

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021
EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH**

Present:

Councillors Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Day, Dowson, Eley, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fenner, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Howell, Ishfaq Hussain, Mahboob Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Knight, Lane, Moyo, Murphy, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Tyler, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bashir.

2. Election of the Mayor for 2021/2022

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor Chris Gul Nawaz requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2021/2022.

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

With no other nominations, Councillor Lane was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Gul Nawaz, invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office and retiring Mayoress, Ms Amreen Khauser, invested the Mayoress, Mrs Margaret Lane with her Chain of Office.

3. Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2021/2022

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2021/2022.

Councillor Jamil was nominated for position of Deputy Mayor by Councillor Ali and this was seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

With no other nominations, Councillor Jamil elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

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

The Deputy Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Gul Nawaz, invested the Deputy Mayor with his Chain of Office and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Sughra Jamil with her 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. Councillor Fitzgerald commended Councillor Gul Nawaz for his work in an extreme set of circumstances over the past year, and for extending his term of office. Councillor Gul Nawaz had, it was felt, been a great ambassador to the city, even prior to his term as Mayor. A special thanks was extended to the retiring Mayoress, Amreen Khauser, who had supported the Mayor at every occasion.

This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Allen who congratulated Councillor Gul Nawaz on his service to the city.

Each Group Leader endorsed the vote of thanks and acknowledge the work done by Cllr Nawaz in a difficult year, particularly in rising to the challenge of chairing Council meetings held virtually. It was felt that Councillor Gul Nawaz had maintained a positive outlook throughout his term and had provided the Council with stability in a challenging time. Further comment was made that the future post-holder of Mayor may strive towards impartiality whilst chairing meetings of Full Council.

Councillor Gul Nawaz responded by thanking those who had supported him during his time in office as both Deputy Mayor and Mayor. He thanked all those who had supported him during his time in office and let Members know that it had been an honour to serve as an ambassador for the city.

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 Amreen Khauser with her gift. It was announced that the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Diane Lamb, who was unable to attend the meeting, had been presented with her gift earlier that day.

The Mayor announced his priorities for the year and thanked Members for the opportunity to promote the city. The Mayor welcomed new Members to the Council and thanked those that had retired. The Mayor considered Peterborough to be a place of opportunity, and hoped that he and Members could play their role in rising to the challenges this presented. Thanks was expressed to all those, Members, officers and the public, who had provided services and support throughout the pandemic. It was hoped that the Mayor would be able to meet as many of those as possible in his time in office.

The Mayor's Charities for 2021 - 2022 were announced as Family Voice, Light Project, and Supporting Peterborough Veterans.

6.00pm – 6:48pm
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Mayor