



Minutes of the Annual Council held at  
the Gatehouse Theatre, Eastgate Street,  
Stafford on Saturday 18 May 2019

Councillor Ray Barron (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

J A Barron	P W Jones
F Beatty	R Kenney
A R G Brown	P A Leason
R P Cooke	A M Loughran
B M Cross	A Nixon
M G Dodson	J A Nixon
P M M Farrington	L Nixon
I Fordham	G P K Pardesi
A T A Godfrey	A N Pearce
M Green	J M Pert
A S Harp	M Phillips
A D Hobbs	J K Price
D Holbrook-Summers	P Roycroft
M V Holmes	R M Smith
J Hood	R M Sutherland
R A James	C V Trowbridge
E G R Jones	M J Winnington

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg - Chief Executive  
Mr I Curran - Interim Head of Law and Administration  
Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

**C1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C A Baron, A P Edgeller, W J Kemp and B Mckeown.

**C2 Election of Mayor**

RESOLVED:- that under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor E G R Jones be hereby elected Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until his successor becomes entitled to act in that Office.

(Councillor E G R Jones was then invited to enter the Theatre and took the Chair. He was informed of and was congratulated upon his election as Mayor of the Borough and, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen,

expressed his appreciation to the Council for the confidence it was now placing on him).

*Councillor E G R Jones, Mayor (in the Chair)*

**C3 Mayor's Chaplin**

The Mayor appointed Cannon Stuart Jones as his Chaplain.

**C4 Retiring Mayor**

RESOLVED:- that the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor R J Barron be recorded.

**C5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

RESOLVED:- that Councillor P W Jones be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the period up to the next Annual Council meeting.

**C6 Election of Leader of the Council**

RESOLVED:- that Councillor P M M Farrington be appointed Leader of the Council.

**C7 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 April 2019 as published in the Special Digest No 255 of 10 May 2019, were submitted and signed.

MAYOR