

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WELLS CITY
COUNCIL HELD IN THE MAIN HALL AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY 18th
MAY 2012 AT 5:00PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Anderson; M Brandon; C Briton; T Butt Philip; S Davies;
A Denison; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J North; H Siggs; C Price;
J Osman; T Robbins; D Unwin; G Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White.
Assembled guests and members of the public.

Before the start of business prayers were said.
Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell.
A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing Mayor by the Father of the Council.
The retiring Mayor made his speech and presentations. The retiring Mayor and Mayoress were presented with Wells City badges by the Mayor-elect.

12/72C ELECTION OF MAYOR

The meeting opened with Cllr Unwin in the Chair; he called for nominations for Mayor.

Cllr Brandon was proposed by Cllr Robbins, seconded Cllr Denison, there were no other nominations; a vote was taken and Cllr Brandon was elected Mayor.

The new Mayor was invested with the Chain of Office by the retiring Mayor. The meeting was suspended while the Civic party left the meeting for the exchange of robes. The meeting was resumed with Cllr Brandon in the Chair.

12/73C ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

Cllr Brandon (the Mayor) signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the traditional Oath of Allegiance and Roll of Mayors.

12/74C ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Brandon (the Mayor) called for nominations. Cllr Butt Philip was nominated by Cllr Briton, seconded by Cllr Wilson; there were no other nominations; a vote was taken and Cllr Butt Philip was elected Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor was invested with the Chain of Office by the Mayor; he made a short speech and the traditional presentation of cheese to the Mayor.

12/75C MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

- i. The Mayor gave her acceptance speech; she appointed her Consort Mr. Alistair Glanville and presented him with the Consort's Badge.
- ii. The Mayor received the symbolic Twin Town Keys from the Chairman of the Town Twinning Association.

12/76C APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The following appointments were made:

- i. The Mayor's Chaplain: Prebendary Alastair Wheeler.
- ii. Confirmation of appointment of Churchwardens of St Cuthbert's Church.
- iii. High Constables: Cllrs. Gibson and Wilson.
- iv. Serjeants-at-Mace: Mrs G Weatherhead and Mrs J Rood.
- v. The Town Crier: Mr L Sweales.

12/77C MINUTES AND ALL FURTHER BUSINESS

All other business was deferred to the next meeting of the Council at to be held at 7pm on Thursday 24th May 2012 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.