

Taunton Deane Borough Council

At the Annual Meeting of Taunton Deane Borough Council, held at The County Room, Somerset County Cricket Club, The County Ground, Taunton on Thursday, 3 May 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present The Mayor ((Councillor Prior-Sankey)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Herbert)
Councillors Aldridge, Beale, Berry, Booth, Bowrah, Cavill, Coles, Coombes, Davies, Edwards, Farbahi, Mrs Floyd, Gaines, Govier, Habgood, Hall, C Hill, Mrs Hill, Horsley, Hunt, James, R Lees, Mrs Lees, Ms Lisgo, Morrell, Nicholls, Mrs Reed, Ryan, Mrs Smith, Mrs Smith-Roberts, Mrs Stock-Williams, Sully, Townsend, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Warmington, Watson and Williams

The meeting was preceded by a Prayer offered by the Reverend David Manning.

1. **Election of Mayor**

On the motion of Councillor Beale, seconded by Councillor Habgood, it was **resolved** unanimously that Councillor Catherine Avril Herbert be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane for the ensuing year. Councillor Mrs Herbert made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2. **Councillor Hazel Ruth Prior-Sankey**

On the motion of Councillor Ms Lisgo, seconded by Councillor Habgood, it was **resolved** that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Hazel Ruth Prior-Sankey for the manner in which she had discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor during her term of office.

Councillor Prior-Sankey replied.

3. **Past Mayor's Badge**

The Mayor presented Councillor Prior-Sankey with her past Mayor's badge.

4. **Apologies**

Councillors Mrs Adkins, M Adkins, Mrs Blatchford, Brown, D Durdan, Ms Durdan, Gage, Martin-Scott, Parrish, Stone, Ms Webber, Wedderkopp and Wren.

5. **Appointment of the Executive 2018/2019**

Resolved that membership of the Executive would continue to comprise 8 Members for the ensuing year.

6. **Appointment of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee**

The appointment of a Corporate Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year was

agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 9 Conservatives, 4 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour or Independent.

7. Appointment of the Community Scrutiny Committee

The appointment of a Community Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 9 Conservatives, 4 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour or Independent.

(Note: Neither of these Scrutiny Committees could be Chaired by a Member of the controlling administration).

8. Appointment of Regulatory Committees and the Staffing Board

(a) The appointment of a Planning Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 9 Conservatives, 4 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour or Independent.

(b) The appointment of a Licensing Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 9 Conservatives, 4 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour or Independent.

(c) The appointment of a Corporate Governance Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 9 Conservatives, 4 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour or Independent.

(d) The appointment of a Staffing Board for the ensuing year was agreed with membership being selected on a proportional basis, from a pool of Councillors.

10. Standards Advisory Committee 2018/2019

The appointment of a Standards Advisory Committee for the ensuing year was agreed, with membership to consist of 5 Councillors (3 Conservatives, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Labour or Independent), an Independent Person (Mrs L Somerville), 3 Parish Members (Mr M Marshall, Mr B Wilson and 1 vacancy) and 3 independent co-optees (Mrs A Elder, Mr L Rogers and 1 vacancy).

11. Intercessional Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8.07 pm with a prayer offered by the new Mayor's Chaplain, Ronnie King.