



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2HG  
01428 654305 / [town.clerk@haslemeretc.org](mailto:town.clerk@haslemeretc.org)

Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,  
Haslemere, GU27 2HG

<b>Mayor</b>	*Cllr Davidson
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	*Cllr Matthes
<b>Councillors</b>	*Arrick, *Aslam, *Banfield, *Bayliss, *Bridge, *Carroll, *Carter, *Keen, *Leach, *Miller, *Nicholson, *Robini, *Waters, *Weatherburn, *Weldon

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork.

## **37/23 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2023-24**

Cllr Robini nominated Cllr Davidson.

Cllr Carter seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jerome Davidson is duly elected Town Mayor for 2023-24

## **38/23 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Davidson made the declaration of acceptance of office.

## **39/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2022-23**

Cllr Weldon nominated Cllr Matthes.

Cllr Banfield seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Claire Matthes is duly elected Deputy Town Mayor 2023-24

## **40/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

## **41/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **42/23 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

**RESOLVED:** That Haslemere Town Council wishes to adopt the General Power of Competence and confirms that it meets the two eligibility criteria for adoption of the Power of General Competence as set out in a statutory instrument known as the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) order 12, namely that at least 2-3 Members of Council have been elected to office (not co-opted) and that the Council employs a 'qualified Clerk'.

**43/23 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 are approved.

**44/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 12 and 1 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and variances in the Council's accounts are approved.

**45/23 INTERNAL AUDIT**

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the end of year Internal Audit report for 2022-23 and annual Internal Audit report for the same period are noted. There are no recommendations by the Internal Auditor which require action.

**46/23 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the annual governance statement for year ended 31st March 2023 is approved.

**47/23 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** That the annual accounting statements for year ended 31st March 2023 are approved.

**48/23 BANK SIGNATORIES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council's accounts are updated to reflect the following changes: remove Simon Dear, Melanie Odell, David Dullaway, David Round and replace with Cllrs. Matthes, Robini, Davidson, Weldon and Carroll. Cllr Carter as reserve.

**49/23 HASLEMERE PUBLIC SERVICES LIMITED**

**RESOLVED:** That Simon Dear and Melanie Odell are removed as directors of Haslemere Public Services Ltd and replaced with Cllrs. Carter and Keen.

**50/23 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the schedule of membership of committees and external bodies as previously circulated is approved.

**51/23 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. Committees with delegated decision making:
  - Planning & Highways 30th March and 27th April 2023
  - Staffing 19th April

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meetings, where committees hold delegated decision-making powers, are noted.

2. Committees with no delegated decision making:
  - Amenities 13th April
  - Infrastructure and CiL 13th March 2023
  - Finance and Governance 17th April 2023

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meetings where committees do not hold delegating decision-making powers and any recommendations therein be adopted.

**52/23 STRATEGY WORKING PARTY**

**RESOLVED:** That a working party be established made up of the following Councillors: Cllrs. Robini, Matthes, Weldon, Carroll, Aslam, Weatherburn, Banfield, with the intention of bringing a draft Strategy back to Full July Council.

Meeting finished at 7.40 pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2023