

**MINUTES OF THE MAYOR MAKING MEETING  
HELD MONDAY 22 MAY 2023  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**Present:**

Councillors Ahmed, Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Asif, Ayres, Bi, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Casey, Cereste, Cole, Coles, Day, Dowson, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Alison Jones, Dennis Jones, Khan, Knight, Lane, Mahmood, Moyo, Nawaz, Over, Perkins, Qayyum, Rangzeb, Ray, Rush, Sabir, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Stevenson, Thulbourn, Tyler, Warren, Wiggin

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Strangward, Seager, Fenner, and Barkham.

**2. Election of Mayor 2023/2024**

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor Alun Dowson requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2023/2024.

Councillor Sandford was nominated by Councillor Hogg and seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

With no other nominations, Councillor Sandford was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Dowson, invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office and retiring Mayoress, Councillor Qayyum, invested the Mayoress, Alderman Bella Saltmarsh with her Chain of Office.

**3. Election of Deputy Mayor 2023/2024**

The Mayor requested nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2023/2024.

Councillor Judy Fox was nominated by Councillor Harper and seconded by Councillor John Fox.

With no other nominations, Councillor Judy Fox was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

The Deputy Mayor made and signed her Declaration of Office and the Mayor, Councillor Sandford, invested the Deputy Mayor with her Chain of Office and the Deputy Mayor's Consort, Councillor John Fox, with his Chain of Office.

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

Councillor Fitzgerald moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and commended Councillor Dowson for all his work as a Mayor for the year, as well as Councillor Qayyum, as Mayoress.

This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Steve Allen.

Each Group Leader endorsed the vote of thanks and acknowledged the work of Councillor Dowson throughout the year.

Councillor Dowson responded by thanking Members for their words and passing on his gratitude to all those who had supported him throughout the year. Council was advised that £26,000 had been raised for charities through Councillor Dowson's term as Mayor.

The Mayor invited Councillor Dowson to receive his Past Mayor's Badge in recognition of his service to the city during his term of office. The retiring Mayor, Councillor Dowson, then presented the retiring Mayoress, Councillor Qayyum, the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sandford, and the retiring Deputy Mayoress, Alderman Bella Saltmarsh, with their gifts.

The Mayor then advised that Sue Ryder, Deafblind UK, PECT, East Anglian Air Ambulance, and Magpas Air Ambulance were to be his chosen charities for his mayoral year.

6.00pm – 6:55pm  
22 May 2023  
Mayor