

MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE MAYORALTY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 11 DECEMBER 2014

* Councillor Cosser – Chairman
* Councillor Noyce – Vice Chairman
* Councillor R Gordon-Smith
* Councillor T Martin
Councillor Thornton
L Councillor Welland

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

286. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 December 2013, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

287. 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.

288. 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.

289. WRITTEN MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR T MARTIN

The Committee considered the following motion from Councillor T Martin:

“To acknowledge past Mayoresses and Consorts in the same way as past Mayors (i.e. with engraved badges). This acknowledges the phenomenal hard work, often unseen, that Mayoresses and Consorts make to the office of Mayor which should be rewarded.”

Members resolved to recommend to Full Council that engraved badges should be awarded to former Mayoresses and Consorts but that the detail of this recommendation should be framed by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, once design and costs had been explored.

290. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE YEAR 2015/16

Members noted that there has been no increase in the Mayor's Allowance since 2010/11 and (in accordance with Standing Order 103 iv) agreed to recommend to Full Council a modest increase of 2% (£115) to the Mayoral Allowance increasing the sum from £5,750 to £5,865.

291. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that Full Council has yet to agree a programme of meeting dates for the Civic Year 2015/16, however, it was noted that the next meeting of the Mayoralty Committee should be held on Thursday, 10 December 2015 at 6.30pm in the Town Clerk's office.

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

292. 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. The outcome of the Committee's deliberations to be reported orally to Full Council on 15 January 2015.