

**Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Grand Hall, Corn Exchange on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 6.00 pm.**

Present: - Councillors

C Allen	C Kreidewolf
H Armitage	A Leeder
S Barber	I Lockington
G Chisholm	T Lockington
S Connelly	N MacDonald
J Cook	S Meudec
M Cook	J Parry
K Cracknell	E Phillips
S Darwin	R Pope
K E Elavalakan	L Richardson
D Ellesmere	J Riley
I Fisher	A Ross
S Gage	C Shaw
P Gardiner	C Smart
J Gibbs	P Smart
T Grant	J Smith
S Handley	B Studd
E Harsant	L Trenchard
D Heaps	R Vickery
O Holmes	C Wright
E Hughes	E Xhaferaj

**1. To Elect the Mayor of the Borough for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.**

It was **RESOLVED**:-

**that Councillor Jan Parry be elected Mayor of the Borough for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.**

*(Councillor Parry then made the required Declaration of Acceptance of Office).*

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor thanked Councillor P Smart and Councillor Ross for nominating her and went on to inform Council that the theme she had chosen for her year in office was "The Young are Our Future".

The Mayor was supporting the WASSUP and We Are Patrick projects, which were facilitated by Volunteering Matters (Registered Charity No. 291222). The projects promoted youth social action, empowering young people to reflect on their own experiences and develop their own thinking and work, which they then shared with their peers.

Finally, the Mayor thanked her predecessor, Councillor Jane Riley and her Consort, Adam, for their excellent work over their past Municipal year.

On the proposal of Councillor J Cook and seconded by Councillor Meudec the following vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor was **MOVED:-**

*“That the best thanks and appreciation of the Council be accorded to Councillor Riley for the manner in which she has discharged her duties and upheld the dignity of the Office of the Mayor of the Borough during the past year.”*

This was **PUT** to the meeting and **CARRIED**.

**2. To Appoint a Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.**

It was **RESOLVED:-**

**that Councillor Jane Riley be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Borough for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.**

(Councillor Riley then made the required Declaration of Acceptance of Office).

**3. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carnall, Cenci, Hall, Jones, Maguire and Rudkin.

**4. To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 February 2019.**

It was **RESOLVED:-**

**that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2019 be signed as a true record.**

**5. To Elect a Leader of the Council for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.**

It was **RESOLVED:-**

**that Councillor D T Ellesmere be elected Leader of the Council for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.**

**6. To Note the Appointment of Deputy Leader and up to 8 Executive Councillors by the Leader of the Council.**

It was **RESOLVED:-**

that the decision of the Leader of the Council to appoint Councillor Rudkin to be the Deputy Leader of the Council and Councillors Barber, M Cook, Jones, MacDonald, Meudec, Ross, P Smart and Fisher as members of Executive be noted.

7. **To Consider a Report (C/19/01) from the Leader of the Council:**

It was **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) **To allocate seats on the Committees as set out below with immediate effect:**

	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>
<b>Strategic O &amp; S</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Audit &amp; Governance</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>

- (ii) **To appoint the members of the five Area Committees, Colchester & Ipswich Joint Museums Committee, Strategic Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Planning & Development Committee, Licensing & Regulatory Committee, Audit and Governance Committee, and Shared Revenues Partnership Joint Committee for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020 as per Appendix 1 of the report.**
- (iii) **To appoint Councillors to serve on the Service Panels and as representatives on Outside Bodies for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020 as per Appendix 2 of the report.**
- (iv) **To appoint the Working Groups for the period to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020 as per Appendix 2 of the report.**  
*(Councillor Places on the principal Working Groups were to be allocated at the Council meeting on 24 July 2019)*

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm

**Chair**