

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

16 May 2025

Meeting commenced: Noon Meeting ended: 12.40pm

Present:

Councillors:

Alcock	Hunter
Cleeve	Lee
Coles	MacDonald
Duck	McNaught-Barrow
Fojtik	Petrovic
I Fradgley	Rashwan
J Fradgley	Vos
Harding	

1 Election of Mayor 2025/26

It was Proposed by Councillor Cleeve and Seconded by Councillor Harding, and with no further nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Danielle Simone Gemma Hunter be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

The Mayor read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Ring of Office from the immediate former Mayor, Councillor Fojtik.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Albon and Rolfe, who were absent due to the meeting clashing with the re-arranged Warwickshire County Council Annual Meeting and Councillor Smith and were accepted for the reasons given.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Mayor's Acceptance Speech**

The Mayor thanked the Council for her election and presented the Consort's chain to her husband, James Hunter.

Councillor Hunter then took over in the Chair.

5 **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

It was Proposed by Councillor Alcock and Seconded by Councillor McNaught Barrow and

RESOLVED That Councillor Fojtik be thanked for his service in the position of Mayor during the Municipal Year 2024/25.

The Mayor presented Councillor Fojtik with his Former Mayor's Badge and Councillor Fojtik responded to the vote of thanks.

The Mayor then presented the Past Mayoress' Badge and a small token of appreciation from the Council to the outgoing Mayoress', Chloe Fojtik.

6 **Election of Deputy Mayor 2025/26**

It was Proposed by Councillor Rashwan and Seconded by Councillor J Fradgley and with no further nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED That Councillor Samantha Jayne McNaught Barrow be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

7 Appointment of Council's Chaplain

The Mayor thanked Reverend Doctor Paul Edmondson for his service over the last municipal year and confirmed his re-appointment as the Council Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Mayor Hunter signed the declaration of appointment and moved that it be recorded in the minutes.

8 Mayor's Communication

The Town Clerk read an official communication from, Lieutenant General Sir Chris Tickell KBE - Chief Royal Engineer of the Corp of Royal Engineers, Freemen of the Town.

9 Appointment to Committees and Sub-Groups 2025/26

Membership of Standing Committees and Sub-Groups for the ensuing year was agreed by consensus. It was

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to the Committees and Sub-Groups as outlined in Appendix A to these Minutes.

10 Civility and Respect Pledge and Councillor Code of Conduct

Council was asked to reaffirm its collective support for the Civility and Respect Pledge and confirms its continued commitment to the adopted Councillor Code of Conduct. In so doing, members acknowledged their understanding of the standards of behaviour expected of them and underscored the Council's ongoing dedication to fostering a culture of mutual respect, professionalism, and accountability in all its dealings. Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED That the Council reaffirm its support for the Civility and Respect Pledge and the adopted Code of Conduct.

11 **Mayor's Annual Report 2024/25**

The Mayor's Annual Report for the year 2024/25 was noted.

12 **Civic Service**

The Mayor invited Council to attend, with her, the Civic Service on Sunday 18 May 2025 at 10:00am at Holy Trinity Church.

13 **Drinks Reception**

The Mayor invited all those present to a celebratory Mayor Making drinks reception in the Anteroom.

Mayor:

Appendix A

Committee Structure 2025/26

	Finance & Audit (9 members)	Community Services & Environment (10 members)	Civic & Heritage Events (9 members)	Planning Consultative (9 members)	Personnel Committee (7 members)
1	Albon	Coles	Cleeve	Albon	Alcock
2	Alcock	J Fradgley	Duck	Alcock	Cleeve
3	Fojtik	MacDonald	Fojtik	Duck	Coles
4	I Fradgley	McNaught Barrow	Harding	Fojtik	I Fradgley
5	J Fradgley	Petrovic	McNaught Barrow	Harding	Hunter
6	Lee	Rashwan	Petrovic	Lee	
7	Smith	Rolfe	Rashwan	MacDonald	
8	Vos	Smith	Rolfe	McNaught Barrow	
9		Vos	Vos	Hunter	
10	Hunter	Hunter	Hunter		
Councillor Hunter serves on all Committees as Mayor					

	Market Forum	Emergency Response	Asset Register Review Group	Website, Social Media & Newsletter Panel	Cemetery Extension	Devolution Working Group
1	Coles	Cleeve	Coles	Cleeve	Cleeve	Alcock
2	Hunter	Fojtik	Lee	Hunter	I Fradgley	Cleeve

3	Rolfe	Rashwan	Hunter	Vos	Lee	Coles
4		Rolfe	MacDonald		MacDonald	MacDonald
5		Smith			McNaught Barrow	Petrovic
6					Smith	Rolfe
7						Smith

Sub-committees 2025/26