

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

17 May 2024

Meeting commenced: Noon Meeting ended: 12.40pm

Present:

Councillors:

Alcock	Hunter
Cleeve	Lee
Coles	MacDonald
Duck	McNaught-Barrow
Fojtik	Petrovic
I Fradgley	Rashwan
J Fradgley	Rolfe
Harding	Vos

Prior to declaring the meeting open, Mayor Kate Rolfe presented a Long Service Award to Colin Greenway, Open Spaces Operative for the Town Council. Councillor Rolfe also unveiled a framed picture of Emma Sorrell, the Council's inaugural female Beadle and current office holder.

1 Election of Mayor 2024/25

It was Proposed by Councillor Alcock and Seconded by Councillor McNaught Barrow, and with no further nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jason Robert Fojtik be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

The Mayor read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Ring of Office from the immediate former Mayor, Councillor Rolfe.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith and accepted for the reason given.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Mayor's Acceptance Speech**

The Mayor thanked the Council for his election and presented the Consort's chain to his daughter, Chole Fojtik.

Councillor Fojtik then took over in the Chair.

5 **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

It was Proposed by Councillor J Fradgley and Seconded by Councillor Cleeve and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kate Rolfe be thanked for her service in the position of Mayor during the Municipal Year 2023/24.

The Mayor presented Councillor Rolfe with her Former Mayor's Badge and Councillor Rolfe responded to the vote of thanks.

The Mayor then presented the Past Consort's Badge and a small token of appreciation from the Council to the outgoing Consort, Michael Rolfe.

6 **Election of Deputy Mayor 2024/25**

It was Proposed by Councillor Cleeve and Seconded by Councillor Harding and with no further nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Danielle Simone Gemma Hunter be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

7 Appointment of Council's Chaplain

The Mayor thanked Reverend Doctor Paul Edmondson for his service over the last municipal year and confirmed his re-appointment as the Council Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Mayor Fojtik signed the declaration of appointment and moved that it be recorded in the minutes.

8 Mayor's Communication

The Town Clerk read an official communication from, Lieutenant General Sir Chris Tickell KBE - Chief Royal Engineer of the Corp of Royal Engineers, Freeman of the Town.

9 Appointment to Committees and Sub-Groups 2024/25

Membership of Standing Committees and Sub-Groups for the ensuing year was agreed by consensus.

RESOLVED: That Councillors be appointed to the Committees and Sub-Groups as outlined in Appendix A to these Minutes.

Subsequent to the meeting it was recognised that Councillor Hunter has been missing from the membership of Community Services Committee.

10 Mayor's Annual Report 2023/24

The Mayor's Annual Report for the year 2023/24 was noted.

11 Civic Service

The Mayor invited Council to attend, with him, the Civic Service on Sunday 19 May 2024 at 10:00am at Holy Trinity Church.

12 **Drinks Reception**

The Mayor invited all those present to a celebratory Mayor
Making drinks reception in the Anteroom.

Mayor:

Committee Structure 2024/25

	Finance & Audit	Community Services	Civic & Heritage Events	Planning Consultative	Personnel Committee
	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 4</i>
1	Alcock	Cleeve	Duck	Alcock	Alcock
2	J Fradgley	Coles	Harding	I Fradgley	Cleeve
3	Fojtik	Hunter	Hunter	J Fradgley	Coles
4	Lee	MacDonald	McNaught Barrow	Harding	Duck
5	Smith	Petrovic	Petrovic	Lee	I Fradgley
6	Vos	Rashwan	Rashwan	MacDonald	Hunter
7		Rolfe	Rolfe	McNaught Barrow	
8		Smith	Vos		
9		Vos			
The Mayor is Ex-officio on all committees with the exception of Finance and Audit					

Sub-committees 2024/25

Market Forum	Emergency Response	Asset Register Review Group	Website, Social Media & Newsletter Panel	Climate Change Group	Cemetery Extension Task & Finish Group
Coles	Cleeve	Coles	Cleeve	Coles	Cleeve
Hunter	Fojtik (Mayor)	Lee	Hunter	Duck	I Fradgley
Rolfe	Rashwan	Hunter	Vos	J Fradgley	Lee
	Rolfe	MacDonald		Lee	McNaught Barrow
	Smith			MacDonald	Smith
				Rashwan	

