

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD MONDAY 21 MAY 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Present:

Councillors Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Dowson, Ellis, Farooq, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fuller, John Fox, Judy Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, King, Lane, Lillis, Mahabadi, Martin, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Warren, Walsh, and Whitby

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davidson.

2. Election of the Mayor for 2018 / 2019

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor David John Fox, requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2018 / 2019.

Councillor Ash was nominated by Councillor Saltmarsh, and this was seconded by Councillor Holdich.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Ash was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018 / 2019.

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

3. Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2018 / 2019

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2018 / 2019.

Councillor John Fox was nominated by Councillor Lane and this was seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

There being no other nominations, Councillor John Fox was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018 / 2019.

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, Councillor Judy Fox, 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 John Fox and highlighted the fantastic role he had played as an ambassador for the city. He had worked hard to expand relationships, encourage local businesses and promote the work of the Combined Authority. Councillor Holdich congratulate the retiring Mayor on the events he had hosted throughout his year in office, many of which had raised

money for his charities. The retiring Mayor was further congratulated for his work with the Armed Forces Partnership Board, which had received the Armed Forces Bronze Award. This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Fitzgerald.

Group Leaders endorsed the vote of thanks, commenting that the money raised through the year was a remarkable achievement. The retiring Mayor was praised for his representation in and out of Peterborough in highlighting the positive work of the authority. It was felt he operated with a humility and a sense of duty, while still maintaining his role as a ward Councillor.

The Mayor added that the retiring Mayor had handled a number of difficult meetings with good grace and patience, something that he was endeavour to emulate. Working with him as Deputy Mayor had been a good apprenticeship and hoped they would continue to work well as a team in the future.

Councillor John Fox responded to the vote of thanks by thanking those that had elected him as Mayor. He had enjoyed the role, taking only six days off in the first six months. Councillor Fox went on to thank his deputies and wished them all the best. He extended special thanks to the civic team, the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer, Head of Constitutional Services and the Democratic Services team for guiding him through some tough meetings. The retiring Mayor also thanked his charities, Mayor's Cadet and Chaplin for their work.

The Mayor invited Councillor John Fox 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 John Fox presented the retiring Mayoress, Councillor Judy Fox, with her gift, the retiring Deputy Mayor, councillor Ash, with his badge of office, the retiring Deputy Mayoress, Ms Doreen Roberts, with her gift, and the retiring Mayor's Cadet, Caitlin Vinicombe, the Mayoral Services Manager, Sue Proctor, and the Mayoral Services Officer, Michelle Sams, with their Mayor's Awards.

The Mayor announced his priorities for the year. This included the Mayor's theme for his year in officers as 'a city in harmony'. In line with this he would continue to work with all groups, peoples and communities to build on the strengths of the Council's Community Cohesion Strategy. The Mayor's Charities for 2018 – 2019 were announced as the Light Project, the Alzheimer's Society, and the Deaf Blind Group. The Mayor further announced that he would have a dedicated Chaplain to lead prayers but, with the assistance of the interfaith groups, would arrange to have a different religious representative at each Council meeting. His Cadet for the year would be Safoorah Umar from the Police Cadets.

6.30pm – 7:10pm
Mayor