



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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**Chairman:** Cllr Douglas Cracknell | **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Keith Evans

**Town Clerk:** Helen Symmons *PSLCC*



## Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Electors Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7.00 pm at Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road

### Present:

**Chairman:** Cllr Keith Evans

**Other Town Cllrs:** David Bowry, Doug Cracknell, Anita Forde, Alan Hart, Jill Healey, Carole Mulroney and Leslie Parris

**Guests:** Community Policing Inspector Paul Hogben

**Leigh Town Council Officers:** Helen Symmons (Town Clerk), Ingmar Lindberg-Jones (Admin Assistant) and Kristine Boicuka (Admin Assistant)

**60 members of the public.**

*The meeting opened at 7.00pm*

### 1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. Leigh Town Council members were asked to stand and introduce themselves from within the audience.

### 2. **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Bernard Arcscott, Vinice Cowell, Paul Gilson, Emma Mills, Craig Watt, Andy Wilkins, Leigh Resident Valerie Morgan Southend West MP Anna Firth

3. **MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Evans gave a review of events and achievements of the Council and sign posted that a full report is stated in the annual report.

### 5. **OBSERVATIONS**

- Community Policing Inspector Paul Hogben

Provided crimes stats for the Leigh Area, spoke of Operation Union and gave updates on Police Community meetings and Coffee with Cops events.

- Cllr Carole Mulroney as a Southend City Councillor thanked Leigh-On-Sea Town Council staff for all their work and commented how the Leigh Community Centre had grown over the years.
- Cllr Evans as a Southend City Councillor reminded those in attendance of the upcoming elections for Leigh-On-Sea Town Council.

6. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND GOOD FOR LEIGH AWARDS** - Presentations were made to:

Donald Fraser Volunteer of the Year Award

- Jo Brown

Good for Leigh Awards

- Ann Cushion & Helen Leader
- Leigh Lions
- Sam Bennett
- Karan Prince
- Dave Watson
- Maddie Crease
- Sophie Clark
- George Furness
- Guy Russell
- Jessica Halls
- Annie Smith
- Elizabeth Lilian Blahakova

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that Karan Prince and Dave Watson were also recipients but were unable to attend that evening.

7. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

The meeting received the report. No questions were raised.

8. **RESOLUTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAD BEEN RECEIVED**

There were none

9. **OPEN FORUM**

**Member of the Electorate**

Concern was raised regards to the drain system by St Clements Church and St Clements Arcades

From **City Cllr Carole Mulrone**,

This has been reported to Southend City Council and they are aware of the situation, Cllr Mulrone will chase up on the matter.

**Cllr Anita Forde**

Why is crime going down?

From **Community Policing Inspector Paul Hogben**

There are several factors that take into account to why crime has been reduced. Operation Union was a massive help, also with visible policing in high footfall areas and listening to any reports made. Raptor team helped with a sophisticated higher level of tactics when it comes to county lines.

10. **CONCLUSION**

The Chairman thanked the Leigh Town Councillors for their help and support throughout the year and for giving up their time freely. It was also acknowledged and thanked the staff for all their hard work throughout the council year. The Chairman then thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

**Meeting closed at 8.11pm**

Signed/Initialled

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