

OSWESTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council called by The Mayor in accordance with *Schedule 12 Local Government Act 1972*, held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 following a meeting of the Town Centre, Markets and Services Committee in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Oswestry.

PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor V Hunt
Councillors Mrs S Best,
P Cherrington, M Coppock, B Edwards,
Mrs J Edwards, Mrs N Hughes,
M Isherwood, M Jones, D Kerr, S Mason,
D P Milner, J Price, Ms O Rose and
C Schofield

In the Chair: The Mayor, Councillor V Hunt

In attendance: David Preston – Town Clerk
Arren Robert – Assistant Town Clerk
David Clough – Retail Markets & Events
Manager
Four members of the public

PUBLIC SESSION

For 15 minutes previous to the commencement of the meeting, members of the public were invited to question the Council on local issues, etc. Questions to be answered by Mayor, Chairmen of Standing Committees, or Town Clerk.

42. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received from:

Councillor Mrs C Aspinall - family Commitments
Councillor Mrs R Evans - illness
Councillor J Moore - holiday

RESOLVED the apologies be accepted.

43. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

44. POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

- a) Email from Councillor Mrs R Evans, addressed to The Mayor, formally resigning as the Deputy Mayor forthwith and requesting a period of Leave of Absence from the Council, due to illness, for a six month period.

RESOLVED to confirm the Leave of Absence as requested for six months; extending very best wishes to Councillor Mrs R Evans.

- b) On the basis that Mrs R Evans was unable to fulfil the duties of Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Civic year 2017, the matter was considered by Council and in particular relating to Standing Order 19 of the Council. In addition, a copy of the Seniority List 2017/18 was provided.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs S Best be elected the Deputy Mayor forthwith, to then progress to being the Mayor of the Town Council for 2018/19 in according with Standing Orders.

It was further **RESOLVED** to invite Councillor Mrs R Evans to be the Deputy Mayor in 2018/19, subject to her willingness to accept, and then to progress to being the Mayor of the Town Council for 2019/20.

**The Mayor
Councillor V Hunt
Chairman**