

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 17th MAY 2011

Present: Councillor R Tyson (Chairman)

Councillor R Ashley
Councillor S Bishop
Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs J Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor T E S Jones
Councillor Ms H Robinson

Mr. T. Fitton (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Jennings (Assistant Town Clerk)

8 members of the public
1 press correspondent

Councillor R Tyson opened the meeting with prayers.

11/58 Apologies for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W Howell.

11/59 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

11/60 Retiring Chairman's Remarks

On behalf of the Retiring Chairman, Councillor Bill Howell, the Town Clerk highlighted some of the aspects of his Chairmanship throughout the year and indicated that Bill and Pamela would like to thank fellow councillors for their support during their year of office and to wish Ron and Jennifer every success for their forthcoming Civic Year.

11/61 Election of Chairman 2011/2012

Resolved: It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that Councillor R Tyson be elected Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing Civic Year.

Councillor Tyson made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked members for his election.

Councillor Mrs T E S Jones duly invested Councillor R Tyson with the Chairman's Chain of Office.

Councillor Tyson announced that his wife, Jennifer, would serve as his Consort for the ensuing year and both were invested with the Chains of Office.

11/62 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Chairman

Councillor Tyson paid tribute to the Retiring Chairman, Councillor Howell, and his Lady, Pamela, saying that both had worked very hard during their year of office on behalf of the Town Council and the people of Alsager.

It had been a very busy year in which the Chairman and his Lady had attended numerous functions and it was noted that both Councillor Bill Howell and Pamela had carried out their duties extremely well and enthusiastically and had been very good ambassadors for the Town of Alsager.

At this point the Chairman, Councillor R Tyson indicated that he would arrange for Councillor Howell to receive his Past Chairman's Badge of Office.

11/63 Appointment of Vice-Chairman of Alsager Town Council 2011/2012

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mrs D Burgess be appointed Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

Resolved: That, Councillor Mrs D Burgess be elected Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the forthcoming civic year.

Councillor Mrs D Burgess made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked members for his appointment.

The Chairman, Councillor R Tyson duly invested Councillor Mrs D Burgess with the Vice-Chairman's Chain of Office.

Councillor Mrs D Burgess returned thanks for her appointment.

11/64 Town Council Elections 5th May 2011

The Town Clerk reported the names, addresses and descriptions of the Town Councillors elected at the local elections held on Thursday 5th May 2011 and who ere elected until May 2015.

<u>EAST WARD</u>		
Councillor S Bishop	5 Field Way, Alsager, ST7 2NE	Labour
Councillor C V Burgess	44 Foden Avenue, Alsager, ST7 2PT	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Mrs D Burgess	9 Meads Road, Alsager, ST7 2NN	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Mrs J Burgess	44 Foden Avenue, Alsager, ST7 2PT	Liberal

		Democrat
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones	10 Fairview Avenue, Alsager, ST7 2NW	Liberal Democrat
<u>WEST WARD</u>		
Councillor R Fletcher	5 Cranfield Drive, Alsager, ST7 2LQ	Liberal Democrat
Councillor W Howell	182 Crewe Road, Alsager, ST7 2JA	Labour
Councillor R Tyson	18 Derwent Close, Alsager ST7 2UT	Liberal Democrat
<u>CENTRAL WARD</u>		
Councillor B Ashley	6 Cranford Mews, Alsager, ST7 2YJ	Labour
Councillor Mrs M Camm	15 College Road, Alsager, ST7 2SS	Independent
Councillor D I Hough	61 Pikemere Road, Alsager, ST7 2SN	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Ms H Robinson	30 Heathend Road, Alsager, ST7 2SQ	Green Party

Resolved: That, a vote of thanks to Councillors be recorded in recognition of the work undertaken by former Councillors S Roberson and W Stevenson.

11/65 Annual Appointment of Trustees of Alsager Institute

The Town Clerk reported that it had been the convention for all Town Councillors automatically to serve as Trustees of the Alsager Institute. However, this now did not conform to legal requirements.

Consequently, the Chairman now asked if there were any members who did not wish to serve as Trustees of the Institute.

Resolved: That, all Councillors be appointed Trustees of Alsager Institute.

11/66 Alsager Institute Committee

Resolved: a) That, the following members be appointed to serve on the Institute Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs J Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor Ms H Robinson
Councillor R Tyson

b) That, Councillor R Tyson be re-appointed Chairman of the Institute Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

c) That, Councillor Mrs D Burgess be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Institute Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

Appointment of Committees

11/67 Planning Committee

Resolved: a) That, all members of the Town Council be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee.

b) That, Councillor C V Burgess be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

c) That, Councillor R Fletcher be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

11/68 Finance and General Purpose Committee

Resolved: a) That, the constitution of the Finance and General Purpose Committee be deferred to the Town Council meeting on 24th May 2011.

b) That, the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purpose Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012 be deferred to the Town Council meeting on 24th May 2011.

11/69 Personnel Committee

Resolved a) That, the under mentioned 4 members be appointed to serve on the Personnel Committee:-

Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor R Ashley
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor D I Hough

b) That, Councillor Mrs T E S Jones be appointed Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

c) That, Councillor Mrs D Burgess be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

11/70 Appointment of Town Councillors to serve on Outside Bodies

Resolved: That, the individual appointments be made to serve on outside bodies for the Civic Year 2011/2012. See Appendix A

11/71 Nomination of members of the general public to represent the Town Council on various issues

Members noted the list of general public who currently represent the Town Council on various issues.

- Resolved:
- a) That, the following members of the public continue to represent the Town Council during the Civic Year 2011/2012. See Appendix B.
 - b) That, a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr P Smith for all his hard work in relation to public transport issues affecting Alsager.

11/72 Community Governors

Members noted the list of Community Governors. See Appendix C.

11/73 Internal Auditor

- Resolved: That, Councillor C V Burgess be re-appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditor for 2011/2012.

11/74 Cheque Signing Mandates

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Town Clerk and any two of the following three members be authorised to sign the Town Council cheques for the ensuing financial year.

- Chairman of the Council (Councillor R Tyson)
 - Vice-Chairman of the Council
 - Chairman of Finance and General Purposes

- b) That the Town Clerk and any of the following three members be authorised to sign the Institute cheques for the ensuing financial year.

- Chairman of the Institute Committee (Councillor R Tyson)
 - Vice-Chairman of the Institute Committee (Councillor Mrs D Burgess)
 - Committee member (Councillor Mrs J Burgess)

11/75 Civic Sunday Parade and Service

Councillor R Tyson informed the Town Council that his Civic Sunday was to be held on 12th June 2011. The procession will leave Fairview Car Park at 2.15pm, followed by a service at St Mary's Church, Crewe Road at 3pm.

11/76 Chairman's Charities

The Chairman announced that his chosen charities for the forthcoming civic year were Alsager Scouts and Guides and the 5 Alsager Primary Schools.

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Local Service Delivery

Resolved: That, the following meetings be noted relating to the Transfer of Services

Town Council Briefing	Town Council Offices	31 st May 2011	10am
Special Town Council Meeting	Alsager Institute	7 th June 2011	7.15pm

11/78

Members Handbook

Resolved: That, the Members Handbook be received.

Councillor R Tyson
Chairman