

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VIRTUAL CIVIC  
COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 AT 10.00 a.m.

Present

The Mayor Councillor M S Robinson

Councillors:

B J Canham

J Hollis S

J James (Chair)

N H Wright (V Chair)

Non-Voting Councillors:

T J Jermy

Officers in attendance:

David Brooks

Chris Crimmen

Civic Officer  
Committee Secretary

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE MAYORAL YEAR 2020/21

**RESOLVED: That Councillor J James be elected Chairman of the Civic Committee for the Mayoral year 2020/21.**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor S N H Wright be elected Vice Chairman of the Civic Committee for the Mayoral year 2020/21**

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INTERESTS

DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY

None.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C Barreto and D M Crawford.

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**RESOLVED: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 received by Full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020, as a true record and be signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.**

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HONOURED CITIZEN AWARDS

The Civic Officer had circulated a list of nominations for this years Honoured-Citizens Award (see Appendix A) which gave the reason for the award but not the name of the citizen. The Chair stated there were eight nominations and if there was a tie then there would be a second vote.

After the first vote candidate 1 polled 2 votes, candidate 7 polled 2 votes and candidate 8 polled 1 vote.

In the second vote candidate 7 polled 4 votes and candidate polled 1 vote.

**RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council nominate Candidate 7 as the person to receive the Honoured Citizen Award for 2020/21.**

The Chair asked Councillors to nominate their choice of 2 candidates for Junior Citizens awards. There followed a vote and candidate 1 polled 5 votes.

**RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council nominate Candidate 1 as the person to receive the Junior Honoured Citizen award for 2020/21.**

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference had been circulated and the Chair asked for any amendments/additions. She drew Councillors attention to the fact that Twinning has been omitted from this document. There followed a discussion when Councillors commented:

- That exploring global links should be added to the Terms of Reference to consider links to be made with America and Lewis in Sussex with the Thomas Paine connection in mind.
- Exploring links with Portugal.
- With Japan with the flint connection with Grimes Graves.
- It was agreed to add to the responsibilities of the committee “To oversee the Town Council twinning arrangements and enhancing and developing further global links”.
- It was agreed to add that quorate is at least 4 members of the committee being present at committee meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council adopt the amended Civic Terms of Reference (see Appendix A).**

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COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE

The Civic Officer reported there was nothing to add since the issue of the agenda.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It was decided that the Citizen awards will be announced after full council and will be covered in the press and social media.

Chairman

	<b>Honoured Citizen Award</b>
<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Reasons for nominations</b>
<b>Nomination 1</b>	For her endless list of voluntary work within Thetford & surrounding areas.
	Santa's sleigh visiting every estate at Christmas.
	Weekly meet & eat café feeds more than 100 per week
	'Wheels on the field' car show + many more community based projects.
<b>Nomination 2</b>	<b>He</b> gives up all of his free time to be a coach for Thetford Bulldogs as well as being Chairman. He also manages Thetford Rovers first team and is their Chairman.
	He is always reaching out to the community for sponsorship and uses the moto support
	local, achieve more. He is a big part of Thetford community.
<b>Nomination 3</b>	For being a volunteer coach for Thetford Netball club, holding community events
	to promote sport and get people together regularly in Thetford.
	<b>She</b> once played for England she has given up every day of her life to give to the

	Youth of our town. <b>She</b> has supported many young people emotionally with
	difficulties at home through netball to give them self-belief, confidence, equality
	and opportunity. Opening up pathways to super league and professional netball
	teams such as Mavericks. Thetford have a lot of young girls successful in being
	selected giving the training, discipline and opportunity to do so. Along side now
	having a regional senior level team. <b>She</b> turned what was a small club of a few
	teams to now a club with 8 teams upwards. <b>She</b> has never had any recognition along
	side Thetford Netball Club as it seems to fall under the radar. However this woman
	who has not only achieved so much in her lifetime but provided our children young
	adults and women amazing opportunities and continued support in sport. <b>She</b> is
	100% dedicated to her role in the town and club and will continue to bring the
	Community together support and encourage people to be active in our community.
<b>Nomination 4</b>	<b>She</b> is from Thetford and has worked tirelessly throughout her career in education
	over 25 years, to support and encourage vulnerable children, and their families
	to achieve their aspirations.
<b>Nomination 5</b>	<b>He</b> has been a resident of Thetford for over 40 years, and for 26 years a volunteer
	with the Charles Burrell Museum as well as Dad's Army. <b>He</b> can be seen each
	weekend the Museum is open offering insightful information and guidance.
<b>Nomination 6</b>	Doing so much for Charity and the community.
<b>Nomination 7</b>	<b>He</b> works tirelessly for the Thetford Methodist Church serving on many committees.
	He has been the driving force behind the Annual Christmas Tree Festival for 21 years
	raising money for the Church and many charities. He also volunteers at the Barnadoes
	Children's Charity shop and also volunteers for the Talking Newspaper for the blind, he
	has served as a School Governor.
	When anyone is in need <b>He</b> is the first to offer his help, taking people to visit friends
	and relatives in Hospital. When my husband Dave died last year he was the first to offer
	his continuing support.
	He is truly a pillar of the town of Thetford.
<b>Nomination 8</b>	Since moving to Thetford in 2014 <b>She</b> has worked mainly in the voluntary sector.
	Starting at the Charles Burrell Centre recruiting volunteers and staging fund raising



	rates. He also helped organise a conference to discuss with local companies and
	bus companies how to prove bullying following child suicide.
	He is now an advocate for anti-bullying. He attends many meetings around the County talking to other Councillors and children affected by bullying.
	He also volunteers at a local scout group helping children aged 8-10 and he is taking part in his silver Duke of Edinburgh.
<b>Nomination 2</b>	<b>She</b> Joined Thetford Netball Club approximately 5 years ago at the age of 11.
	Her attendance at training throughout her time at the club has been outstanding and her effort and desire to improve is faultless. In January 2016 when she was still U12, she played in the regional round of National clubs at U14 level and her improvement
	each season has had to regularly play above her age group including playing adult level netball at the age of 13.
	<b>She</b> quickly became progressed into the County netball pathway gaining a place in the Development, Satellite and then the County Academy.
	This has meant that she has had to regularly keep a training diary and follow a training programme to improve her fitness level and develop the different areas of her game.
	Most recently she attended a trial for Mavericks, the East Region's super league team
	and gained a place in the Mavericks Futures Academy moving her a step closer to to her dream of playing for England.
	At school <b>She</b> has also made profound progress and achievements. <b>She</b> has been made captain of her school team. In addition to this she regularly led coaching sessions for the Year 7's as well as helping with the other school teams while her PE teacher was on maternity leave. This resulted in her being awarded the Sports Leader of the Year Award for her school.
	Her own performance within the U15 school team gained her the Teacher's Netball player of the Year, and she was also awarded The Lifetime Achievement Award. This award goes to the person in the school who has continually committed to sport
	within lessons and extra-curricular throughout their time in the school. It is the school's most prestigious award, <b>She</b> is extremely supportive towards other players and will be the first to volunteer when help is needed. She has attended fundraising
	and community events to encourage younger players to get involved in the netball and has also recently taken and passed her Beginners Umpiring Course and has already

	booked on to a Level 2 Umpiring Course. <b>She</b> is an extremely humble kind and modest
	player and will play down her own achievements. Her determination on court and the
	amount of work that she does outside both club and school is phenomenal. For
	someone so young to have achieved so much and such as a positive and influential
	role in so many different aspects of her life is inspiring, I feel no one deserves this
	award more than <b>She</b> in recognition and the award would truly mean so much to her.

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