

MINUTES of the Virtual **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** conducted remotely via Zoom and Youtube on **TUESDAY 4th MAY, 2021** at **5pm**.

PRESENT Councillor Mrs A Johnson (Retiring Mayor),
Councillors Ms L Crawford, J Ellis, Mrs M Ewings, A Hutton, A Lewis, Mrs U Mann*, J Moody, Mrs G Parker, G Parker, B Smith, H Smith, P Squire*, A Venning, P Ward, P Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE *arrived late to the Meeting
Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note – prior to the meeting there was opportunity for quiet reflection led by the Retiring Mayor.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2021-22 Civic Year.

A nomination was received in respect of Councillor A Hutton (proposed by Councillor Ms L Crawford and seconded by Councillor G Parker).

There being no other nominations it was:

RESOLVED THAT

- a) Councillor A Hutton be elected Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2021-22 Civic Year;
- b) Council authorise the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office within one week of appointment.

The Mayor thanked the Council for the opportunity to represent it in that capacity. He noted the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and reported that he would work with his fellow Councillors to help Tavistock recover from the pandemic and return to the vibrant town it had previously been.

Councillor P Ward (immediate past Mayor) paid tribute to the Retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs A Johnson in appreciation of her outstanding service over an extended term, and her leadership to the community in the most challenging of times. The Retiring Mayor then thanked her predecessor, Councillor colleagues and staff for their support over the past year in which so many in the community had faced difficulties.

*Councillors Mrs U Mann and P Squire joined the Meeting, following the conclusion of the above item.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the election of Deputy Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2021-2022 Civic Year.

A nomination was received in respect of Councillor Mrs U Mann (proposed by Councillor P Ward and seconded by Councillor Mrs M Ewings).

There being no other nominations it was:

RESOLVED THAT

- a) Councillor Mrs U Mann be elected Deputy Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2021-22 Civic Year.
- b) Council authorise the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office within one week of appointment.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for the opportunity to represent it as Deputy Mayor for the following year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor A Fey.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this point in the Meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT subject to the words 'prior to' at Minute No. 296(b) being replaced with 'following', the Minutes of the Meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on 26th April 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Appendix 1).

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS

In order to facilitate the conduct of the meeting it was:

RESOLVED THAT Standing Orders Nos. 5 (j) (iv) – (vi), and (viii) – (x) and (xiii – xx) be suspended to allow the following business to be transacted.

7. MAYOR'S EXPENSES

The Council considered the treatment of Mayoral expenses arising from which it was:-

RESOLVED THAT Tavistock Town Council endorse the payment of an allowance of £2,000 to the Town Mayor to defray the expenses attached

to this Office in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Noted That the new Mayor Declared an Interest and left the Meeting during consideration of the above, during which the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES & CONSULTATIVE GROUPS

The Council considered how best to proceed in relation to the appointment of Committees and Consultative Groups (Appendix 2).

RESOLVED THAT the Membership of Committees and other fora as set out in the appended Schedule be endorsed.

9. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Council considered, received and adopted the Calendar of Meetings, as previously circulated, (Appendix 3) for the 2021-2022 Civic Year.

10. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CHARITIES AND OTHER BODIES

The Council considered a report setting out the proposed appointment of representatives to Charities and Other Bodies (Appendix 4).

RESOLVED THAT representatives be appointed to the Charities and Outside Bodies for the 2021-2022 Civic Year as set out in the report.

11. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Having met the criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence (GPC) relating to the Electoral Mandate (66%), and the relevant training of the Clerk, it was:

RESOLVED THAT Tavistock Town Council re-adopt the General Power of Competence.

The Meeting closed at 5.29pm

Chairman

Date

