

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting

Held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Tye (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: P Barry, D Brookes, J Brookes, T Burnham, S Claxton, P Collins, R Cunnington, M Dannatt, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley, M Gabbitas, D Kirk, C Macey, S O'Dare, S Royal, J Sadler and S Staples.

**Invited:** Mrs L Tye (Mayoress), Mrs C Barry (Deputy Mayoress) and Reader Jean Smith.

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

15 members of the public and 1 press member were in attendance.

### **C 1. ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2023/24 (Agenda Item 1)**

Councillor D Brookes proposed that Councillor P Barry be elected Town Mayor for 2023/2024. This was seconded by Councillor D Edginton. In the absence of any further nominations, it was

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor P Barry be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.*

*Councillor P Barry was invested with his chain of office and congratulated by the retiring Town Mayor. Mrs C Barry, Mayoress, was invested with her chain of office.*

### **C 2. TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION, ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN (Agenda Item 2)**

Councillor P Barry signed and read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for his election, pledging himself to serve the Council and Town to the best of his ability during the forthcoming year.

***Councillor P Barry, Town Mayor, in the Chair***

The Town Mayor appointed the Reader Jean Smith as his Chaplain for the ensuing year.

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**C 3. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2023/24  
(Agenda Item 3)**

Councillor M Dannatt proposed that Councillor A Findley be elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2023/2024. This was seconded by Councillor D Brookes. In the absence of any further nominations, it was

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor A Findley be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.*

*Councillor A Findley was invested with his chain of office and congratulated by The Town Mayor. Ms S Staples, Deputy Mayoress, was invested with her chain of office.*

**C 4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE (Agenda Item 4)**

Councillor A Findley signed and read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for his election, pledging himself to serve the Council and Town to the best of his ability during the coming year.

**C 5. VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RETIRED MAYOR AND MAYORESS  
(Agenda Item 5)**

Councillor S Dennis proposed a Vote of Thanks to the retired Mayor. This was seconded by Councillor D Brookes.

**RESOLVED:** *That a Vote of Thanks be accorded to Councillor T Tye in recognition of the service he had rendered to the Council and the Town during their year of office.*

*The new Town Mayor presented the retired Town Mayor with a crystal award and the retired Mayoress with flowers.*

*The Town Clerk confirmed that all Councillors had signed their acceptance of the office with the exception of Cllr S Kirk who has requested dispensation as he has been unable to attend due to being out of the country.*

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That Cllr S Kirk be granted dispensation to sign his acceptance of office until 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*

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**C 6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 6)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the last Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**C 7. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 7)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Anderson and S Kirk.

**C 8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 8)**

None.

**C 9. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE  
(Agenda Item 9)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Planning & Planning Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, be approved, and the resolutions contained therein be adopted.*

**C 10. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE STANDING ORDERS (Agenda Item 10)**

A reviewed copy of Standing Orders was provided with any changes marked up were provided.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That Standing Orders are approved and adopted.*

**C 11. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS  
(Agenda Item 11)**

A reviewed copy of Financial Regulations with any changes marked up was provided.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That Financial Regulations are approved and adopted.*

**C 12. TO CONFIRM COUNCILLOR PAYMENT SIGNATORIES (Agenda Item 12)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) Councillors A Tye, T Burnham, D Edginton, D Brookes, J Brookes and M Dannatt be confirmed as current payment signatories.
- b) Cllr P Barry be added to the Council payment signatory list.

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**C 13. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (Agenda Item 13)**

The Town Clerk presented the General Power of Competence report to reconfirm the Localism Act 2011 Local Authority General Power of Competence.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That Skegness Town Council meets the eligibility criteria as specified in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 No. 965 and hereby confirms continuation of the General Power of Competence as set out in section 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011.*

**C 14. DEFERRAL OF ALL OTHER BUSINESS TO THE NEXT MEETING  
(Agenda Item 14)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That all other business be deferred to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024.*

**The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.**

Full Signature:

Block Capitals:

Date Approved: