

# Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF DROITWICH SPA TOWN COUNCIL  
held in the Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich Spa  
on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor WT Moy – Mayor  
Councillor R G Beale  
Councillor Mrs C Bowden  
Councillor E J Bowden  
Councillor G R Brookes  
Councillor Mrs CM Chaudry  
Councillor D M Craigie  
Councillor G Duffy  
Councillor Mrs K Fellows  
Councillor J Grady  
Councillor R P Hopkins  
Councillor A Humphries  
Councillor A H Laird  
Councillor DJ Morris  
Councillor R J Morris  
Councillor C M Murray  
Councillor A M Sinton

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received.

## ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Bowden and seconded by Councillor RJ Morris that Councillor GA Duffy be appointed to the office of Town Mayor.

There being no other nominations, it was resolved as follows. There were thirteen in favour and three abstentions.

RESOLVED That Councillor GA Duffy be duly elected Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillors WT Moy and GA Duffy retired from the meeting and exchanged robes. Upon return, Councillor GA Duffy made the statutory acceptance of office before the Town Clerk.

Councillor GA Duffy, Mayor - In the Chair.

The Mayor introduced his Consort, Miss Andreea Campion and presented her with the badge of office.

## 1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor RP Hopkins and seconded by Councillor CM Murray that Councillor A Humphries be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Chaudry and seconded by Councillor J Grady that Councillor Mrs K Fellows be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor.

There being two nominations these were voted on in the order received. For Councillor Humphries there were two in favour and for Councillor Mrs Fellows there were thirteen in favour.

RESOLVED That Councillor Mrs K Fellows be duly elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Mrs K Fellows signed the acceptance of office before the Town Clerk and then the Mayor presented her with the Deputy Mayor's badge of office. Councillor Mrs Fellows introduced her consort – Mr Derek Fellows and the Mayor presented the Deputy Mayor's Consort badge.

2 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR

Councillor Mrs J Chaudry proposed the vote of thanks and congratulated Councillor WT Moy the outgoing Mayor, on his year in office and the extended period of three years due to the pandemic. This was seconded by Councillor J Grady.

RESOLVED That a Vote of Thanks to Councillor WT Moy for his year as Mayor 2021/2022 be given and for the previous two years period of 2020/21 & 2019/2020 due to the pandemic.

Whereupon the Mayor presented Councillor WT Moy with the Past Mayor's Jewel.

3 REPLY BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Councillor WT Moy responded by advising that it had been a great honour to wear the chain of office and to represent the Town throughout the three years. He wished the new Mayor a very enjoyable term of office. Councillor Moy personally thanked the Town Council Officers and made special recognition for Mrs Jane Greenfield with the presentation of a bouquet of flowers.

REPLY, OUTGOING MAYOR.

“THANK YOU MR MAYOR.

WELL, HERE I STAND AFTER 3 YEARS AS MAYOR OF DROITWICH SPA GOING FROM EMINENCE TO OBSCURITY AND REDUCED TO THE RANKS OF A MERE TOWN COUNCILLOR ONCE AGAIN, BUT AS I SAID BEFORE, IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE AND HONOUR TO SERVE MY TOWN IN THIS WAY.

ANY MAYOR OF THIS GREAT TOWN OF OURS CANNOT CARRY OUT HIS, OR HER DUTIES WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM MANY QUARTERS AND THIS BEGINS WITH THE GOOD PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN, AND FOR THIS, I GIVE MY HEARTFELT THANKS.

MY THANKS ALSO GO TO MY LONG SUFFERING WIFE AND CONSORT, DILYS, WHO HAS STOOD BY ME THROUGH THICK AND THIN WITH CONGRATULATION AND CRITICISM IN EQUAL MEASURE.

I THANK THE REVEREND NIGEL BYARD AS COUNCIL CHAPLAIN FOR HIS SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, AND OF COURSE MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS WHO WORK TIRELESLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THIS TOWN AND IT'S RESIDENTS.

I CANNOT WIND UP WITHOUT MENTION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF IN THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE AND MUSEUM AT ST RICHARDS HOUSE WHO, AGAIN WORK SO HARD TO SPREAD THE WORD TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE ON THE RICH HISTORY AND FACILITIES WITHIN OUR TOWN.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR OFFICERS FOR ALL THEIR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. MARK, OUR TOWN CLERK, ASSISTANTS, SHARON AND JANE AND, ALTHOUGH NOT AN OFFICER, ROB OUR LENGTHSMAN FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO HELP OUT WHEN AND WHERE REQUIRED

AT THIS POINT, I SHOULD NOT SINGLE OUT ANY ONE PERSON FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT BUT I WILL. THAT PERSON IS WHAT I LIKED TO CALL MY P.A. JANE GREENFIELD.

JANE HAS HELPED ME WITH EVERY ASPECT OF MY DUTIES, ARRANGED MY ENGAGEMENTS, MY CHARITABLE EVENTS, LOOKED AFTER FINANCIAL MATTERS AND YES, UNDRESSED AND ROBED ME FOR EVERY CIVIC OCCASION. "WOULD YOU COME DOWN JANE PLEASE" (PRESENTATION)

FINALLY, MR MAYOR, MAY I WISH YOU AND YOUR CONSORT THE VERY BEST FOR YOUR TERM IN OFFICE AND HOPE YOU ENJOY AS I HAVE.

Councillor GA Duffy - Mayor welcomed everyone and made the following Address: As Mayor, Councillor Bill Moy has chaired our council and represented our town for longer than I imagine he'd planned, giving optimistic and consistent leadership throughout COVID restrictions and many changed plans over the last three years.

To raise money for the Friends of the Lido and the Stroke Club, Bill and his consort Dylis have held some superbly lively events that have built raised the reputation of Droitwich Spa and salt with our neighbouring towns and councils seizing the opportunity to bring back the brine baths.

It is with huge honour that I thank Councillor Moy and Dylis for their three years serving Droitwich Spa as our Mayor and Consort and look forward to his continued passion for our town in his work on the council.

#### 4. POLITICAL PARTY LEADERSHIP

RESOLVED That it be noted that the Leadership of each political party on the Town Council is as follows:-  
Councillor A Sinton Conservative  
Councillor A Humphries, Labour  
Councillor RP Hopkins, Liberal Democrat

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

On a proposition by Councillor AM Sinton, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Bowden, it was

RESOLVED (1) That the three Standing Committees be constituted as follows, each having nine members, Mayor as ex-officio on each: The Grants Sub Committee comprises six members.

Planning Committee  
Community and Amenities Committee  
Resources Committee.

(2) That the membership of the Council's Standing Committees for the ensuing municipal year be in accordance with the list attached as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes, including the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship thereof.

(3) That the Grants Appraisal Panel be re-appointed in accordance with the list attached as Appendix A to these Minutes, including the Chairmanship thereof.

#### 6. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES

The list of representatives on other bodies was considered.

It was proposed by Councillor EJ Bowden and seconded by Councillor DM Craigie, that the amended list of nominations be approved. The Town Clerk updated that two amendments had been made to the previous period's list for the Representatives on Outside Bodies, these being the changes made to read "Droitwich Arts Network (DAN)" & "Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan (including responsibility for communication & liaison)".

RESOLVED That the list of Representatives on Outside Bodies attached at Appendix B be approved including the aforementioned adjustments.

7. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2022/2023

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Fellows and seconded by Councillor J Grady

RESOLVED                      That the Programme of Council and Committee Meetings for  
2022/2023 attached as Appendix C be approved.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were none.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and advised that he was looking forward to celebrating the start of his Mayoral year with those joining him in the John Corbett Room afterwards for drinks.

Chairman of Council \_\_\_\_\_  
20 June 2022

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Planning Committee

*(9 Members, including The Mayor, Ex-officio)*

Councillors:

GR Brookes- Chairman  
Mrs J Chaudry – Vice Chairman  
G Beale  
Mrs C Bowden  
Mrs K Fellows  
J Grady  
RP Hopkins  
A Humphries  
GA Duffy - Mayor (Ex -officio)

Community & Amenities Committee

*(9 Members, including The Mayor, Ex-officio)*

Councillors:

Mrs C Bowden- Chairman  
RJ Morris– Vice-Chairman  
EJ Bowden  
DM Craigie  
Mrs K Fellows  
NR Griffiths  
AH Laird  
CM Murray  
GA Duffy – Mayor (Ex-officio)

Resources Committee

*(9 Members, including The Mayor, Ex-officio)*

Councillors:

WT Moy - Chairman  
Mrs K Fellows – Vice-Chairman  
RG Beale  
EJ Bowden  
G R Brookes  
Mrs JM Chaudry  
RP Hopkins  
A Humphries  
GA Duffy- Mayor (Ex-officio)

Grants Appraisal Panel (Community & Amenities Committee)

*(6 Members,)*

RJ Morris – Chairman  
Mrs C Bowden  
EJ Bowden  
AH Laird  
GA Duffy - Mayor  
CM Murray

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<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Representatives 2022/2023</u></b>
Droitwich Arts Network (DAN)	Cllr GA Duffy
Fair Trade Organisation (Droitwich Branch)	Cllr NR Griffiths
Droitwich Spa Area Young People’s Action Group	Cllr RJ Morris & Cllr DM Craigie
Youth Council	Cllr RJ Morris
Droitwich Spa Twinning Association (Bad Emms & Voiron)	Mayor ( Ex Officio as President)
Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan (including responsibility for communication & liaison)	Cllr GR Brookes
High School Community Cabin Management Committee	Cllr DM Craigie & Cllr RP Hopkins
Friends of Droitwich Spa Railway Station	Cllr RJ Morris

**DROITWICH SPA TOWN COUNCIL - CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022 – 2023**

Town Council & Standing Committees meet on Mondays at 6pm in the Council Chamber  
(except the Annual Meeting which is held in the Community Hall\*)

The Town Meeting takes place at 7pm in the Community Hall\*\*

Sub-Committees and Panels etc meet at times to suit.

Please note:

1. The Annual Accounts must be approved by Council by 30 June in each year.
2. Precept requests, and therefore the Financial Estimates for the following year, are now to be finalised by the end of January each year.

3. <u>MAY 2022</u>		JUNE 2022	
02	Bank Holiday	02	Bank Holiday
09	Town Meeting**	03	Bank Holiday
09	Annual Council*	06	<i>Grants Appraisal Panel</i>
		13	Planning Committee
		13	Community & Amenities Committee <i>(Sub-Cttee appointments etc)</i>
		13	Resources Committee
		20	Council <i>(Annual Accounts)</i>
JULY 2022		AUGUST 2022	
04	Planning Committee	29	Bank Holiday
04	Community & Amenities Committee		
25	Planning Committee		
25	Resources Committee		
SEPTEMBER 2022		OCTOBER 2022	
05	<i>Grants Appraisal Panel</i>	10	Planning Committee
12	Planning Committee	10	Resources Committee
12	Community & Amenities Committee	24	<i>Grants Appraisal Panel [if required]</i>
26	Council		
NOVEMBER 2022		DECEMBER 2022	
07	Planning Committee	05	Planning Committee
07	Community & Amenities Committee	05	Resources Committee
		12	Council
JANUARY 2023		FEBRUARY 2023	
16	Planning Committee	06	Planning Committee
16	Community & Amenities Committee <i>(Budget Estimates and Precept)</i>	06	Resources Committee
16	Resources Committee <i>(Budget Estimates and Precept)</i>	27	Planning Committee
23	Council (Budget Estimates and Precept)	27	Community & Amenities Committee
		27	Resources Committee
MARCH 2023		APRIL 2023	
13	Town Meeting**	03	Planning Committee
		03	Resources Committee
		07	Bank Holiday



		10	Bank Holiday
		24	Council
<b>MAY 2023</b>		<b>JUNE 2023</b>	
01	Bank Holiday	05	<i>Grant Appraisal Panel</i>
08	Annual Council	12	Planning Committee
29	Bank Holiday	12	Community & Amenities Committee <i>(Sub-Cttee appointments etc)</i>
		12	Resources Committee
		19	Council <i>(Annual Accounts)</i>