

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR POOLE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 May 2025 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr P Miles – Mayor

Cllr Jo Clements – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr M Howell (Sheriff), Cllr S Aitkenhead, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr D Brown, Cllr R Burton, Cllr J J Butt, Cllr D d'Orton-Gibson, Cllr M Gillett, Cllr C Goodall, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr E Harman, Cllr B Hitchcock, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr S Mackrow, Cllr R Pattinson-West, Cllr C Matthews, Cllr S Moore, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr P Slade, Cllr V Slade, Cllr T Trent, Cllr O Walters, Cllr C Weight and Cllr G Wright

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Julie Bagwell, John Challinor, Adrian Chapmanlaw, Peter Cooper, Millie Earl and Peter Sidaway.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Mayor's Communications

The Mayor reflected on his Mayoral year and in doing so thanked the Charter Trustees, his companion Katie and daughter Iris, the Sheriff and Deputy Mayor and the Civic team for their support.

The Mayor highlighted his efforts throughout his Mayoral term to raise the profile of the Mayoralty, and activities of note included the D-Day 80th Anniversary commemorative events (with thanks to the Poole Harbourmaster), the Beating of the Sea Bounds, various events at the Lighthouse, regalia talks, a trip to Cherbourg for VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations, and regular visits to older residents, nursing homes and schools.

The Mayor highlighted the importance of continuing and increasing support to veterans, community and volunteer groups, as well as focussing on children, confirming his admiration for those who supported and cared for children with significant and complex needs, as well as teachers, volunteers, and the children themselves.

The Mayor concluded by wishing his successor success in the year ahead.

4. Election of Mayor

Councillor Pete Miles proposed Councillor Mark Howell for Mayor of Poole for the municipal year 2025/26. This was seconded by Councillor Tony Trent, put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mark Howell be elected Mayor of Poole for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

5. Election of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Brian Hitchcock proposed Councillor Pete Miles for Deputy Mayor of Poole for the municipal year 2025/26. This was seconded by Councillor Felicity Rice, put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pete Miles be elected Deputy Mayor of Poole for 2025/26.

The Deputy Mayor confirmed Katie Cousins as Deputy Mayoress for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

6. Election of the Sheriff of Poole

Councillor Phillip Broadhead proposed Councillor Karen Rampton for Sheriff of Poole for the municipal year 2025/26. This was seconded by Councillor Judes Butt, put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Karen Rampton be elected Sheriff of Poole for 2025/26.

Councillor Rampton confirmed John Rampton as her Sheriff's Consort for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

7. Appointment of two Budget Signatories

Nominations were sought for the appointment of two budget signatories for the municipal year 2025/26. Councillor Tony Trent proposed Councillor Peter Cooper and Councillor David Brown. The nominations were seconded by Councillor Andy Hadley, put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor David Brown and Councillor Peter Cooper be appointed as budget signatories for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

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

Nominations were sought for the appointment of a Charter Trustee to undertake Bank Statement Verifications for the municipal year 2025/26. Councillor Mark Howell proposed Councillor John Challinor for the role. This was seconded by Councillor Tony Trent, put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Challinor be appointed as the Charter Trustee to undertake bank statement verifications for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

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

Nominations were sought for the appointment of one representative and one substitute to the Association for Charter Trustee Towns (ACTT) for the municipal year 2025/26. Councillor Howell proposed Councillor Tony Trent for the role, seconded by Councillor Karen Rampton. Councillor Tony Trent proposed Councillor Karen Rampton for the substitute role, seconded by Councillor Mark Howell. The nominations were then put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony Trent and Councillor Karen Rampton be appointed as representative and substitute to the Association for Charter Trustee Towns (ACTT) for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

10. Appointments to the Civic Working Group

Nominations were sought for volunteer appointments to the Civic Working Group for the municipal year 2025/26.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Sue Aitkenhead, Marcus Andrews, Marion LePoidevin and Tony Trent be appointed as members of the Poole Civic Working Group for 2025/26.

Voting: Unanimous.

11. Calendar of Meetings 2025-26

Consideration was given to the proposed dates and times for Charter Trustee meetings in the municipal year 2025/26, and it was:

RESOLVED: That the proposed meeting dates for 2025/26 be approved as follows:

(all meetings to begin at 6pm unless otherwise stated)

Wednesday 25 June 2025
Tuesday 21 October 2025
Wednesday 21 January 2026
Wednesday 20 May 2026 (11am)

Voting: Unanimous.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm

MAYOR