

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Ballroom of the **THORNGATE HALLS, BURY ROAD, GOSPORT** on **WEDNESDAY**, the **SIXTEENTH** day of **MAY 2012** at **11.00AM**.

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Carter, CR) (P) (in the Chair);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard, Beavis (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Dickson (P), Ms Diffey, Edgar (P), Farr (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed, Geddes, Gill (P), Hazel (P), Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands, Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle, Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman Mrs Simpson and Honorary Aldermen Mrs Bailey, Flory, Foster, Hayward, Hewitt, Lucas, Miles, O'Neill, Mrs Snaith-Tempia and Train.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ms Ballard, and Mrs Cully.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS

Councillors Mrs Wright, Hazel, Farr, Mrs Morgan and Gill were introduced in Ward order by the Chief Executive and welcomed by the Mayor.

The Councillors replied briefly.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BURGESS
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RONAYNE

That Councillor Richard James Dickson be elected Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Retiring Mayor thereupon vacated the Chair, which was taken by the newly elected Mayor, who made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

REPLY BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

The new Mayor replied to the Council's resolution and returned thanks for his election.

THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR EDGAR
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HOOK

That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor C R Carter and Mrs J Carter for their services as Mayor and Mayoress respectively during the past Municipal Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GOSPORT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH AWARDS

The Mayor awarded a Citizen of the Year Certificate and medallion to Maureen Swire for her eminent services to the Borough. The Mayor also awarded a Youth Award Certificate and voucher to Sophie Merrick.

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL

PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HOOK

That the Council do now adjourn until 6.00pm on Wednesday, 16 May 2012 at the Town Hall, Gosport.

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 12.40pm