



## Tiverton Town Council

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on Monday 15th May 2023 at 6:15pm.

**Present:** Cllrs: S Griggs (Mayor), V Bagatelas, S Beard, C Berry, T Bridger, D Broom, W Burke, S Bush, R Clarke, A Cuddy, L Cruwys, N Davey, M Farrell, B Fish, J Frost, D Garcia-Parejo, S Griggs, P Hill, B Holdman, L Kennedy, J Lejeune, K Lejeune, N Senik, T Wheeler.

**In attendance:** Mr D Griggs (Mayors Consort), Mr A Burnett, (Beadle), Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk), 9 members of public, Mr D Knowles (photographer) and one member of press.

Before the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain Revd. Andrew Humm.

407	<p><b>Election of Mayor for the Civic Year</b></p> <p>The Mayor of Tiverton Cllr S Griggs declared the meeting open. She invited nominations for the position of Mayor.</p> <p>Cllr S Griggs proposed Cllr W Burke, this was seconded by Cllr N Davey. There were no other nominations, all councillors voted in favour of this appointment.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke was declared the Mayor of Tiverton, he was then joined by his Mayoress Ms A Bullen.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke thanked all for electing him as Mayor of Tiverton.</p>
408	<p><b>Declaration of Office of the Mayor including allegiance to the King</b></p> <p>Cllr W Burke undertook the Declaration of Office and Allegiance to his Majesty King Charles III. This was witnessed by Cllr S Griggs and Cllr N Davey.</p>
409	<p><b>Election of Deputy Mayor</b></p> <p>Cllr W Burke invited nominations for Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>Cllr D Wulff proposed Cllr L Cruwys, this was seconded by Cllr P Hill.</p> <p>All councillors voted in favour of this appointment.</p> <p>Cllr L Cruwys was declared Deputy Mayor of Tiverton, he was joined by his Deputy Mayoress, Ms Yolanda Cruwys (Niece).</p> <p>Cllr L Cruwys thanked members for electing him and introduced his niece Ms Yolanda Cruwys.</p>
410	<p><b>Vote of thanks to retiring Mayor</b></p> <p>Cllr N Davey gave a vote of thanks to retiring Mayor Cllr S Griggs, and offered his congratulations to Cllr W Burke on his appointment as Mayor. Cllr Davey said that Cllr Griggs had served over the past 2 years and was a visible presence in the town wearing the red mayoral robes, accompanied by the Beadle and Mace Bearers. She helped to promote the town and its many events. Cllr Griggs was fortunate in having three significant royal events during her term of office. Cllr Davey thanked Cllr Griggs for all she had done.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke asked Cllr Griggs to say a few words.</p>

	<p>Cllr Griggs thanked Cllr Burke and offered her congratulations to him and to Cllr L Cruwys the Deputy Mayor. She welcomed the new councillors to the council.</p> <p>Cllr Griggs said that she had felt very privileged and honoured to be the Mayor for 2 years and lucky to have attended a number of memorable events, and meeting with so many members of the public, groups and organisations throughout the term of office. She thanked the Town Centre Coordinator Ms S Gray for her work on the Coronation event which had been well attended. She gave thanks to the Town Clerk Mr J Vanderwolfe, the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Mrs J Hubbard and Clerical Assistant &amp; Mayor's Secretary, Ms L Hubbard, for all their assistance and thanked her Consort Mr D Griggs, Beadle Mr A Burnett, Mace Bearers Mr A Newsome and Mr W Zarrett for their invaluable support.</p>
<b>411</b>	<p><b>Mayors Charity 2023/24</b></p> <p>Cllr W Burke's announced that the charity for his term of office would be the Royal Devon University Healthcare Breast Cancer unit.</p>
<b>412</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>
<b>413</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest received.</p>
<b>414</b>	<p><b>Democratic Period</b></p> <p>Revd. Christian Hill introduced himself as the new vicar for St Peter's Church, he informed the members he had been in his position for only two weeks, but hoped it would be for a long period of time. Revd, Hill said he was very much looking forward to meeting with all the members and working with the council for the Mayor's Sunday and the Remembrance Parade events.</p> <p>A member of public and former councillor congratulated the members on being elected to the town council. He then informed them of an allegation regarding the Remembrance event. This he said, indicated that the town council would not support the event.</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed the individual that this information was incorrect. The town council will continue to support the Remembrance event.</p> <p>A member of public and former councillor asked the council if there were any plans to work with the district council on a plan for a CCTV system to help deter vandalism at the Westexe park. He went on to say that the paddling pool, play equipment and bowling club had all experienced recent vandalism. He went on to stress the importance of the paddling pool for children, and asked if there were any plans for the council to support the costs of this facility going forwards.</p> <p>The Town Clerk responded to say that the district council had agreed to fund the costs for the paddling pool for this financial year. The town council were then due to meet to look at their strategy on potential new assets from April 2024 onwards.</p>
<b>415</b>	<p><b>Adoption of the Council Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as a true record</b></p> <p>Cllr N Davey proposed to accept the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and Cllr L Cruwys seconded.</p> <p>All agreed to accept.</p>
<b>416</b>	<p><b>To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 *Previously circulated</b></p> <p>All resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2022-2023. The Mayor Cllr W Burke duly signed.</p>
<b>417</b>	<p><b>To approve the Accounting Statements 2022/23</b></p> <p>All resolved to approve the Accounting Statements for 2022-2023. The Mayor Cllr W Burke duly signed.</p>

418	<p><b>To declare that the Council has met the criteria to re-instate the Power of Competence for the next four years.</b></p> <p>Cllr B Holdman proposed and Cllr S Griggs seconded to declare that the Council has met the criteria to re-instate the Power of Competence for the next four years.</p> <p>All agreed to accept.</p>
419	<p><b>Next Meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 6.15pm.</b> This will be a meeting to discuss the action plan for the council for the next four years.</p>