

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday 9th May 2012 in the Abbey Hall, Guildhall, Abingdon.

Present

Cllr Michael Badcock Mayor of Abingdon 2011-2012
Cllr Alice Badcock
Cllr Marilyn Badcock
Cllr Samantha Bowring
Cllr Jason Fiddaman
Cllr Jeanette Halliday
Cllr Angela Lawrence
Cllr Lesley Legge
Cllr Iain Littlejohn
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr Monica Lovatt
Cllr Sandy Lovatt
Cllr Julie Mayhew-Archer
Cllr Penny McDougall
Cllr Herman Matheson
Cllr Aidan Melville
Cllr Katie Nobes
Cllr Helen Pighills
Cllr Alison Rooke
Cllr Andrew Todd

In Attendance

Mr Nigel Warner Town Clerk (Clerk to the meeting)
Mr Steve Rich Head of Service Delivery

1 **Prayers**

Prayers were led by the Rector of Abingdon, Rev Dr Charles Miller.

2 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Jones, Deputy Mayor.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Mayor's Awards and Mayor's Cadets**

The Mayor, Cllr Michael Badcock, presented his Mayor's Awards for services to the community to the following individuals and organisations:

Dave Binningsley, Abingdon Vale Cricket Club;
Alastair Fear, Abingdon Blog;
Patrick Lonergan, Ramblers' Association;
James King, representing the Ock Valley Flood Group;
Blue and Red Watch, Abingdon Fire Station.

Biographies of the Award Winners were circulated at the meeting.

The Mayor thanked his outgoing Mayor's Cadets for their service during the year, and they were presented with a certificate of service:

Able Cadet Christ Ventom (Sea Cadet)
L/Cpl Jamie-Lee Thomson (Army Cadet)
Cpl Josh Kerry (Air Cadet)

5 **Election of Mayor**

It was proposed by Cllr Alison Rooke and seconded by Cllr Aidan Melville that Cllr Samantha Bowring be elected Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Cllr Marilyn Badcock and it was seconded by Cllr Ian Littlejohn that Cllr Monica Lovatt be elected Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames for the ensuing year.

On being put to the vote, there were 10 votes cast in for Cllr Samantha Bowring, and 10 votes cast for Cllr Monica Lovatt. Following a short adjournment the Mayor, Cllr Michael Badcock, placed his casting vote in favour of Cllr Monica Lovatt and it was therefore:

Resolved that Cllr Monica Lovatt be elected Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames for the 2012-2013 civic year.

The new Mayor was invested and installed and made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office. She took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor announced that her Escort would be her husband, Cllr Sandy Lovatt. The Mayor then made a short address.

6 **Vote of Thanks to the retiring Mayor and Past Mayor's Badges**

A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Mayor Cllr Michael Badcock by Cllr Sandy Lovatt; this was seconded by Cllr Ian Littlejohn, and approved by the Council. Cllr Badcock was presented with bars to his Past Mayor's badge, and responded to the vote of thanks.

7 **Election of Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by Cllr Angela Lawrence and it seconded by Cllr Julie Mayhew-Archer that Cllr Samantha Bowring be elected as Deputy Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Cllr Jason Fiddaman and seconded by Cllr Michael Badcock that Cllr Andrew Todd be elected Deputy Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames for the ensuing year.

On being put to the vote, there were 10 votes cast in for Cllr Samantha Bowring, and 10 votes cast for Cllr Andrew Todd. The Mayor, Cllr Monica Lovatt, placed her casting vote in favour of Cllr Andrew Todd and it was therefore

It was **resolved** that Cllr Andrew Todd be elected Deputy Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames for the 2012-2013 civic year.

The Mayor invested and installed her Deputy. The new Deputy Mayor made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and announced that his Escort would be his wife, Mrs Jayne Todd.

8 **Membership of Council Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties**

Resolved that Members be appointed to committees and sub-committees as detailed in the report of the Town Clerk, attached to these minutes.

9 **Representation on outside bodies**

Resolved that the representation on outside bodies are as detailed in the report of the Town Clerk, attached to these minutes, subject to the addition of Cllr Peter Jones as a Member of the Planning and Highways Committee.

10 **Announcements by the Mayor**

The Mayor announced:

- a) The appointment of Mayor's Cadets: Able Cadet Lewis Beaven (Sea Cadet); L/Cpl Charlotte Brain (Army Cadet) and Cpl Josh Kerry (Air Cadet);
- b) That her chosen charities for the year would be Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help, and the Abingdon Museum Friends;
- c) That the Diamond Jubilee Festival Eucharist and Civic Service would be held in the Parish Church of St Helen on Sunday 3rd June 2012 at 10.30am;
- d) That all members of the public were invited to join the Council for a glass of wine or a soft drink, and a light buffet in the Roysse Room following the ceremony.

11 **Closing Prayers**

Closing prayers were said by Revd Dr Charles Miller.

12 **The National Anthem**

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

There being no further business the meeting rose at 8.15 pm.

Signed Date