

CHARTER TRUSTEES OF BEXHILL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BEXHILL ON WEDNESDAY 29th June 2017

Present: Cllr A Azad - Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors: C Clarke P Douart Mrs D Earl-Williams S Earl
S Elford Mrs B George, I Hollidge,
Mrs J Hughes, B Kentfield, M Kenward
Mrs J Potts and M Watson

In attendance T Cox Clerk
A Manoukian Mace Bearer

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting. The Mayor has been admitted to hospital and the meeting has been arranged to make arrangements for the Mayor’s engagements to be met in his absence.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Councillors J Carroll ,R Carroll , Mrs J Johnson, D Oliver
The Clerk passed on the best wishes to the meeting from the Rev Olivia Werrett who had been saddened by the news of the ill-health of the Mayor.

2 THE MINUTES OF THE 14th JUNE 2017 - These were APPROVED and signed as a correct record of the meeting by the Deputy Town Mayor.

3 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RESPOSIBILITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS OF THE MAYOR IN HIS ABSENCE THROUGH ILL-HEALTH.

The Clerk provided his report which included advices from the CEO of the Sussex and Surrey Local Councils Association and Derek Stevens DL. The Clerk had also kept senior RDC Officers informed of the situation. Essentially the Mayor had not resigned and remains in post. His responsibilities for the time being should be arranged between the Deputy Mayor and past Mayors

The Deputy Mayor invited comments and proposals. A number of Councillors spoke. There is concern for the possible fragility of the Mayor’s health. His return to Office would need to be handled with sensitivity to the demands of Office .There may be a need for a period of rest and recuperation before the Mayor can resume his duties. This will be discussed with the Mayor.

After discussion it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED

“That the Mayor’s Chain of Office was to remain secured in the Town Hall and not used by those deputising for the Mayor.

Councillor Simon Elford as the immediate Past Mayor to assist whenever possible and would collaborate with the Deputy Mayor to meet engagements whenever possible. Noted that he now needed to meet commitments for East Sussex County Council. Wherever there was a need for further help Past Mayors would be notified and a number indicated their willingness to assist.

Necessary and essential expenditure would be met by all those fulfilling the duties of the Mayor.

A brief Press Release would be issued by the Clerk”.

4 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

NONE

The Deputy Town Mayor thanked those present for attending and declared **the meeting closed at 6.44pm**

Signed

Date
