

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Ellis, Elsey, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fower, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, King, Lamb, Lane, Nadeem, Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Sanders, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Sharp, Smith, Stokes, Sylvester, Walsh, and Whitby

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barkham, Goodwin, Khan, Lillis, Martin, and Shearman.

2. Election for the Mayor for 2017 / 2018

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor David Sanders, requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2017 / 2018.

Councillor John Fox was nominated by Councillor Hiller, and this was seconded by Councillor Holdich.

There being no other nominations, Councillor John Fox was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017 / 2018.

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Sanders invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office and Councillor Sanders invested the Mayoress, Councillor Judy Fox, with her Chain of Office.

3. Election for the Deputy Mayor for 2017 / 2018

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2017 / 2018.

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

There being no other nominations, Councillor Ash was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017 / 2018.

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, Mrs Doreen Roberts, 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 Sanders and congratulated him on his successful year and his ability to embrace all aspects of the Mayoral role with commitment and good humour. This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Fitzgerald.

Group Leaders endorsed the vote of thanks, commenting on the firm, fair, and fun manner in which Councillor Sanders had chaired the Full Council meetings during the year. Following Group Leaders comments, all Members agreed to support the vote of thanks.

Councillor Sanders responded to the vote of thanks by commending the work of the Charity Committee in raising over £40,000 over the year. Councillor Sanders further thanked Jacie Drabble, Reverend Simon Kaye, Councillor Sharp and Christine Wilson for supporting him and ensure that his year was so enjoyable. He had considered it an honor to take on the role, which had allowed him to see the hard work of Peterborough residents first hand. Councillor Sanders went on to announce his resignation as Councillor and the Conservative Party. He wished the Mayor and Mayoress good luck for their year in office.

The Mayor invited Councillor Sanders 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 Sanders presented the Jacie Drabble with a gift, the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sharp, with his Badge, the retiring Deputy Mayoress, Ms Christine Wilson, with a gift and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Simon Kaye with a gift.

The Mayor declared he would continue throughout the year to work within and build on the Council's community cohesion strategy. This would involve working to support local businesses. The Mayor would further continue to build on the work of the Armed Forces Partnership Board. The Mayor's charities for the 2017/18 year would be Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, Peterborough Sea Cadets, and Peterborough Shopmobility. The Mayor's Chaplain for the year would be Reverend George Rogers.

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

6.30pm – 7:17pm
Mayor