

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Banbury Town Council held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Strangwood (Town Mayor)
Councillors: Ahmed, Ayers, Beere, Biegel, Bishop, Bunce, Cherry, Colegrave, Donaldson, Garrett, Hodgson, Hussain, Kilsby, Mallon, Mears, Phillips, Reeves, Richards and Tohill-Martin.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk & RFO)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment)
Martyn Surfleet (Executive Officer)
Simon Lewthwaite (Civic Officer)
Chris Green (Events Manager)

The Town Mayor, preceded by the Macebearer, escorted by the Town Clerk and accompanied by Members of the Town Council and the Town Mayor's Chaplain processed into the Town Hall.

The Town Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Serena Tajima and the incoming Mayor's Imam led prayers. Councillor Mallon read Psalm 84 verses 9-12.

The Town Mayor reviewed her year of office and thanked all those who had supported her during the year, especially her Deputy Town Mayor; her Civic Cadets; fellow Members; the Town Hall staff including, Simon Lewthwaite (Civic Officer); and the people of Banbury.

The Town Mayor presented cheques to her chosen charities, Katherine House Hospice, Helen & Douglas House and Frank Wise School and gift vouchers to the outgoing Civic Cadets.

C.55/22 Election of the Town Mayor for 2023/24

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Reeves, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Ahmed be elected Town Mayor of Banbury for the year 2023/24.

C.56/22 Election of a Deputy Town Mayor for 2023/24

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Reeves, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Bishop be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Banbury for the year 2023/24.

The Civic Party then retired and Councillor Ahmed was invested with the Chain and Robe of Office. On the return of the Civic Party, Councillor Ahmed took the Chair. He thanked Members for the honour of being elected Town Mayor for Banbury and undertook to uphold the traditions of the Office.

A short musical interlude ensued where guests were entertained by Tabitha – A student from Sibford School.

C.57/22 Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor

Councillor Ahmed then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor of Banbury, which was duly accepted by the Council.

(The Town Mayor announced that Mrs Akksa Bibi would be his Consort, and she was invested with the badge of Town Mayors Consort. The Town Mayor also appointed three new Civic Cadets:

Sea Cadet:	Able Rhianydd Buttle
Army Cadet:	Lance Corporal Owen Jones
Air Training Corps Cadet:	Sgt Pippa Bullock

C.58/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Dalton, Cllr Ilott

C.59/22 Declarations of Interest

None.

C.60/22 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 April 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.61/22 Communications

The Town Clerk reported that there were no communications.

C.62/22 Appointment of Standing Committees

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Colegrave, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the size and makeup of the Standing Committees as at **Appendix 1** be approved.

C.63/22 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Colegrave, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies as at **Appendix 2** be approved.

The Meeting ended at 7.10pm.

The Meeting was followed by a Reception for the newly elected Town Mayor

