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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Assembly held online (Zoom) at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021

Present; Mayor Cllr I Sharkey, Deputy Mayor Cllr G Hill, Cllr S Griffiths, Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr D Paul, Cllr R White, Cllr A Goble, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr W Veck, Cllr L Symonds, Cllr E Simmons, Cllr L Duhigg, Cllr C Collier, Cllr C Cheta, Cllr A Milliner,

Officers; Tony Allen (Town Clerk), Michelle Edser (SPO) Victoria Onis (Admin & Meeting Officer), Karen Bray (Information Officer), Kevin Bray (Parks Officer), Zoe Malone (Finance Officer), Matt Gunn (Communications Officer), Deborah Donovan (Civic & Marketing Officer)

Public; Four members of the public

The Town Clerk welcomed everyone to the Meeting and Introductions were given.

Update from the Previous Mayor of Peacehaven Cllr Claude Cheta

The previous Mayor of Peacehaven, Cllr Claude Cheta spoke of his experience as the Mayor and gave praise to the Town Council, Councillors and Officers for their hard work and ongoing efforts during Covid, continuing to provide a strong service through this unprecedented year. Cllr Cheta also praised the residents of Peacehaven for their resilience and compassion during the last year dominated by the impact of Covid.

Update from the new Mayor of Peacehaven Cllr Isobel Sharkey

Cllr Sharkey gave thanks to Cllr Lyn Mills for her hard work, as she has resigned as a Councillor of Peacehaven. On behalf of the meeting, Cllr Sharkey sent good wishes to Cllr Job Harris who has been unwell.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Resident Mike Gatti gave thanks to the previous Mayor, Cllr Claude Cheta, for his very successful term as the Mayor of Peacehaven, stating that he felt that Cllr Cheta did an exceptional job as Mayor, which was under difficult circumstances due to Covid.

Resident Mrs Webb Chair of Telscombe and Peacehaven Flower Club, requested an update on the Christmas Events this year - Mrs Donovan reported that there has been discussions regarding this year's Christmas events, but due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid it may not be viable this year to hold an event. The ultimate aim is to protect our residents and only organise events once it is completely safe to do so. The restrictions and easing will be constantly monitored, and discussions held at the Civic and Community Events Committee.

Resident Mary Curtis – runs the 'Rocking Robins' Day Group, which is open to vulnerable people in our Community. Rocking Robins has been running since March 2000 but has been unable to go ahead through the Pandemic.

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Cllr Sharkey thanked Mary Curtis for attending the meeting and asked her to keep in touch and let the Council know if it can assist in any way.

TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

Cllr Job Harris – apologies accepted.

TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE ASSEMBLY HELD ON 19th MARCH 2019

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record

Cllr Paul and Cllr White joined the meeting.

The Communications Officer ran a slide show of just some of the Events organised by Peacehaven Town Council and Groups in the Community, over the last year.

- Pumpkin carving competition
- Easter bonnet competition
- Remembrance Sunday 8th November
- Markets re opened briefly.
- Children's Christmas box appeal
- PTC explore new CCTV options in the Town
- Community litter picks
- Wildflower planting at the dell
- First Community supermarket opened in Peacehaven Thursdays 11-1
- Key worker pins given to keyworkers to thank them for working throughout the pandemic

Cllr Gallagher added that the next Neighbourhood Steering Group meeting will be on Thursday 13th May at 7pm, everybody is welcome.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm