

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

19 May 2023

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Cleeve) in the Chair

Councillors:

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

1 Election of Mayor 2023/24

It was Proposed by Councillor J Fradgley and Seconded by Councillor Smith, and with no further nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Katherine Lisbeth (commonly known as Kate) be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

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

2 Returning Officer's Report

The Town Clerk read the Returning Officer's Report from the Town Council elections of 4 May 2023. Each member stood when their names were announced.

The report was then noted.

3 Apologies for Absence

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

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Mayor's Acceptance Speech

The Mayor thanked the Council for her election and presented the Consort's chain to her husband, Michael Rolfe.

Councillor Rolfe then took over in the Chair

6 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

It was Proposed by Councillor Alcock and Seconded by Councillor Rolfe and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gill Cleeve be thanked for her service in the position of Mayor during the Municipal Year 2022/23.

The Mayor presented Councillor Cleeve with her Former Mayor's Badge and Councillor Cleeve 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, Giles Cleeve.

7 Election of Deputy Mayor 2023/24

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jason Fojtik be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

8 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 Rolfe signed the declaration of appointment and moved that it be recorded in the minutes.

9 Mayor's Communication(s)

The Town Clerk read an official communication from:
Lieutenant General Tyrone Urch KBE - Chief Royal Engineer
of the Corp of Royal Engineers, Freeman of the Town

10 Appointment to Committees and Sub-Groups 2023/2024

Membership of Standing Committees for the ensuing year was agreed by consensus and

RESOLVED: That Councillors be appointed to the
 Committees as outlined in Appendix A to
 these Minutes

In order to expedite membership in time for the first meeting of the Market Forum, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillors Dowling, Hunter and
 Rolfe be appointed to the Market Forum.

The remaining sub-groups would be appointed at their respective parent committee.

11 Appointment to Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to the appointment of Council representatives on Outside Bodies for the ensuing year and it was agreed by consensus and

RESOLVED: That Councillors be appointed to the
 Outside Bodies as outlined in Appendix A
 to these Minutes.

12 Mayor's Annual Report 2022/2023

The Mayor's Annual Report for the year 2022/2023 was noted.

13 Civic Service

The Mayor invited Council to attend her at the Civic Service on Sunday 21 May 2023 at 10:00am at Holy Trinity Church.

14 Drinks Reception

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

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25 July 2023

Mayor:

Committee Structure 2023 / 2024

	Finance & Audit 5 meetings	Community Services 5 meetings	Civic & Heritage Events 6 meetings	Planning Consultative 16 meetings	Personnel Committee 6 meetings
	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>	<i>Quorum 3</i>
1	Coles	Cleeve	Cleeve	Alcock	Alcock
2	J Fradgley	Cole	Duck	Dowling	Dowling
3	Fojtik	McDonald	Harding	Fojtik	Duck
4	Lee	Petrovic	Hunter	I Fradgley	Fradgley
5	Smith	Rashwan	McNaught Barrow	J Fradgley	Hunter
6	Vos	Smith	Petrovic	Harding	McNaught Barrow
7		Vos	Rashwan	Lee	
8			Vos	McDonald	
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The Mayor is Ex-officio on all committees except Personnel					

Town Council representation on Outside Bodies 2023/2024

Organisation	Councillor
Age UK Warwickshire	TBC
Alveston Relief in Need Charity	Smith
CCTV Forum	Dowling
Christmas Lights Co Ltd	Smith
Community Builder Project	Petrovic
Fred Winter Centre	Rashwan
Friends of Shakespeare's Church	Macdonald
Historic Buildings Preservation Trust	I Fradgley
Historic Spine	Macdonald
Shakespeare Line Promotion Group	J Fradgley
StratFire Historical Research Project	Harding
Stratford-in-Bloom	J Fradgley Duck
Stratforward BID	Rolfe
Stratfords of the World	Cleeve
Stratford-upon-Avon Strategic Partnership	Vos
Stratford Town Transport Group	Chairman of Planning (Deputy as substitute) MacDonald
VASA	TBC