

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council
held via ZOOM on Wednesday 13 May 2020**

Present:

The Town Mayor: Councillor D Rowe

The Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor J Pallant

Councillors: A Ayers-Wilson, B Luter, Dr C Pegoraro, N Dibben, M King, A Dickinson, R Fuller,
P Pope, T Drye, R D'Souza, P Hussain, J Davies, J Tiddy, L Davies[from item C02.00]

In attendance:

Town Clerk: A Benfield

Committee Clerk: S Rawlinson

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He stated that it had been a challenging yet rewarding year. He thanked the Town Clerk and Council staff for their support throughout his year of office, with particular thanks to Linda Scales, his Civic Officer, for ensuring he was always in the right place at the right time. The year ahead looked to be equally challenging, for very different reasons, and he extended his very best wishes to his successor.

PRESENTATIONS

The Town Mayor announced the presentation of the following annual awards:

The Millennium Shield (presented each year to a youth organisation) to **St Ives Rangers Football Club**. The award was presented to all squads as one unit. The Town Mayor had attended a tournament of theirs earlier in the year and had been very impressed with what a good show they could put on, particularly the younger players who had helped greatly with the organisation of the event.

The Community Challenge Award (presented in recognition of an individual's contribution to the community). Presented to **Mr James Noyce**. A tireless worker in the community who helped with the organisation of many events in the town and provided support to local residents on a regular basis.

Commerce in the Community Award (presented to a business for its contribution to the community). Presented to **Time for Health**. This company was striving to raise awareness of chronic fatigue syndrome and arranged fitness classes for those who struggle to do the things many people take for granted.

The Lifetime Achievement Award (The Heart of St Ives - presented to a local resident for long service to the community. Presented to **Mr Ed Kelly**, a World War II veteran, in recognition of his many years of work for the local Poppy Appeal and his invaluable service via the Royal British Legion to the Parade on Remembrance Sunday and the Service on Armistice Day.

Mr Kelly's daughter, Jayne, was in attendance and thanked the Town Mayor for the award, stating that her father had been delighted to hear he was the recipient.

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The Town Mayor said that a formal presentation would be arranged as soon as this was possible but, in the meantime, recipients would be sent a letter and certificate to confirm their awards.

AT THIS POINT THE MEETING FORMALLY COMMENCED

C01.00 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2020/21

The Town Mayor invited nominations for Town Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21:

Councillor Dibben proposed and Councillor King seconded the nomination of Councillor Jonathan Pallant as Town Mayor.

A further nomination was made by Councillor D'Souza, seconded by Councillor Fuller, that Councillor Tim Drye be nominated as Town Mayor.

A vote was held with the following result:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Jonathan Pallant be appointed Town Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21.

C02.00 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

[Councillor Pallant 'in the Chair']

The new Town Mayor declared the Loyal Oath to Her Majesty the Queen and then read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This historic document would be signed and witnessed at the next physical meeting of the Town Council.

Councillor Pallant gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor in appreciation of his help and guidance over the previous year.

He hoped throughout his term of office to shine a spotlight on the many people in the town who did not get enough recognition for what they did for the community. He planned to forge very close links with the wider community of St Ives. He was very keen on green initiatives and hoped to progress these in St Ives. He planned to look at ways of improving the community buildings in the Council's ownership, such as the Burleigh Hill Centre, to encourage their use as venues that residents would enjoy using.

His nominated charities would be:

Pinpoint - a valuable information service for parents

St Ives Day Care Centre, an excellent venue which provided great support to the community

Calmtown, which was doing excellent work on improving mental health

St Ives Food Bank which was currently doing amazing work during the crisis, as it did all year round

The Mayor's Covid Support Fund, a new fund to assist during the pandemic by providing small donations, purchase of equipment etc to individuals in need.

The Town Mayor appointed his Chaplain, Ms Vanessa Corbishley, a Humanist Celebrant, whose advice he would value greatly.

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Mrs Carrie Pallant was appointed Town Mayoress.

The Mayor thanked the members and staff of the Council for their support. St Ives, he said, was full of marvellous people and he was very keen to show his support to all of them.

C03.00 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2020/21

The Town Mayor invited nominations for Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21:

Councillor Luter proposed and Councillor Dibben seconded the nomination of Councillor Pasco Hussain.

A vote was held with the following result:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Pasco Hussain be appointed Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21.

C04.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

C05.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

C06.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident had submitted some questions to the Town Clerk relating to the the management of the Burleigh Hill Community Centre. As the resident was not present at the meeting it was agreed that the enquiry be forwarded to the Burleigh Hill Management Committee for discussion and response.

C07.00 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2020 would be amended to show that Councillors R D'Souza and P Pope were present. They would then be signed by the Town Mayor at the next physical meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes, once amended, be agreed and signed by the Town Mayor.

C08.00 REPORT ON DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Town Clerk reported that the majority of her and her team's time had been taken up with handling Covid-19 related matters and other activities in support of the Community Hub and the wider community.

Work on cemetery provision was continuing as well as work on ongoing Council projects.

The RoSPA report, recently received, had indicated no high risk matters. There were several medium and low risk items for attention but many fewer than the previous year.

Community leaflets providing advice on Covid-19 were being produced regularly and distributed throughout the town.

In response to an enquiry, the Town Clerk confirmed that the order had been placed for the double glazing at the Town Hall but not yet fulfilled as the company appointed were not yet back at work.

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C09.00 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The Town Clerk advised that the payments for cleaning at the Town Hall and Norris Museum had been adjusted due to the reduced service required now that the Bus Station toilets were closed and the Town Hall only required once weekly cleaning.

RESOLVED: that the orders for payment be received and noted.

C10.00 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliation Statement be received and noted.

C11.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the Budget Report be received and noted.

Town Mayor:

Date: 10 June 2020

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