

## SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### Annual Meeting of Council Held at the Walker Theatre, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury at 6.00pm on Monday 2nd May 2023

#### PRESENT

Councillors E Roberts (Mayor), R Dartnall, M Davies, J Dean, P Gillam, N Green, K Halliday, C Lemon, P Moseley, A Mosley, K Pardy, A Phillips, B Wall & R Wilson

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Ball (Town Clerk) & Officers of the Town Council; members of the public.

#### 1/23 APOLOGIES

##### RESOLVED:

**That apologies be accepted from Councillors B Bentick, D Vasmer and A Wagner.**

#### 2/23 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2023/24

It was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Dean and

##### RESOLVED:

**That Councillor Rebecca Wall be elected the Mayor of Shrewsbury Town Council for the period up to the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2024.**

*The Mayoral Party retired from the meeting for robing. The Mayoral Party returned suitably robed.*

The Retiring Mayor ordained the Mayor with the Chains of Office. The Mayor read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### 3/23 MAYOR'S SPEECH

The Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors and she said she was very much looking forward to her year as Mayor and would work hard for the residents of Shrewsbury and her nominated Charities, helping and supporting the residents of Shrewsbury, and in particular the residents in her Battlefield ward.

The Mayor commented that she was a huge fundraiser and had been involved with charities since 2001. She had to date raised £86,500 for local charities including Severn Hospice, Hope House, SSAFA, Dogs Trust and many others. For her Mayoral Year she had chosen two charities – Diabetes UK and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Both Charities being close to her heart as having diabetes herself she almost became blind.

She wanted her Mayoral year to be about care in the community and particularly accessibility around the Town for the disabled. She had unfortunately recently found herself being a wheelchair user and had experienced first-hand the difficulties of getting around the Town in a wheelchair. She wanted to change this and would work hard to make getting around Shrewsbury Town Centre a lot easier for the disabled and infirm.

#### **4/23 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Gillam and

##### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Council hereby expresses its sincere thanks to Councillor Elisabeth Roberts for the efficient, enthusiastic and impartial manner in which she discharged her duties as Mayor of Shrewsbury.**

The Mayor presented Councillor Roberts with her Past Mayor's Badge and retiring gift.

#### **5/23 RESPONSE OF RETIRING MAYOR**

The Outgoing Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors and it had been an absolute honour to have been able to represent Shrewsbury and meet so many amazing people during her year as Mayor.

From the decommissioning of Shrewsbury's submarine, HMS Talent, attending so many events at school, youth groups, to joining Mayors around Shropshire, it had been a full year. She enjoyed numerous tea parties that were held in the Mayor's Parlour at Shrewsbury Castle.

Finding out that so many communities and countries were represented in our town, who enthusiastically welcomed herself and entourage.

She had been honoured to announce King Charles III's proclamation at Shrewsbury Castle, with Shropshire Lord Lieutenant, Anna Turner and the previous High Sheriff Selina Graham and other esteemed dignitaries in attendance. She had also welcomed Princess Alexandra for the Royal Yeomanry Freedom Parade.

Her legacy as 2022/23 Mayor of Shrewsbury was that there would be an area created on the middle floor of the Darwin Centre where families could go if/when their young person was becoming distressed and could take to a place of safety to de-escalate. The charities that she took with her through the year were working collaboratively which helped them both through the cost of living crisis.

She went on to thank those who had supported her; her Mini-Mayor and twin consorts, Shrewsbury Town Council staff were thanked for their assistance and also her boss who had given her time away from work to attend mayoral events. She thanked Councillor Wall for attending events when she was unable to. She also thanked all the people she had met and had welcomed her and had shown kindness and joined in her enthusiasm.

#### **6/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2023/24**

It was proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Davies and

##### **RESOLVED:**

**That Councillor David Vasmer be elected the Deputy Mayor of Shrewsbury Town Council for the period up to the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2024.**

**As the Deputy Mayor was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that David Vasmer would read out and sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next Full Council meeting.**

## **7/23 MINUTES OF COUNCIL – 27 MARCH 2023**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 March 2023 were submitted as circulated and read.

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.**

## **8/23 COMMUNICATIONS**

None presented.

## **9/23 DATES AND TIMES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS**

That the dates and times of ordinary meetings of the Council, its Committees and Working Groups as presented be confirmed.

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the schedule of meetings as circulated be approved.**

## **10/23 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**

That the Council retains the following Committees/Working Groups and that the terms of reference of those Committees as presented be adopted;

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Council establishes the Committee Structure with associated Terms of Reference as tabled below:**

- (i) Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee;**
  - a. Civics Working Group**
  - b. Youth Services Working Group**
  - c. City of Sanctuary Working Group**
  - d. Health & Wellbeing Services Working Group**
  - e. Youth Council**
  
- (ii) Recreation and Leisure Standing Committee;**
  - a. Shrewsbury in Bloom Working Group**
  - b. Quarry Working Group**
  - c. River Safety Working Group**
  - d. Clean River Working Group**

- (iii) Planning Standing Committee;**
- (iv) Climate Change Committee;**
  - a. Active Travel Working Group**
- (v) Personnel Committee;**
- (vi) Grievance Committee;**
- (vii) Personnel Appeals Committee:**
- (viii) External Complaints/FOI/Appeals Committee**
- (ix) Joint Consultative Committee**

### **11/23 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the members of Committees be appointed in accordance with the nominations submitted by the respective groups, which had been determined having regards to the rules of political balance:**

- (i) Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee (8 members)**
  - Councillor Alex Phillips
  - Councillor Alan Mosley
  - Councillor Pam Moseley
  - Councillor Rosemary Dartnall
  - Councillor Rob Wilson
  - Councillor Nat Green
  - Councillor David Vasmer
  - Councillor Julian Dean
  - a. Civics Working Group**
    - Councillor Becky Wall
    - Councillor Phil Gillam
    - Councillor Elisabeth Roberts
    - Councillor David Vasmer
    - Councillor Chris Lemon
  - b. Youth Services Working Group**
    - Councillor Alex Phillips
    - Councillor Elisabeth Roberts
    - Councillor Pam Moseley
    - Councillor David Vasmer
    - Councillor Bernie Bentick
    - Councillor Chris Lemon
  - c. City of Sanctuary Working Group**
    - Councillor Kate Halliday

Councillor Phil Gillam  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Julian Dean

**d. Health & Wellbeing Services Working Group**

Councillor Alex Philips  
Councillor Kate Halliday  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor Alex Wagner  
Councillor Bernie Bentick  
Councillor David Vasmer  
Councillor Chris Lemon

**(ii) Recreation and Leisure Standing Committee (8 members)**

Councillor Becky Wall  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Phil Gillam  
Councillor Elisabeth Roberts  
Councillor David Vasmer  
Councillor Alex Wagner  
Councillor Bernie Bentick  
Councillor Chris Lemon

**a. Shrewsbury in Bloom Working Group**

Councillor Becky Wall  
Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor Elisabeth Roberts  
Councillor David Vasmer  
Councillor Mary Davies  
Councillor Julian Dean

**b. Quarry Working Group**

Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Rob Wilson  
Councillor Nat Green

**c. River Safety Working Group**

Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Nat Green  
Councillor Julian Dean

**d. Clean River Working Group**

Councillor Alex Phillips  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Kaye Halliday  
Councillor Alex Wagner  
Councillor Bernie Bentick  
Councillor Julian Dean

**(iii) Planning Standing Committee (8 members)**

Councillor Becky Wall  
Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor Kate Halliday  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Nat Green  
Councillor David Vasmer  
Councillor Mary Davies  
Councillor Chris Lemon

**(iv) Climate Change Committee (8 members)**

Councillor Alex Phillips  
Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Rob Wilson  
Councillor David Vasmer  
Councillor Bernie Bentick  
Councillor Julian Dean

**a. Active Travel Working Group**

Councillor Alex Phillips  
Councillor Kate Halliday  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Elisabeth Roberts  
Councillor Rob Wilson  
Councillor Bernie Bentick  
Councillor Julian Dean

**(v) Personnel Committee (5 members)**

Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor David Vasmer  
Councillor Nat Green

**(vi) Grievance Committee (5 members)**

Councillor Alex Phillips  
Councillor Kate Halliday  
Councillor Phil Gillam  
Councillor Mary Davies  
Councillor Julian Dean

**(vii) Personnel Appeals Committee (3 members)**

Councillor Elisabeth Roberts  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Alex Wagner

**(viii) External Complaints/FOI/Appeals Committee (3 members)**

Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor Alex Wagner  
Councillor Julian Dean

**(ix) Joint Consultative Committee (6 members)**

Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Bernie Bentick  
Councillor Julian Dean

## **12/23 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & VICE-CHAIRMEN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**RESOLVED:**

**That the appointment of members to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the following Committees:**

- (i) Finance & General Purposes Committee - Councillor Alan Mosley**
  - a. Civics Working Group – Councillor Becky Wall**
  - b. Youth Services Working Group - Councillor Pam Moseley**
  - c. City of Sanctuary Working Group – Councillor Kate Halliday**
  - d. Health & Wellbeing Working Group – Councillor Kate Halliday**
  
- (ii) Recreation and Leisure Committee – Councillor Phil Gillam**
  - a. Shrewsbury in Bloom Working Group**
  - b. Quarry Working Group**
  - c. River Safety Working Group – Councillor Alan Mosley**
  - d. Clean River Working Group – Councillor Rosemary Dartnall**
  
- (iii) Planning Committee – Councillor Pam Moseley**
  
- (iv) Climate Change Committee – Councillor Julian Dean**
  - a. Active Travel Working Group – Councillor Rosemary Dartnall.**
  
- (v) Personnel Committee – Councillor Alan Mosley**
  
- (vi) Grievance Committee – Councillor Kate Halliday**
  
- (vii) Personnel Appeals Committee – Councillor Rosemary Dartnall**
  
- (viii) External Complaints/FOI/Appeals Committee – Councillor Pam Moseley**
  
- (x) Joint Consultative Committee – Councillor Alan Mosley**

## **13/23 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Council continues to be members of the following organisations:**

- (i) National Association of British Market Authorities;**

- (ii) Shropshire Association of Local Councils;**
- (iii) National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardens;**
- (iv) Association of Historic Towns;**
- (v) Association of Town & City Management**

#### **14/23 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The schedule of Outside Bodies Representatives was presented. It was proposed by the Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson and

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the members/representatives be appointed to serve on the various outside bodies in accordance with the nominations by the respective groups.**

#### **15/23 BANK ACCOUNT & AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES**

It was proposed by the Councillor Mosley, seconded by the Councillor Wilson and

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Councillors holding the following Offices be signatories on the Council's Bank Accounts for which two Councillors must sign any order for payment:**
  - (1) Mayor – Cllr Becky Wall**
  - (2) Deputy Mayor - Cllr David Vasmer**
  - (3) Conservative Representative – Cllr Alex Phillips**
  - (4) Green Representative – Cllr Julian Dean**
  - (5) Labour Representative – Cllr Alan Mosley**
  - (6) Liberal Democrat Representative – Cllr Rob Wilson**
- (ii) That Amanda Spencer from Senior Management Team be added to the signatories on the Council bank accounts**

#### **16/23 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

It was proposed by Councillor Mosley, seconded by Councillor Wilson.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the following documents be adopted**
  - a. Standing Orders (copies previously circulated to all members);**
  - b. Financial Regulations (copies previously circulated to all members);**
- (ii) That Councillor Pam Moseley be appointed the Councillor Appointment to oversee a quarterly review of the financial records in conjunction with the RFO & Town Clerk in accordance with paragraph 2.2 of the Financial Regulations**