MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MAYORALTY COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11 JULY 2019

- * Councillor Cosser Chair
- * Councillor Purvis
- Councillor PS Rivers
- * Councillor Rosoman Vice-Chair
- Councillor Stubbs
- 0 Councillor Wardell

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology L Late ^ Council Duties

141. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 29 May 2019, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chair as a true record.

142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above, Cllr Crooks was accepted as a substitute for Cllr Wardell

143. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Stubbs made a declarations of a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 8, town carol service, on the grounds that he is the Chair of Churches Together in Godalming & District who organise the event. Cllr Stubbs remained in the chamber whilst that item was debated.

144. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 5.

145. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions had been received from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 6.

146. PAST MAYORS' BADGES

Members resolved to authorize the ordering of 10 Past Mayors' badges (10 year supply) at a cost of £687.60 funded from Civic Expenses – Clothes & Uniform which has a current balance of £1,000.

147. COUNCILLORS' BADGES

Members considered options relating to symbols of office for the recognition of Council Members used on civic occasions, such as Remembrance Day, if members are not wearing council robes.

Having considered a number of options, Members resolved to agree that the Mayoralty Committee recommends to Full Council that if Full Council agree the cessation of the wearing of robes by councillors at civic occasions, no alternative symbols of office should be worn.

148. TOWN CAROL SERVICE

Although the review of Standing Mayoral and Civic event arrangements is shown on the GTC Action Plan 2019/20 for consideration by the Mayoralty Committee in November of this year, following the early planning meeting for the 'Town Day' (which includes planning for the annual Town Carol Service) Officers were made aware that Town Day 2019 will be the last such event in its current guise. As such officers requested an early indication from the Mayoralty Committee as to GTC's future role in order, if required, to liaise with the current organising group to enable succession planning.

Members wished to record their appreciation of the organising committee of the 'Town Day' and Annual Carol Service for the long service and commitment they have given to the town.

Members agreed that the Council should continue to support the Annual Town carol Service and agreed in principle that Godalming Town Council provide administrative support to enable this event. Members requested the Town Clerk report to this committee when details of proposals for the 2020 event are known.

149. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

No items from this meeting were identified for additional communications.

150. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mayoralty Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 14 November 2019 at 6.30pm in The Pepperpot.