

Eton Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting

Held at the Council Offices, 102 High Street, Eton

14th May at 7.15pm

- Present:** Cllrs D. Bishop (Mayor), Mrs S. Evans, G. Fussey, D. Hill, P. Lawless, R. Lewandowski, M. Leach, J. Lovell, K. Robertson & Mrs L. Tarbox
- In Attendance:** Mr R. Austen (Town Clerk), Mr M. Reynolds (Accountant), Dr R. Rivaz (ECA), Ms C. Taylor & Mr A. Pearn-Rowe (EWVA) & Mr P. Eaton (BRG)
- Apologies:** Cllrs M. Blightman, M. Cadwallader & D. Reed, Cllrs J. Bowden & Mrs S. Rayner (RBWM) & Sgt E. Pendry (TVP)

The Mayor opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone present. The apologies were recorded.

ACM55 Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor

Cllr Lewandowski was proposed as Mayor by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Fussey, all agreed.

Cllr Fussey was proposed as Deputy Mayor by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Hill, all agreed.

Cllr Lewandowski then took the Chair and spoke on the following matters:

- Appreciation was expressed to Cllr Bishop for his dedicated service as Mayor over the past four years. Several new initiatives had been established during his period of office, most notably the Barnes Pool Restoration Project.
- A warm welcome was given to Cllr Robertson as a new member of ETC.
- A desire for more 'light' than 'heat' was sought in future meetings and dealings.
- A need to adopt electronic circulation of reports was proposed in order to cut back on time and save waste.
- Planning issues needed to be better handled in future with more emphasis on detail.
- RBWM has a climate change agenda which ETC should be buying into as well as, or in conjunction with, ECA, EWVA and others.

Cllr Leach expressed his concern over the possible clash of interest with the Mayor also being Chairman of EWVA. The Mayor agreed wholeheartedly with this point and pointed out that it was his plan to stand down as Chairman of EWVA at the earliest opportunity. This will be raised at the EWVA Meeting on 15.5.19.

ACM56 Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 5th May 2018 were agreed and signed by the Mayor.

ACM57 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

ACM58 Annual Report of the Council

The Mayor presented the Annual Report to the Meeting. This had already been circulated to Members.

ACM59 Annual Accounts of the Town Council for the year to 31st March 2019

Mr Reynolds presented the accounts for 2018/19 and these were approved. These figures would be presented for annual audit under the Annual Governance Rules and Regulations.

ACM60 Notices of Motions and Written Questions

No notices of motion or written questions had been received.

ACM61 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Annual Town Meeting business concluded at 7.30pm