

COUNCIL
18 MAY 2023

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN will report:

Chairman's Visits and Functions Attended

1. A list of functions attended by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Council since the last meeting is attached.

Royal Visits to the County – HRH The Princess Royal

27 February 2023

2. HRH The Princess Royal was in the County on 27 February 2023 and visited Specsavers in Kidderminster, Green Lighting in Worcester and Pershore College.

3. The Chairman was presented to HRH at Specsavers in Kidderminster and accompanied the Royal Party around Pershore College.

4 April 2023

4. HRH The Princess Royal re-visited the County on 4 April 2023 to unveil the statue of The Sentry in Brockhill Village, Norton.

5. The Chairman was presented to HRH and remained with the Royal Party throughout the visit.

Death of Former Worcestershire County Councillor

6. Gordon Yarranton, a former Worcestershire County Councillor, sadly passed away on 10 April 2023.

7. He represented the Wolverley, Cookley and Wribbenhall Division for twelve years, from May 2005 to May 2017.

8. Gordon was elected to serve as Chairman of the Council for the 2013-14 civic year, a role he undertook with dedication and pride. He also sat on the Planning and Regulatory Committee for many years and was a member of the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority, as well as numerous outside bodies, representing the County Council.

9. During his political career, Gordon also served at District, Town and Parish level, and was elected Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council for the civic year 2010-11.

10. A funeral service was held on 10 May 2023 at St Leonard's Church, Ribbesford, Bewdley, followed by cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium, which the Chairman attended.

11. Gordon was a hard-working and extremely dedicated Councillor who tirelessly served the community he represented and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

British Association of Social Workers Awards 2023

12. The Chairman was delighted to hear that Claire Cale, Team Manager for the All-Age Disability Service at Worcestershire County Council, was nominated for the Amazing Social Worker Award 2023.

13. Claire was nominated by a social work MA student at the University of Worcester, who shadowed her for two days in the Summer of 2022 and nominated her in recognition of her outstanding best practice and inspiring dedication to her work.

14. The Amazing Social Worker Award was launched as part of the British Association of Social Worker's World Social Work Month celebrations and is an opportunity to celebrate amazing colleagues. The Award champions social work and helps members achieve the highest professional standards.

15. The Chairman extends his warmest congratulations to Claire on behalf of all members for this wonderful achievement.

THE INCOMING CHAIRMAN will report:

Group Photograph

16. The Chairman wishes to report that it is intended to take a photograph of all Members today. It is envisaged that the photograph will be taken at the beginning of the comfort break at approximately 11.30am. Weather permitting this photograph will be taken out of doors on the steps leading to the main entrance to County Hall; however, a wet weather alternative is available.

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