



Dorchester Town Council

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You are summoned to the Annual Meeting of Dorchester Town Council at the Corn Exchange, Municipal Buildings, High East Street, Dorchester on **Monday 23 May 2022** at **7.00pm**, to conduct the following business: -

1. Apologies

2. To elect the Town Mayor of Dorchester for forthcoming year

A proposal will be made that Councillor Janet Hewitt be elected.

If there are no other nominations the motion will be put to the meeting.

The newly elected Town Mayor will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, be invested with the Mayor's Robe and Chain, and will then take the chair.

3. To elect the Deputy Mayor of Dorchester for the forthcoming year

A proposal will be made that Councillor Gareth Jones be elected.

4. To propose a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their services during the past year

A proposal will be made that the best thanks be accorded to the retiring Mayor Gareth Jones and retiring Mayoress Anne Jones.

Councillor Gareth Jones will speak.

5. To adjourn the Meeting until 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Stuart', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Town Clerk
18 May 2022

Additional Information for guests

1. At 7.00pm a Mace Bearer, will invite guests to stand for the arrival of the Mayor.
2. The Mayoral party will enter, led by Mace Bearers (Alison Payton and Peter Allison) followed by the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, the Town Clerk and the incoming Mayor and Mayor's Consorts.

Long serving Councillors in purple robes of the historic Borough's Aldermen, and all other Councillors in black robes, supported by the Mayor's Scout, Mayor's Guide (Kaitlyn Quinton) and the Town Beadle (Howard Payton) will take seats.
3. After the proposal to elect the new Mayor has been carried, at the same time that Councillor Janet Hewitt is invested with the robe and chain by the retiring mayor, the new Mayor's Consort, Mr David Hewitt, will be invested with a badge and chain by the retiring Mayoress in the presence of Mr Warwick Dabbs who will also act as Mayor's Consort.
4. On making the Declaration of Acceptance of Office the new Mayor will make a speech.
5. Once the proposal of thanks to the retiring Mayor has been carried, the new Mayor will present a Past Mayor badge to Gareth Jones and a Past Mayoress's badge to Anne Jones.
6. The retiring Mayor, Gareth Jones, will then address the meeting.
7. At the adjournment of the meeting a Mace Bearer will invite those present to stand while the Mayor's party leaves the Corn Exchange.
8. Guests are invited to join the Mayor at a Reception after the meeting, with a welcome drink on arrival and a light buffet. It can take some time for the Mayor to receive all guests, and for your comfort we ask that you stay seated in the Corn Exchange until called by our members of staff.
9. When meeting the Mayor at the entrance to the Reception in the Town Hall please bear in mind that there will be many more people waiting patiently in a queue behind you. There will be plenty of opportunity later during the course of the Reception to talk to the Mayor.
10. If you need assistance to access the Town Hall on the first floor please advise a member of staff, who will arrange the use of the lift