

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING  
HELD MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014**

**Present:**

Councillors Allen, Arculus, Ash, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Davidson, Day, Eley, Ferris, Fletcher, Forbes, Fower, Frances Fox, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Harrington, Herdman, Hiller, Holdich, Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, Knowles, Lamb, Lane, Lee, Maqbool, Martin, Miners, Murphy, Nawaz, Nadeem, North, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sanders, Sandford, Scott, Seaton, Serluca, Shabbir, Shaheed, Sharp, Shearman, Stokes, Swift, Sylvester, Thacker, Thulbourn and Walsh.

The Mayor addressed the meeting and requested Members consent to photographs being taken during the ceremonial proceedings. This was agreed by Members.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fitzgerald.

**2. Election for the Mayor 2014 / 2015**

The Retiring Mayor requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2014 / 2015.

Councillor Over was nominated by Councillor Rush, this being seconded by Councillor Serluca.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Over was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014 / 2015.

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Stokes invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office and presented him with a badge in recognition of his term of office.

The retiring Mayoress, Ms Karien Gait invested the Mayoress, Mrs Jackie Over, with her Chain of Office and presented her with a gift in recognition of her term of office.

**3. Election for the Deputy Mayor for 2014 / 2015**

The Mayor requested nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2014 / 2015.

Councillor Harper was nominated by Councillor Serluca, this being seconded by Councillor Hiller.

Councillor Saltmarsh was nominated by Councillor Harrington, this being seconded by Councillor Miners.

Following a vote (29 For Councillor Harper, 15 For Councillor Saltmarsh), Councillor Harper was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014 / 2015.

The Deputy Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office. The Mayor invested the Deputy Mayor with his Chain of Office and the Mayoress invested the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Rita Harper, with her Chain of Office.

#### **4. Investiture of Badges of Office and Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor**

Councillor Cereste proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Stokes, and commended her dedication to the role; the amount of money she had raised for charity and the number of events which she had attended throughout the year. Councillor Cereste also paid further tribute to the deputy Mayoress, Ms Karien Gait. This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Elsey. Group Leaders supported the vote of thanks, commenting on the fair way that Councillor Stokes had chaired the Full Council meetings during the year. Following Group Leaders comments, all Members agreed to support the vote of thanks.

Councillor Stokes responded to the vote of thanks and expressed her gratitude to all the people who had supported her throughout her term of office as Mayor.

Councillor Stokes further highlighted her key achievements over the year and advised that, to date, £37,457.65 had been raised for her chosen charities.

The Mayor invited Councillor Stokes to receive her Past Mayors Badge in recognition of her service to the city during her term of office. Upon receiving her Past Mayors Badge, Councillor Stokes presented the retiring Mayoress with her Past Mayoress's Badge, the retiring Deputy Mayor with his Badge, along with a gift for the retiring Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Naheed Akhtar and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Doctor Donald McFadyen with a gift.

A special award was presented by Councillor Stokes to Mr John Hucklesby and Mrs Jill Hucklesby, who ran the Peterborough Talking Newspaper, highlighting that the service provided had transformed the lives of blind people living in the city.

The Mayor thanked all Members for their support in electing him as Mayor, and further welcomed all the newly elected Councillors to the Chamber. The Mayor confirmed his chosen charities for his term of office as Shine, Little Miracles and the Soldiers, Sailors Airmen and Families Association.

The Mayor further advised that his chaplain for the forthcoming year would be Reverend David Maylor.

Following the conclusion of the ceremonial part of the proceedings, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

6.30pm – 7.10pm  
Mayor