

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making of St Ives Town Council held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 in the Burgess Hall, St Ives at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Town Mayor: Councillor P Hussain

Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor J Kerr

Councillors: M Burke, M Gleadow, M King, S Mokbul, C Morgan, M Page, P Pope, A Riddell, J Spencer, J Tiddy, L Valla, N Wells

**In attendance:**

Town Clerk: Mrs Libby White BEM BA(Hons) FSLCC

126 members of the public

**PRAYERS**

The Town Mayor's Chaplain was unable to attend. Callum Dickerson attended as his replacement and said prayers prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Mr Mobsher Hussain was also in attendance and recited the call to prayer.

**Town Mayor's Announcements and Presentations**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Mayor, Cllr Pope, addressed attendees and provided a summary of the year including events attended, work undertaken by the council and achievements made. Following his speech awards were presented as follows:

***Millennium Shield*** to an inspirational local youth organisation.

Awarded to Cromwell District Scouts, accepted by Mike Wenham and Sue Best.

***Community Challenge Award*** in recognition of an individual's contribution to the community.

Awarded to Laura Bird.

***Commerce in the Community Award*** to a business for its contribution to the community.

Awarded to the Haywain public house, accepted by Steve Lowe.

***Entrepreneur of the Year Award*** recognising entrepreneurial achievement from an individual who demonstrates vision, leadership and success.

Awarded to Vicky Grant. Vicky was unable to attend and the Town Mayor noted that he had presented to her during the working day.

***Hidden Gem of St Ives Award*** shining a spotlight on the underappreciated and underrecognized groups and/or areas of beauty within our borders.

Awarded to Friends of Hold Island Nature Reserve and collected by Ian Jackson.

***Care in the Community Award*** to a group who demonstrate selflessness, kindness and compassion whilst improving other people's quality of life.

Awarded to Dementia Friendly Community and accepted by Roger Kuch and Agi Peach.

***Volunteer of the Year Award*** for a group or individual who encompass St Ives key values including integrity, kindness, support and goodwill without prejudice.

Awarded to Ladybird Boat Trust, accepted by John Clarke and Andy Nicol.

***Heart of St Ives*** in recognition of an individual who has touched the hearts and lives of many within the community.

Awarded to Simon Townend

***Sport Club of the Year***

Awarded to St Ives Rugby Team.

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***Dedication to the Civic Office of St Ives*** a one off presentation to someone who has selflessly given her time to the Civic Office of St Ives Town Council.

Awarded to Veronica Smoothy.

***Dedicated Service as the Macebearer*** another one off presentation to demonstrate the Mayor's appreciation for the unwavering support provided during his term of office.

Awarded to Philip Ganny.

***Presentation to Outgoing Mayor's Cadet***

The presentation was made to Lewis King.

The Town Mayor noted that through the year he had managed to raise £14,476.40 for his chosen charities. Cheque presentations were made as follows:

£500 – Army Cadet Force – St Ives Detachment  
 £500 – 2331 St Ives Squadron Air Training Corps  
 £500 – St Ives Youth Theatre  
 £500 – St Ives Rugby Club Youth Teams  
 £500 – St Ives Football Club Youth Teams  
 £500 – East Anglia Childrens' Hospice  
 £500 – 2<sup>nd</sup> St Ives Sea Scout Group  
 £500 – KICK St Ives  
 £500 – Pinpoint Cambridgeshire  
 £500 – Dreamdrops Childrens' Charities  
 £1,000 – St Ives Rugby Club Ladies Team  
 £1,000 – Butterfly Legacy Project  
 £1,000 – Acorn Cancer Support  
 £2,000 – St Ives Food Bank  
 £3,176.40 – MAGPAS Air Ambulance

In addition, £300 cash was presented to St Ives Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club to help them purchase advertising banners for their events.

The Mayor summarised that it had been an honour to serve the town as Mayor for the previous year and he had been humbled by the opportunity and support given.

**The Meeting formally commenced at this point.**

**C01.00 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2024/25**

Nominations were invited for the role of Town Mayor.

Councillor Burke proposed that Councillor Hussain be elected as Town Mayor the 2024/25 municipal year. Councillor Mokbul seconded the motion. With no further nominations, the motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Hussain be elected Town Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

**C02.00 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Town Mayor made the Loyal Oath of Allegiance, signed the Ceremonial Scroll and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

The new Town Mayor thanked the outgoing Mayor for his commitment and those for nominating him to the role. Following a brief speech the Town Mayor confirmed that his chosen charities for the year would be:

- The Bridge Advice Centre, which supports local residents with free debt advice and associated support;
- St Ives District Branch of the Royal British Legion, based at the Ivy Leaf Club St Ives;

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- Acorn Cancer Support, a local charity that supports cancer patients, their families and carers;
- The Day Care Centre, St Ives, which is a unique community charity providing five day a week daytime service, for the elderly, lonely and frail within St Ives and surrounding villages; and
- Kick, supporting youth programmes in St Ives.

**C03.00 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2024/25**

The Town Mayor invited nominations for the role of Deputy Town Mayor.

Councillor Gleadow proposed that Councillor Kerr be elected to continue in the role of Deputy Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pope and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Kerr be elected to continue as Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

Councillor Kerr signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

**C04.00 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR AND/OR DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Gleadow proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor for the leadership he has shown in the role for 2023/24. Councillor Kerr seconded his comments and added that it had been a pleasure to work so closely with him over the previous months.

**C05.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chapman (personal), Cllr Cantwell (work commitments), Cllr Thompson (personal)

**C06.00 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024, 7pm AT THE TOWN HALL**

**RESOLVED:** that the meeting be adjourned, to be reconvened on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, St Ives.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 12 June 2024

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