

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MAYORALTY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 29 MAY 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

75. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 May 2019, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chair as a true record.

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above, Councillor Williams was accepted as a substitute for Councillor Wardell.

77. 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.

78. 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.

79. CIVIC ROBES

Members received an Officer's report relating to the Council's Civic Robes and following debate agreed the following recommendations to be made to Full Council. Where an agreement was not unanimous the votes of Committee Members are recorded.

a. **The Mayor should continue to be robed on external civic occasions.**

Unanimously agreed.

b. **The Mayor should wear robes at the Annual Meeting of the Council.**

Members in favour – Cllr Cosser, Cllr PS Rivers, Cllr Stubbs.

Members not in favour – Cllr Purvis, Cllr Rosoman, Cllr Williams.

In accordance with Standing Order 13, the Chair of the Committee exercised a casting vote. The Chair's casting vote was in favour of the recommendation – recommendation carried.

c. **The Mayor should wear robes at the Ordinary Meetings of the Full Council.**

Members in favour – Cllr Cosser, Cllr PS Rivers, Cllr Stubbs.

Members not in favour – Cllr Purvis, Cllr Rosoman, Cllr Williams.

In accordance with Standing Order 13, the Chair of the Committee exercised a casting vote. The Chair's casting vote was in favour of the recommendation – recommendation carried.

- d. **Councillors should discontinue wearing robes.**  
Members in favour – Cllr Purvis, Cllr PS River, Cllr Rosoman, Cllr Williams.  
Members not in favour – Cllr Cosser, Cllr Stubbs.  
Recommendation carried.
- e. The Clerk should continue to be robed but not wigged when supporting the Mayor whilst the Mayor is robed.  
Unanimously agreed.

Additionally, Members agreed that the Town Clerk should investigate protocols and/or symbols of office for the recognition of Council Members used on civic occasions, such as Remembrance Day, in local council areas where robes are not worn. The outcomes of the investigation to be brought to this Committee so that it may form a recommendation to Full Council.

80. TWINNING VISIT – MAYEN – 11-14 OCTOBER 2019

Members consider a report from the Town Clerk in relation to an invitation received from Mayen inviting the Mayor and one other Town Council representative and partners to the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the official twinning partnership between Joigny and Mayen.

Following debate, Members agreed that the invitation was outside of the criteria for twinning visits set by the Council (Min No 99-15 refers) and therefore resolved that the invitation should be declined.

81. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

No additional matters arising from the meeting were identified for further communications.

82. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mayoralty Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 14 November 2019 at 7.00pm in the Town Clerk's office.

83. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair of the Committee announced that in order to deal with the issue of protocols/symbols of office before the next meeting of the Full Council, an Extraordinary meeting of the Mayoralty Committee would be held on Thursday, 11 July at 8.00pm or immediately following the preceding Policy & Management Committee meeting, whichever is the later.

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.

84. TITLE OF DIGNITY

Members received a report relating to the awarding of a Title of Dignity from the Town Clerk and agreed that no further action was required.