

**Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Ceremony held at the
Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 1 May 2017**

PRESENT Councillors Sam Barnes, Mike Boyd (**Deputy Mayor**), John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (**Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Justin Erswell, Bernardine Fiddimore, Rebekah Gilbert, Charlie Harkness, Pat Hughes, Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Kevin Barry - Town Sergeant; David Paine – Second Mace Bearer; Judy Pettitt - Assistant Town Clerk; Martin Wight – Town Hall Attendant; Jo Notley – Town Hall Keeper; The Reverend Canon David Frost – Chaplain to the Mayor; Rex Swain - Town Crier; Paul Goring – Deputy Town Crier; approximately 60 members of the public - including Distinguished and Invited Guests

Prior to the meeting commencing Prayers were said by the Mayor’s Chaplain.

The meeting commenced at 11am.

1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2017-18

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor for 2017-18.

Cllr Andi Rivett proposed, and Cllr Michael Boyd seconded, Cllr Jonathan Breeds. There being no other nominations Cllr Jonathan Breeds declared himself elected.

2 OATH AND DECLARATION

Cllr Jonathan Breeds swore the Traditional Mayoral Oath and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 1951 PENNIES

The Mayor passed the 1951 Pennies to the Clerk for safekeeping, who proceeded to explain their historical significance.

4 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reason as lodged with The Clerk - were accepted from Cllr Ray Prewer.

5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2017-18

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the year 2017-18.

Cllr John Breeds proposed, and Cllr Cheryl Craser seconded, Cllr Michael Boyd.

There being no other nominations Cllr Michael Boyd was declared elected.

6 OATH AND DECLARATION

Cllr Michael Boyd swore the Traditional Oath and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7 TOWN CLERK'S OATH

Mr Richard Farhall swore the traditional Town Clerk's Oath.

8 APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S SERGEANT AND MACE BEARER

The Mayor re-appointed Mr Kevin Barry to the Office of Mayor's Sergeant and Mace Bearer.

9 APPOINTMENT OF SECOND MACE BEARER

The Mayor re-appointed Mr David Paine as Second Mace Bearer.

10 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor re-appointed the Reverend Canon David Frost as Chaplain to the Mayor.

11 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADETS

The Mayor appointed George Sheppard [*not present*] and Elliott Spall and presented them with a Mayor's Cadet Badge.

12 MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and stated that he had enjoyed the last year. More recently he had visited Knowle House and attended Winchelsea Mayor Making.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.12am.

Date Chairman

Members of the public and the Distinguished and Invited Guests joined the Mayor and Council in a short service in the Parish Church. After the Blessing of the John Izod Memorial Community Bus, the Guests returned to the Town Hall for a glass of wine and to throw hot pennies to a group of young people below, accompanied by the Town Crier.

Following Toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and the Antient Town of Rye, the Town Crier/Deputy Town Crier and Rye Bonfire Boyes lead a Procession to the community Mayor Making Celebration at the Tilling Green Community Centre.

The Distinguished Guests attending the meeting were: Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mrs Amanda Hamblin; The High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mrs Maureen Chown; The Chairman of Rother District Council, Cllr Paul Osborne; The Chairman of East Sussex County Council, Cllr Michael Ensor; The Right Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Hastings, Cllr Nigel Sinden; The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Cllr Mrs Patricia Rolfe; The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hythe; Cllr Michael Lyons, The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchelsea, Jurat Mrs Cynthia Feast; The Worshipful Mayor of Deal, Cllr David Cronk; The Worshipful Mayor of Ramsgate, Cllr Trevor Shonk; The Worshipful Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Martin Salmon; The Worshipful Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Mrs Shiel Campbell.