, within a few seconds he asked the Town Clerk to remove the chain of office as he felt unwell and needed to retire from the meeting and the building. During this period, he asked Cllr Tillett to lead the meeting as the Deputy Mayor was unable to as she was the Mayor-Elect for the 2026/27 municipal year: Cllr Tillett had been undertaking this role over a few months as the Mayor had needed to retire on previous occasions.

AMC2025/26.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF HEREFORD

The Cllr Tillett called upon Members of the City Council to elect one of their numbers to serve as Mayor during the coming Municipal Year.

Councillor Sam Potts proposed the Mayor-Elect Cat Hornsey and gave a speech about the commitment, sense of community and passion that she would bring to the role.

Councillor K Tillett seconded proposition and gave a speech about Cat's ability, sense of community and commitment that she would bring to the role.

Then Cllr Tillett asked if there were any other nominations, to which there was none proposed. The proposal to nominate Cllr Hornsey as the Mayor and Chair of Council was resolved by a unanimous vote of council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Cat Hornsey be elected to the office of Mayor of Hereford and Chair of the City Council for the municipal year 2026-2027.

AMC2025/26.2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Hornsey then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office to the Town Clerk, and this document was duly signed by Cllr Hornsey and witnessed by the Town Clerk. Cllr Hornsey was invested as the newly elected Mayor by being adorned with the Chain and Badge of Office, she then took her place in the Mayoral Chair.

AMC2025/26.3 PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL INSIGNIA

The Mayor presented the retiring Mayors Mayoress with his Past Mayor's badge.

The retiring Mayoress presented the incoming Consort, Alex Griffiths, with the Consort's badge. Cllr A Griffiths, acting as Consort presented the retiring Mayoress with her ex-mayoress badge.

AMC2025/26.4 MAYOR THANKS THE CITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT

The newly elected Mayor gave her thanks to the Members of the City Council and addressed the assembled company with a short speech of thanks.

AMC2025/26.5 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND DEPUTY MAYOR OF HEREFORD

The Mayor called upon Members of the City Council to elect one of their number to serve as

deputy Mayor during the coming Municipal Year. Cllr B Proctor proposed Deputy Mayor-Elect Elizabeth Foxton be elected and give their reason that she be elected Deputy Mayor and Vice

Chair of Hereford City Council and gave a speech detailing his reasons for the nomination. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Jeremy Milln who also spoke about his reasons and Cllr Foxtons commitment and ability for the role.

The Mayor called for any other nominations, to which there were none proposed. The proposal to nominate Cllr E Foxton as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chair of Council was resolved with a unanimous vote.

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

AMC2025/26.6 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Foxton then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office to the Town Clerk, and this document was duly signed by Cllr Foxton and witnessed by the Town Clerk.

AMC2025/26.7 PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

Cllr Foxton was invested as the newly elected Deputy Mayor by being adorned with the Badge of Office, she then took her place in the Deputy Mayoral Chair.

AMC2025/26.8 DEPUTY MAYOR THANKS THE CITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT

The newly elected Deputy Mayor gave her thanks to the City Council and the assembled company with a short speech of thanks.

AMC2025/26.9 A MEMBER OF COUNCIL THANKS THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Cllr Tillett expressed thanks from the City Council to the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their services during the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

AMC2025/26.10 FORMER MAYOR THANKS THE CITY

The retiring Mayoress gave a short address to the City Council and the assembled company to express Cllr Powells and her thanks to all for their mayoral year.

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AMC2024/25.11 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHARITIES

The Mayor then announced her chosen Charites for will the Municipal Year with these being Dirty Feet and Lee's Place.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed 7.00pm.

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