

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

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I HEREBY SUMMONS YOU to attend the **MAYORALTY COMMITTEE** Meeting to be held in the Town Clerk's office, Godalming Town Council on THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Louise P Goodfellow
Town Clerk

Committee Members:

- Councillor Noyce – Chairman
- Councillor Cosser – Vice Chairman
- Councillor R Gordon-Smith
- Councillor Wheatley
- Councillor Gray
- Councillor Young

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11 December 2014, a copy of which has been circulated previously.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

The Chairman to allow members of the public to ask the Council questions, or make a statement or present a petition. This forum to be conducted in accordance with Standing Order 4.

4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive from Members any declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for this meeting required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

5. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

One of the functions of this Committee is to recommend to Full Council an allowance for the Town Mayor (see Standing Order 103 iv). The draft budget papers to be presented to the Policy & Management Committee on 17 December include a modest increase of 2.3% (£135) to the Mayoral Allowance increasing the sum from £5,865 to £6,000. However, the Town Clerk is not sure that this increase will give an allowance that covers the costs that the Mayor is expected to meet during the year and will report further orally at the meeting.

Members are asked what recommendation they would like to make to Full Council.

6. ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF MAYORESSES/CONSORTS

At the last meeting of this Committee the following recommendation was made to Full Council:

“The Mayoralty Committee recommended to Full Council that engraved badges should be awarded to former Mayoresses and Consorts but agreed that the detail of this recommendation should be framed by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Mayoralty Committee, once design and costs had been explored.

It is recommended that sufficient Past Mayoress and Consort badges for all such individuals still living be ordered from the current supplier of the Past Mayor badges (that supplier having given the lower of two quotes obtained by the Town Clerk) at a cost of £3,500 (including the cost of engraving each badge); and that the cost be met from the New Initiatives Fund. This would provide enough badges for the next 3-6 years (depending on the gender distribution of future Mayoresses/Consorts) and future re-orders of 10 badges at a time (at current prices £700) would be met in the relevant year from the Civic Regalia budget.”

On 26 March 2015 Full Council referred the above recommendation back to this Committee for that Committee to look at alternative ways of acknowledging the work of Mayoresses/Consorts and/or alternative ways of funding the badges proposed (Minute No 416-14 refers).

Members are asked to consider the matter and if appropriate make an alternative recommendation to Full Council.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Full Council has yet to agree a programme of meeting dates for the Civic Year 2016/17, however, it is suggested that the next meeting of the Mayoralty Committee should be held on Thursday, 8 December 2016 at 7.00pm in the Town Clerk’s office.

THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

8. CONSIDERATION OF THE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

The Committee to consider the selection and appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the civic year 2016/17. The outcome of the Committee’s deliberations to be reported orally to Full Council on 14 January 2016.

Please note that any further papers required for this item will be tabled at the meeting.

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Disclosure by a Member¹ of a disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a meeting (S.31 (4) Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct).

As required by the Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct, **I HEREBY DISCLOSE**, for the information of the authority that I have [a disclosable pecuniary interest]² [a non-pecuniary interest]³ in the following matter:-

COMMITTEE: _____

DATE: _____

NAME OF COUNCILLOR: _____

Please use the form below to state in which agenda items you have an interest.

Agenda No.	Subject	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Non-Pecuniary Interest	Reason

Signed _____

Dated _____

¹ "Member" includes co-opted member, member of a committee, joint committee or sub-committee

² A disclosable pecuniary interest is defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) regulations 2012/1464 and relate to employment, office, trade, profession or vocation, sponsorship, contracts, beneficial interests in land, licences to occupy land, corporate tenancies and securities

³ A non-pecuniary interest is defined by Section 5 (4) of the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.