

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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MAYORMAKING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING held on 21st MAY 2009 at 11.00am at THE 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH

Present: The retiring Mayor, Councillor D Rutson, in the Chair at the commencement of the meeting
The Chairman, Councillor J Wares, in the Chair after election of Mayor
The retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Brown
The Vice-Chairman, Councillor S Tyrer
Councillors: A Morrison, L Double, G Calver, A Colbourne, R Callender, D McLeod, S Henderson, L Payne, P Burke and M Gardner

The High Steward of Harwich, Mr C Strachan

The Clerk to the Council, Mrs E Novorol

The Assistant Clerk to the Council Mrs S Anderson

Also present: 3 members of the press and 51 members of the public

Prayers were said by the Reverend E Lammens

16/09 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor called for nominations for Mayor for the forthcoming year. Councillor Gardner moved and Councillor Tyrer seconded that Councillor Wares be elected as Mayor of Harwich for the forthcoming year.

The Mayor then called for any further nominations and there being none, councillors voted unanimously for Councillor Wares.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Wares be elected as Mayor of Harwich. The Mayor then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17/09 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year. Councillor Wares moved and Councillor Gardner seconded that Councillor Tyrer be elected as Deputy Mayor of Harwich for the forthcoming year.

The Mayor then called for any further nominations and there being none, councillors voted unanimously for Councillor Tyrer.

RESOLVED that Councillor Tyrer be elected as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Tyrer then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

18/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Howlett and B Brown

19/09 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

20/09 MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor announced the appointment of Reverend Erwin Lammens as her Chaplain for the forthcoming year.

21/09 MAYOR'S THANKS FOR ELECTION

After retiring to robe, Councillor Wares returned thanks for her election as Mayor of Harwich.

The Mayoress, Mrs Helen Gardner, was invested, by the Mayor, with her chain of office.

The Mayoress gave her response and announced her chosen charities for the forthcoming year.

22/09 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor S Henderson moved and Councillor P Burke seconded that a sincere vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their services during their term of office.

The motion was carried unanimously.

23/09 RESPONSE OF THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor D Rutson replied to the vote of thanks and presented a gift to the Caretaker of the Guildhall, Mr Fraser Morrison and bouquets of flowers to the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Elaine Novorol, the Assistant Clerk to the Council, Mrs Susan Anderson, Mrs Hazel Colbourne and the retiring Mayoress, Mrs Muriel Rutson in recognition of their support over the last year.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.25am

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

DATE