

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD MONDAY 20 MAY 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Andrew Coles, Louise Coles, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Fower, John Fox, Judy Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Shaheed, Simons, Skibsted, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin and Yurgutene.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Election of the Mayor for 2019 / 2020

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor Chris Ash, requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2019 / 2020.

Councillor Gul Nawaz was nominated by Councillor Holdich and seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

Councillor Fower was nominated by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Ellis.

A vote was taken with 40 in favour of Councillor Gul Nawaz as Mayor and 17 in favour of Councillor Fower as Mayor.

Councillor Gul Nawaz was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019 / 2020.

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Chris Ash, invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office and retiring Mayoress, Ms Doreen Roberts, invested the Mayoress, Ms Amreen Khauser with her Chain of Office.

3. Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2019 / 2020

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2019 / 2020.

Councillor Lamb was nominated for position of Deputy Mayor by Councillor Holdich and this was seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

Councillor Fower was nominated for position of Deputy Mayor by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Ellis.

A vote was taken with 31 in favour of Councillor Lamb as Deputy Mayor and 27 in favour of Councillor Fower as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Lamb was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019 / 2020.

The Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Diane Lamb, made and signed her Declaration of Office and the Mayor invested her with her Chain of Office.

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

Councillor Holdich moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and the Mayoress. Councillor Holdich explained to Members how Councillor Ash as Mayor had supported the theme Peterborough in Harmony through his work with community groups, businesses and schools across all communities and faiths. The Retiring Mayor had invited various groups to the Mayors Parlour and had enjoyed sharing his knowledge of Peterborough and the democratic process. Councillor Holdich paid tribute to his dedication to duty whilst unwell and the support he had received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Fox, during this time.

This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Fitzgerald who congratulated Councillor Ash on an excellent year in office.

Each Group Leader endorsed the vote of thanks and praised the Mayor and Mayoress for their dedication to service and also for their work on Christmas Day with the Salvation Army. Councillor Ash's chairing of some robust arguments during Council meetings was appreciated and thanks were given for his work over the past two years.

Councillor Chris Ash responded by thanking those who had supported him during his time in office as both Deputy Mayor and Mayor. He thanked those who had supported his charity events including Mayors from other local areas, the Mayoress and Mayor's Cadet who had accompanied him to civic functions. He also appreciated the support from the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress during his illness last year. Councillor Ash thanked the Chief Executive, and Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer for their guidance through the council meetings, and the Democratic Services Team for their support. He also thanked those who had opened the council meetings with prayers and hoped the new Mayor enjoyed his term of office.

The Mayor invited Councillor Chris Ash to receive his Past Mayors Badge in recognition of his service to the city during his term of office. Upon receiving this, he presented the retiring Mayoress, Ms Doreen Roberts with her gift, the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Fox, with his badge of office, and the retiring Deputy Mayoress Councillor Judy Fox, with her gift. Gifts were also presented to Mayoral Services in appreciation of their support throughout the year.

The Mayor announced his priorities for the year and explained that the city had supported him following his arrival to the city as a migrant. The Mayor hoped everyone had the opportunity to thrive in the city regardless of colour or creed and stated that he would focus on community cohesion in the spirit of friendship. He urged everyone to work together for the common good of our city, making it a great place to live, work and raise a family.

The Mayor's Charities for 2019 – 2020 were announced as the friends of Peterborough Hospital, Carers Trust Peterborough, and Little Miracles.

The Mayor further announced that the Chaplain for 2019 / 2020 would be Cannon Ian Black and the Mayor's Cadet for the year would be Cadet Kimberley Richard from St John's Ambulance.

The meeting closed at 7:20pm.

6.30pm – 7:20pm
20 May 2019
Mayor