

Annual Town Council Meeting

Present: Cllrs Simonis (Chair) Banks, Bolanz, Chapman, Collins, Cooper-Marsh, Crompton, Dundas-Todorov, Goodman, Hitchin, Macnab-Grieve, Mascarenhas, Maslen, J Smith and S Smith
Absent: Cllrs Dunford, Johnson, Kumar, Pitt and Terry
In attendance: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of St Neots Town Council held on **8th May 2024** at **7.15pm** in the Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St Neots, PE19 2BH.

Public Participation

There were approximately 120 members of the public present.

ACTIONS

001 Election of the Chairperson of the Council (Town Mayor)

The Chairperson asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson/Mayor for the 2024-25 Council year. Admin

Cllr Richard Slade was proposed and seconded

Cllr Justin Cooper-Marsh was proposed and seconded

The Chairperson proceeded to a vote.

RESOLVED that Cllr Richard Slade be elected Mayor for the 2024-25 council year.

002 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Richard Slade read aloud and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

003 Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairperson

Members resolved a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairperson Cllr Robert Simonis.

004 Election of Deputy Chairperson of the Council (Deputy Mayor)

The Chairperson asked for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson/Deputy Mayor for the 2024-25 Council year.

Cllr Robert Simonis was proposed and seconded.

Cllr Justin Cooper-Marsh was proposed and seconded.

The Chairperson proceeded to a vote.

RESOLVED that Cllr Robert Simonis be elected Deputy Mayor for the 2024-25 council year.

005 Deputy Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Robert Simonis read aloud and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

006 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Dunford, Johnson, Kumar, Pitt and Terry.

007 Declaration of Interest

There were none.

008 Minutes of Council Meetings

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30th April 2024 as a true and accurate record.

009 Matters Deferred

RESOLVED to defer the following items which are set out within the Council's Standing Orders for review at the Annual Council Meeting to the next meeting of the Full Council;

- i) Appointment of membership to committees
- ii) Appointment of Committee Chairpersons
- iii) Appointment of representatives to outside bodies
- iv) Review of Scheme of Delegation
- v) Review of Standing Orders
- vi) Review of annual subscriptions
- vii) Confirmation of Insurance Policies

010 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the date of the next Full Town Council meeting would be 28th May 2024 at 7:15pm.