



BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MAYORALTY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 15th OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs: J. Brooks, P. Dillon and Mrs. J. Warr

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. S. Norman (Deputy Clerk)
Mrs. J. Davis (Civic & Office Manager)

The Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr. P. Dillon as Chairman for this meeting, who went on to welcome everyone and thanked them for attending. There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and/or Ordinary Interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda

Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) The item they have the interest in
- b) whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary or Ordinary interest
- c) the nature of the interest
- d) if it is an Ordinary interest whether they intend to leave the room for the discussion and vote
- e) if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary interest, and therefore must leave the room for the discussion and vote, whether they will be exercising their right to speak on this matter under Public Question Time

They then need to re-declare their interest and the nature of the interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent. They should request that it be recorded in the Minutes that they will leave the meeting and will neither take part in discussion, nor vote on the item.

In accordance with good practice, individual forms were available to those Councillors present in order that they could personally record their interests - both Disclosable Pecuniary and Ordinary. These forms should be returned to the Committee Clerk at the end of the meeting to enable all declarations of interest to be accurately recorded in the Minutes. Members were reminded

that it is their responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of all Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Ordinary Interests notifiable under the Council's Code of Conduct, not already recorded on their Register of Interests Form, within 28 days.

The Chairman reminded Members to declare their interests as any arise or again at the relative point in the meeting if they have already.

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th MARCH 2018

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th March 2018 as an accurate record of the proceedings and the presiding Chairman signed them.

4. TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR 2019/20 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2019 WHILST NOTING IMPLICATIONS OF ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MAY 2019

Before moving to discuss potential nominees for the position of Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Clerk reported to Members this was the first time that the Committee were being asked to make recommendations for a new Administration, as the formation of the Mayoralty Selection Committee, with its remit of agreeing the nominee for the position of Deputy Mayor, was only introduced after the last election. Therefore, whilst Members were free to make any such recommendations, the appointments would be dependent on the election results in May 2019. Members were therefore informed that they may, if they wish, decide to defer any decision, leaving the appointment until the Annual Town Council Meeting in May 2019, when the results of the election will be known.

Members noted that Cllr. J. Cosgrove had written to the Town Clerk via email on 8th October 2018 requesting that the Mayoralty Selection Committee consider him for the position of Deputy Mayor in 2019/20.

It was noted that the Independent Group nominated Cllr. S. Goodheart for Deputy Mayor in 2019/20.

Members discussed at length all nominations and noted the implications of Elections to be held in May 2019 and **AGREED** that they did wish to make a recommendation for appointment but with the knowledge that should the individual not be elected, then the matter would need to be revisited at the Annual Town Council Meeting in 2019.

Members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that, in accordance with S.O. 2.6 (which states that it is a convention of the Council that the Deputy Mayor in any year shall, unless he/she resigns, becomes disqualified or is not re-

elected as a Councillor, be put forward by the Mayoralty Selection Committee as Mayor for the following year) Cllr. S. Goodheart should then be put forward by this Committee as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 term.

Furthermore, Members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Deputy Mayor elect attends SSALC Chairmanship Training within their year of office.

The Meeting closed at 10.45am