

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,
ON TUESDAY 20th AUGUST 2019, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor B J Canham

Councillors:

R F W Brame
J Butler
C Harvey
J Hollis
T J Jermy
M Taylor

M P Brindle
D M Crawford
D J Hodgkinson
J James
M S Robinson

Officers present:

Roz Barnett
Chris Crimmen

Deputy Town Clerk
Committee Secretary

Minutes

- 282/19 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
None.
- 283/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillors C Barreto, C P R Burnett and S N H Wright.
- 284/19 APPOINTMENT OF A CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR
The Chair welcomed four excellent candidates who have put themselves for election for the Town Council. The candidates were asked to give a short presentation to the Council and the Chair asked for permission to close the meeting to allow the candidates to speak and this was granted. The order was:
- Jason Smith
 - Stuart Terry
 - Ricky O'Connor
 - Ross Winter
- The Chair re-opened the meeting thanking the candidates for their contribution. She asked the candidates and members of the public to leave the chamber escorted by the Committee Secretary whilst the Council discussed the merits of the candidates. When the candidates and public returned there followed a vote. The Chair stated that the co-opted candidate must obtain an absolute majority to be elected. As there were 12 councillors the successful candidate must receive at least 7 votes. After the first round of voting two candidates were eliminated. After the second round each candidate received 4 votes therefor no-one was successful and the Council will advertise again for new nominations.
- 285/19 REQUEST TO JOIN COMMITTEES
The Chair stated that Councillor M Taylor wished to serve on the Civic and VEM committees and this was agreed by Council
.RESOLVED: That Councillor M Taylor serves on the Civic and VEM Committees for the rest of the Mayoral year.

Chairman.