

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE MAYORALTY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 14 NOVEMBER 2019**

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

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

280. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 July 2019, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chair as a true record.

281. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

282. 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.

283. 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.

284. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

285. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE YEAR 2020/21

Members considered the Mayor's allowance for the year 2020/21 and resolved that the Mayor's allowance recommended to Full Council within the 2020/21 budget is not subject to an inflationary increase and is maintained at the 2019/20 sum of £8,500.

286. SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

Members considered Full Council's request that the Mayoralty Committee considers further options for alternative symbols of office that could be worn by Members in lieu of robes and resolved to agree that the Town Clerk should explore provision of an appropriate name badge carrying the Council's Logo, the Name of the Council and the Name of the Councillor wearing the badge.

Members further agreed that the options for such badges be limited to badges costing less than £15 per item.

In order to move this item forward, Members agreed that the Town Clerk should bring forward a report setting out the options, costs and process for the provision of a Member's badge and contingency for replacement if required.

287. CIVIC SERVICE

Members resolved to agree that in order to aid planning and avoid conflicts of dates with the Borough and other Towns, the Civic Service should be held on 21 June 2020 at 3.00pm. The format of the Civic Service being subject to the wishes of the incumbent Mayor.

288. PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF THE MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Members were informed that the process used in the recent past by previous members of this Committee to select a nominee for recommendation to Full Council for the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor had been the 'best available person for the job' approach. Members were also informed that there were a number of other methods highlighted in the *Civic Ceremonial – A handbook, History and Guide for Mayors, Councillors and Officers* used by other councils.

Following consideration of alternative methods, Members resolved to agree that this Committee should continue making its recommendations to Full Council for the nomination of the role of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Godalming based on the 'Best Person for the Job' approach.

289. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mayoralty Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 14 May 2020 at 8.00pm in the Mayor's Parlour.

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.

290. CONSIDERATION OF THE SELECTION OF NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION 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 19 December 2019.