



**POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL  
MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7pm at Pocklington Arts Centre**

The annual meeting of the council was held at 7pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at The Pocklington Arts Centre, Market Place, Pocklington.

Present: Councillors Cooper, Hutchinson, Jones, Marron, Perry, Ratcliffe, Shepherd, Sinton, Sykes, West and Winterton. Clerk, Assistant Clerk and 100 invited guests.

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Martin Ratcliffe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Receive nominations for and appoint Town Mayor**

Cllr David Sykes was nominated by Cllr Peter Winterton to be the Mayor of Pocklington. Secunder for the proposal was Cllr Tony Marron which was agreed.

The new Mayor then received his chain of office and read out and signed the 'Declaration of Office'. The consort was then handed the chain of office to the new Mayoress Linda Sykes.

The New Mayor then presented the retiring Mayor with his 'Past Mayor's badge'.

**2. Acceptance speech by the new Mayor of Pocklington**

Cllr David Sykes gave an acceptance speech. He nominated Pocklington Lions Club as the benefactors of his Mayor's charity.

**3. Receive any apologies for absence**

Cllr Spademan and Cllr Sharpe

**4. Receive any declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item.**

Councillors were asked to identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. Cllr Sykes declared an interest in Item 10, Mayor's expenses allocation.

**5. Receive nominations for Deputy Mayor**

Cllr Jeff Shepherd proposed Cllr Tony Marron to be Deputy Mayor. Cllr Martin Cooper seconded that proposal which was then agreed. The new Deputy Mayor then received the chain of office and read out and signed the 'Declaration of Office'.

**6. Appoint Chaplain to the Council for the forthcoming year**

Cllr Terry Jones proposed Father Michael Sellers from the Christian Fellowship Church, for this appointment. Cllr David Sykes seconded the proposal which was then agreed.

Father Michael Sellers, our new chaplain then led the council in prayer.

**7. Thanks to retiring Mayor**

Was given by Cllr Paul West.

**8. Reply by retiring Mayor**

Cllr Martin Ratcliffe then gave a resume of his year in office which he had enjoyed immensely. He then presented town plaques to Andrew Sefton for his work with the History Group, June Walshaw for her work with the Cub Scouts and Richard Wood for his work as Town Clerk. Cllr Martin Ratcliffe then presented Richard Wood with the award for outstanding long term achievement in the community, noting his dedication over and above his role as Town Clerk. Following his year of fundraising, Cllr Ratcliffe presented cheques of £1,000.00 to each to Pocklington Guides, Pocklington Scouts and the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society.

**9. Consider the donations to be given to charities and groups in this financial year.**

Cllr Jeff Shepherd proposed that £2,000 be allocated to charities and groups as agreed at the full council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Seconder for the proposal was Cllr Martin Ratcliffe. This was then agreed.

**10. Consider the Mayor's expenses allocation**

Deputy Mayor Tony Marron took the chair for this item. Cllr Terry Jones proposed that £2,000 be allocated for the Mayor's expenses as agreed at the full council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (No increase on last year). Cllr Gerry Hutchinson seconded that proposal

**11. Consider the appointment of an internal auditor for the council**

Cllr Peter Winterton proposed that Richard Dixon be re-appointed for the forthcoming year. Cllr Martin Cooper seconded the proposal which was then agreed.

**12. Close of meeting**

Our new Mayor, Cllr David Sykes then introduced the evening's entertainment, with performances by the two acts that won Pocklington's Got Talent. The first was female vocalists Harmonics, who were followed by singer/songwriter Martin Heaton.

Refreshments were then served in the refurbished bar.  
The meeting closed at 7.50pm.