

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Allen, Ali, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Ellis, Elsey, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fower, JR Fox, JA Fox, Fuller, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sanders, Sandford, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Sharp, Shearman, Sims, Smith, Stokes, Sylvester, Walsh and Whitby.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nawaz.

2. Election for the Mayor for 2016 / 2017

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor John Peach, requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2016 / 2017.

Councillor Sanders was nominated by Councillor Holdich, and this was seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Sanders was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016 / 2017.

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Peach invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office.

3. Election for the Deputy Mayor for 2016 / 2017

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2016 / 2017.

Councillor Sharp was nominated by Councillor Saltmarsh and this was seconded by Councillor Ash.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Sharp was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016 / 2017.

The Deputy Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office. The Mayor invested the Deputy Mayor with his Chain of Office and the Mayor invested the Deputy Mayoress, Ms Christine Wilson, with her Chain of Office.

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

Councillor Holdich proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Peach and commended his dedication to the role and his engagement with the people of Peterborough throughout the year. Councillor Holdich paid further tribute to the retiring Mayoress, Mrs Janet Martin. This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Fitzgerald.

Group Leaders endorsed the vote of thanks, commenting on the fair way that Councillor Peach had chaired the Full Council meetings during the year. Following Group Leaders comments, all Members agreed to support the vote of thanks.

Councillor Peach responded to the vote of thanks stating that he had had a wonderful year and felt privileged to have held the office of Mayor. He thanked a number of individuals for their support throughout the year, along with the Charity Committee for which, at that point, between £32,000 and £35,000 had been raised. Councillor Peach stated that he had enjoyed attending the many functions and getting out and about to meet the people of Peterborough and taking part in local events.

The Mayor invited Councillor Peach to receive his Past Mayors Badge in recognition of his service to the city during his term of office. Upon receiving his Past Mayors Badge, Councillor Peach presented the retiring Mayoress, Mrs Janet Martin, with her Past Mayoress's Badge, the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Khan, with his Badge, the retiring Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Naseem Khan, with a gift and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Gregg Roberts with a gift.

A special award was presented by Councillor Peach to Mrs Helen Sargent for her support and dedication to the Mayor's Charity.

The Mayor declared he would endeavour to use the office of Mayor for the benefit of the City and to be pro-active in promoting Peterborough to be the best city in which to work, rest and play, to support local business and growth within the city and also to promote development of new housing at a price the city could afford.

The Mayor announced his chosen charities for the year ahead as The Royal Air Force Association, Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and the Salvation Army Good Neighbours Scheme.

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

6.30pm – 7.00pm
Mayor