

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR BOURNEMOUTH

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 May 2024 at 11.15 am

Present:-

Cllr A Filer – Mayor

Cllr G Farquhar – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr S Armstrong, Cllr S Bull, Cllr R Burton, Cllr S Carr-Brown, Cllr B Castle, Cllr E Connolly, Cllr D d'Orton-Gibson, Cllr R Herrett, Cllr G Martin, Cllr J Martin, Cllr A-M Moriarty, Cllr B Nanovo, Cllr J Richardson, Cllr K Salmon, Cllr T Trent and Cllr L Williams

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adams, Allen, Andrews, Bartlett, Beesley, Chapmanlaw, D Brown, O Brown, Challinor, Dove, Dower, Edwards, Farr, Hanna, Keddie, Northover, Rampton, Wilson and Wright.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Charter Mayor's Communications

The Charter Mayor updated those in attendance on her activity as Mayor over the last municipal year.

The Mayor remarked on the changing demographics of the conurbation, and highlighted the various community, religious and volunteer groups that could now be found within the area.

The Mayor gave thanks to all she had met throughout her Mayoral year, her Consort, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort, the Sheriff, the Honorary Clerk and the Civic team for their help and support over the preceding year.

The Mayor ended by wishing the new Mayor good luck for the year ahead.

4. Election of Charter Mayor

Councillor Richard Burton proposed Councillor George Farquhar as Charter Mayor of Bournemouth for the municipal year 2024/25.

Councillor Eleanor Connolly seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor George Farquhar be appointed as Charter Mayor for 2024/25.

Major David Alton was confirmed as Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing municipal year.

5. Election of Deputy Charter Mayor

Councillor Lawrence Williams proposed Councillor Anne Filer as Deputy Charter Mayor of Bournemouth for the municipal year 2024/25.

Councillor Sarah Armstrong seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Anne Filer be appointed as Deputy Charter Mayor for 2024/25.

Alderman Michael Filer was confirmed as Deputy Mayor's Consort for the ensuing municipal year.

6. Appointment of one representative and substitute to the Association for Charter Trustee Towns (ACTT)

Councillor Patrick Canavan proposed Councillor Lawrence Williams for the Representative of the ACTT role.

Councillor d'Orton Gibson seconded the proposal.

It was suggested that a substitute be confirmed at a later date.

The proposal was put to a vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lawrence Williams be appointed as representative to the Association for Charter Trustees Towns.

7. Appointment of Two Budget Signatories

Councillor Anne Filer proposed Councillors John Beesley and Lawrence Williams for the role of budget signatories.

Councillor George Farquhar seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillors John Beesley and Lawrence Williams be appointed as budget signatories.

8. Appointment of a Charter Trustee to undertake Bank Statement Verifications

Councillor Lawrence Williams proposed Councillor Duane Farr be appointed to undertake bank statement verifications.

Councillor d'Orton-Gibson seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Duane Farr be appointed to undertake bank statement verifications.

9. Calendar of Meetings for 2024-25

The dates and times of Charter Trustee meetings for 2024/25 were proposed for agreement as set out in the accompanying meeting papers, though it was highlighted that due to the recently called General Election the next meeting of the Charter Trustees required rescheduling from the originally proposed date of 24 June 2025 to 17 July 2025.

Trustees proposed changing the annual mayor-making meeting for 2025 to 22 May or earlier, to avoid the scheduled bank holiday weekend. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting of the Charter Trustees.

The proposed meeting dates and times were unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that the meeting dates and times for 2024/25 be approved as follows:

6pm, Wednesday, 17 July 2024
6pm, 23 October 2024
6pm, 30 January 2025
Mayor-making 2025 - TBC

The meeting ended at 12.28 pm

MAYOR