



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 22 May 2023 at 7.00pm**, to conduct the following business: -

AGENDA

1. Apologies

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

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

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

A proposal will be made that the best thanks be accorded to the retiring Mayor Janet Hewitt and retiring Mayor's Consorts David Hewitt and Warwick Dabbs.

Councillor Janet Hewitt will speak.

5. To adjourn the Meeting until 7.00pm on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Newman'.

Town Clerk
17 May 2023

Additional Information for guests

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

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 (Peter Wyr), Mayor's Guide (Grace Prowse) 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 Alistair Chisholm is invested with the robe and chain by the retiring Mayor, the new Mayoress, Kate Hebditch, will be invested with a badge and chain by the retiring Mayor's consorts and Town Clerk.
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 Past Mayor's badge to Janet Hewitt and a Past Mayor's consort badges to David Hewitt and Warwick Dabbs.
6. The retiring Mayor, Janet Hewitt, 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



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