

**MINUTES OF THE MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD MONDAY, 20 MAY 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

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Present: [06]

Councillors: Ahmed, I. Ali, Z. Ali, Allen, Antunes, Ayres, Bi, Bisby, Blakemore-Creedon, A. Bond, S. Bond, Boyce, Cereste, Cole, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Elsey, Farid, M. Farooq, S. Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Geraghty, Hemraj, Hiller, Hillier, Hogg, Howard, A. Iqbal, N. Iqbal, Jamil, Jenkins, A. Jones, D. Jones, Khan, Knight, Mahmood, McNally, Ormston, Perkins, Qayyum, Rafiq, Rangzeb, Ray, Rush, Sabir, Seager, Ann Shaheed, Asif Shaheed, Skibsted, Strangward, Thulbourn, Walsh and Warren.

1. Election of Mayor 2024/2025

The Retiring Mayor, Nick Sandford requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2024/2025.

Councillor Cereste was nominated by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Ayres.

With no other nominations, Councillor Cereste was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

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

2. Election of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress 2024/2025

The Mayor requested nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2024/2025.

Councillor Fitzgerald was nominated by Allen and seconded by Councillor Ayres.

With no other nominations, Councillor Fitzgerald was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

The Deputy Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office, and the Mayor invested the Deputy Mayor with his Chain of Office.

The Deputy Mayoress and Consort, Mrs Angie Fenner was invested with her chain of office and duly elected as Deputy Mayoress and Consort for the Municipal year 2024/2025.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Barkham, Harper Stevenson, and Wiggin.

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

Councillor Hogg moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and commended Councillor Sandford, the city's first Liberal Democrat Mayor for all his work, as well as the retiring Mayoress, Alderman Bella Saltmarsh.

The Retiring Mayor was also commended on his even-handed approach at Full Council meetings. It was noted that the retiring Mayor acted fairly and made valid decisions based on the advice and pressures at the time.

Members were informed that Councillor Sandford would continue to play an active role within the Liberal Democrat Group, continuing in his role as Chair and that he would be standing as the parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats in the upcoming General Election.

The vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Mohammed Farooq who praised the retiring Mayor for his passion and dedication to public life as well as his tremendous ability to scrutinise public policy.

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

Councillor Sandford responded by thanking Members for their words and passing on his gratitude to all those who had supported him throughout the year. He also suggested that Constitutional reform take priority.

The Mayor invited Councillor Sandford to receive his Past Mayor's Badge in recognition of his service to the city during his term of office.

The retiring Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress and Consort were also called on to receive their gifts.

6.00pm - 7.00pm
20 May 2024
Mayor