



MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY HELD ON 15TH MAY 2020.

Present – Councillor Arthur Moran (Mayor) and Councillors Stuart Bostock, Penny Butterill, David Greaves, Peter Groves, Pam Kirkham, Andrew Martin, David Marren, Philip Staley, John Statham, Carole Thomas, Stephanie Wedgwood, the Town Clerk and Facilities Manager.

1. PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Reverend Dr Mark Hart.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

3. RETIRING MAYOR'S REPORT AND RETIRING SPEECH

Councillor Moran referred to the many events which he had attended during his Mayoral year and stated that he was deeply privileged to have had the opportunity to be Mayor on two occasions. He made reference to the elections in May 2019 where a new Council was formed, welcoming the new members to the Town Council. Councillor Moran referred to the former Town Clerk Ian Hope retiring last summer and the appointment of Samantha Roberts as the new Town Clerk in September 2019. Nantwich had experienced severe flooding in October 2019, and more recently the unprecedented experiences of COVID-19 where he had seen how the community had supported each other during these difficult times. Councillor Moran expressed his thanks to Councillor Carole Thomas for her support as his consort and thanked Councillor Pam Kirkham as Deputy and Mark Hart as his Chaplain. Upon closing Councillor Moran thanked all staff for their support over the year and thanked residents for supporting him since 1986 as without their vote he would not have had the opportunity of representing them on the Town Council.

Councillor Moran confirmed that he would be handing out cheques to his good causes (St. Lukes, The Royal British Legion and Leighton Hospital Prostate Cancer Support Group) totalling £2,100.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Kirkham proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Marren. She referred to the range of duties which Councillor Moran had undertaken and the many events he had attended. She thanked him for his excellent work during the year in support of the local community, his charities and the Town Council.

Councillor Moran received a Past Mayor's brooch in advance of the virtual meeting.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Marren and seconded by Councillor Groves and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor Pamela Kirkham be elected as Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. The new Mayor was invested with the chain of office.

6. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Mayor made a formal declaration of acceptance of office before the Town Clerk and the assembled Council.

Councillor Kirkham responded to her election by thanking her proposer, Councillor Marren and seconder, Councillor Groves for their kind words. She stated that She was honoured to be chosen and elected as Mayor and was very much looking forward to supporting the community throughout the year.

7. MAYORS CONSORT

The new Mayor introduced Caroline Kirkham who will be her Consort. Miss Kirkham was invested with the Consort’s Medallion of Office.

8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR’S GOOD CAUSES

The new Mayor informed the Council that Reverend Dr Mark Hart, St. Mary’s Church, would be her Chaplain for her year of office.

The Mayor named three organisations, Macmillan Cancer Care Unit at Leighton Hospital, Nantwich Museum board of Trustees and the End of Life Partnership as her good causes for the forthcoming year.

9. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Groves and seconded by Councillor Marren and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor Stuart Bostock be elected as Deputy Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. The Deputy Mayor was invested with the chain of office.

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....