

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE MAYORALTY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON THE 10 DECEMBER 2015**

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

\* Present      # Absent & No Apology Received      0 Apology for Absence      L Late

295. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 December 2014, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

296. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

297. 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 4.

298. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

299. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

Members considered the need for the Mayor's Allowance to be set at a level sufficient to allow the Mayor to fulfil the duties required of and expected of the Town Mayor. The committee acknowledged that the cost of mayoral duties may vary from year to year. As such the committee agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Town Clerk indicates the level of the required Mayor's Allowance as part of the annual budget setting process. The figure for the allowance to be based upon the anticipated costs known at that time and that it be reviewed along with all other budget costs as part of the revised estimate process.

300. ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF MAYORESSES/CONSORTS

On 26 March 2015 Full Council referred a recommendation aimed at acknowledging the work of mayoresses and consorts back to this Committee so that it could explore alternative ways of acknowledging the work of Mayoresses/Consorts and/or alternative ways of funding the proposal (Minute No 416-14 refers).

Members confirmed their wish to acknowledge the commitment, support and work provided by Mayoresses and Consorts. As such Members have asked the Town Clerk to re-investigate the costs of the original proposal and to explore the possibility of eliminating or reducing the

design and set-up cost involved in order for this committee to be able to re-consider the original recommendation.

301. 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.

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

The Committee considered 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.