

# **Dorchester Town Council**

## **Annual Meeting of Dorchester Town Council**

**18 May 2026**

Present: Retiring Mayor Councillor A. Canning and Councillors R. Biggs, S. Biles, L. Fry, W. Gibbons, J. Hewitt, G. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, D. Leaper, V. Lloyd-Jones, R. Major, R. Potter, M. Rennie, K. Reid, R. Ricardo and D. Taylor.

Apologies: Councillors P. Farmer, J. Germodo, F. Hogwood and S. Jones.

Attending: Civic Dignitaries, family and friends of the Mayor Elect, and members of the community of Dorchester.

### **1. Election of Town Mayor for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Rennie, seconded by Councillor V. Lloyd-Jones and

#### **Resolved**

That Councillor Les Fry be elected Town Mayor of Dorchester for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor L. Fry, having accepted the Office of Town Mayor and made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took the Chair and thanked the Council on behalf of himself and his Mayoress, Julie Fry, for the honour conferred upon them.

### **2. Election of Deputy Mayor for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor K. Reid, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and

#### **Resolved**

That Councillor Robin Potter be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Dorchester for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

### **3. Vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor**

It was proposed by Councillor S. Biles, seconded by Councillor D. Leaper and

#### **Resolved**

That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Andy Canning for the open, inclusive and enthusiastic manner in which he has carried out the duties of Town Mayor during the past year.

Councillor A. Canning was presented with a Past Mayor's Badge by the Mayor, and his Mayoress, Mel Lane, was presented with a Past Mayoress Badge.

Councillor A. Canning addressed the meeting.

4. **Adjournment**

The Council rose at 7.36pm and remains adjourned until 19 May 2026 at 7.00pm.

Mayor