

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of Council Held at the Walker Theatre, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury at 6.00pm on Monday 13 May 2024

PRESENT

Councillors B Wall (Mayor), B Bentick, R Dartnall, M Davies, P Gillam, N Green, C Lemon, P Moseley, A Mosley, K Pardy, A Phillips, E Roberts, D Vasmer, A Wagner & R Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

That apologies be accepted from Councillor J Dean and K Halliday.

1/24 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2024/25

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor David Vasmer be elected the Mayor of Shrewsbury Town Council for the period up to the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2025.

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.

2/24 MAYOR'S SPEECH

The Mayor spoke of the great honour & privilege to be elected Mayor of Shrewsbury. His consort would be Rhys Gratton and his chosen charities would be Shropshire Mental Health Support & Omega.

Throughout his mayoral year he would ensure that the role of Mayor was more visible and engaged, though recognising the long-standing traditions of the office. He looked forward to working with the Deputy Mayor in the forthcoming year and thanked the outgoing Mayor for her efforts in what had been a challenging year for her.

3/24 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Moseley, seconded by Councillor Dartnall and

RESOLVED:

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

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

4/24 RESPONSE OF RETIRING MAYOR

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

It had been an honour to represent Shrewsbury in welcoming HM Queen Camilla to Shrewsbury alongside His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant Anna Turner and Shropshire High Sheriff Mandi Thorn.

Her mayoral year had faced many personal challenges with lots of surgery and having to use a wheelchair, but she completed her duties regardless of the challenge.

She personally thanked her consorts; Emma Gibbons & Joyce Horobin and her husband Tim for being by her side. Thanks, were also given to the Mayors' Driver and the Mayor's Secretary for their support throughout the year, and to her sponsors Social Telecoms, Reclaim Tax and Morris and Company for their kind donations.

Thanks were given to the Shrewsbury Town Council staff who had helped her along her journey and thanked Councillor Vasmer for stepping into mayoral duties when she wasn't able to attend.

5/24 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024/25

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Alex Wagner be elected the Deputy Mayor of Shrewsbury Town Council for the period up to the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2025.

6/24 MINUTES OF COUNCIL – 18 MARCH & 9 APRIL 2024

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 March & 9 April 2024 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 18 March & 9 April 2024 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

7/24 COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

8/24 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.

9/24 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. Service Level Agreement Working Group**
 - b. Neurodiversity Working Group**
 - c. City of Sanctuary Working Group**
 - d. Quarry Working Group**
 - e. Youth Council**

- (ii) Recreation and Leisure Standing Committee;**
 - a. Shrewsbury in Bloom Working Group**
 - b. 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**

10/24 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. Service Level Agreement Working Group

Councillor Alan Mosley
Councillor Pam Moseley
Councillor Rob Wilson
Councillor Alex Wagner
Councillor Julian Dean

b. Neurodiversity Working Group

Councillor Becky Wall
Councillor Kev Pardy
Councillor Elisabeth Roberts
Councillor Julian Dean
Councillor Chris Lemon

c. City of Sanctuary Working Group

Councillor Kate Halliday
Councillor Phil Gillam
Councillor Kevin Pardy
Councillor Julian Dean

d. Quarry Working Group

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

e. Youth Council

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

Councillor Becky Wall
Councillor Kevin Pardy
Councillor Phil Gillam
Councillor Elisabeth Roberts
Councillor Mary Davies
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. 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 Alex Wagner
Councillor Mary Davies
Councillor Chris Lemon

(iv) Climate Emergency & Nature Recovery Committee (8 members)

Councillor Alex Phillips
Councillor Alan Mosley
Councillor Rosemary Dartnall
Councillor Pam Moseley
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 Elisabeth Roberts
 Councillor Kevin Pardy
 Councillor Bernie Bentick
 Councillor Julian Dean

11/24 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. Service Level Agreement Working Group – Councillor Alan Mosley**
 - b. Neurodiversity Working Group - Councillor Julian Dean**
 - c. City of Sanctuary Working Group – Councillor Phil Gillam**
 - d. Quarry Working Group – Councillor Alan Mosley**
 - e. Youth Council**
- (ii) Recreation and Leisure Committee – Councillor Phil Gillam**
 - a. Shrewsbury in Bloom Working Group**
 - b. 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

12/24 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 Association of Allotment & Leisure Gardens;**
- (iv) Association of Historic Towns;**
- (v) Association of Town & City Management**

13/24 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.

14/24 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 David Vasmer**
 - (2) Deputy Mayor - Cllr Alex Wagner**
 - (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**

15/24 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**