

The Swordbearer, Owen Collier, will invite Mayors of other Towns, members of the Council, Community Group Representatives and members of the Public to stand for the entrance of the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mary Champion and her Civic party, who will then invite Lay Minister Michael Page, to lead the meeting in prayer. There will then follow a short address by the retiring Mayor.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council

1. Election of the Mayor

Prior notice has been given by Councillor Mike Leighfield of his intention to move:

“That Councillor Steve Bucknell, of The Little House, 154 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett be and is hereby elected Mayor of the Town and Community of Royal Wootton Bassett for the ensuing Civic year”

Councillor Marion Sweet will second.

The newly elected Mayor will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of Deputy Mayor.

Notice has been given by Councillor Steve Watts of his intention to move:

“That Councillor Mike Farrow of 17 Branscombe Drive, Royal Wootton Bassett be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the Town and Community of Royal Wootton Bassett for the ensuing Civic year”

Councillor Sue Hughes will second.

3. Appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain.
4. There will be a short musical interlude by Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra during which the Civic Party will retire so that the newly elected Mayor can receive the robes and be invested with the Civic Chain of Office.
5. The Mayor's Chaplain will bless the new Mayor and Mayoress for their forthcoming Civic Year.
6. Linda Frost will introduce a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort.
Presentation of Past Mayors medals.
7. Mayor's address.
8. Carnival member to give a speech about the Mayor's chosen charity of the year: Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival.
9. Presentation of awards – 10 year Councillor service certificates and presentation for two retiring Councillors, Audrey Wannell and Chris Wannell.
10. Appointment of Town Crier and Sword Bearer.
11. The Town Clerk will read the list of apologies for absence.
12. Town Clerk address.

The Mayor will then call the meeting to a close, which will be followed by light refreshments served in the Church.