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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th MARCH 2019**

Present

Cllrs Sarfaraz Khan Raja (Mayor), Khalil Ahmed, Mohammed Asif, Tony Green, Ray Farmer

Apology

Cllr Lesley Clarke OBE

The meeting was called to discuss the abuse of the Charter Trustees' Handbook and Procedural Notes.

1. During the Charter Trustee meeting on Tuesday, 5th March 2019 a Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect were selected. The process of nominating a Mayor Elect was delayed this year from its usual date in January until the meeting in March and an announcement of the nominees would be made two weeks before Mayor Making.

The only people in the Chamber were Charter Trustees and the Town Clerk. Details of the Mayor Elect were posted on a Facebook page that evening.

Following a discussion about the presence of politics in the Mayoralty it was agreed that the Town Clerk would call in Cllr Julia Wassell and Cllrs Maz Hussain and Matt Knight to find out if they were involved in leaking the result. The Town Clerk asked for some factual comments e.g. copy of a Facebook page with the details as he could not address the Councillors without hard copy.

(As a follow up the Town Clerk did not receive any hard copy so was not able to call either party to a meeting. He did however meet Cllr Maz Hussain and Cllr Matt Knight at a subsequent event and challenged them. They both denied being the source of the information. I then asked if they would arrange for any comments to be deleted. They both made the same comment that as we were by then some weeks since the selection night any moves to interfere with the announcement on Facebook would likely raise further comments on a situation that had died away.)

2. The Mayor made a nomination for a Mayor's Medal. The Committee agreed unanimously with the recommendation and this will be put before a full meeting of Charter Trustees for validation. The Town Clerk will arrange a meeting of Charter Trustees to consider the Mayor's Medal recommendation.
3. The Mayor announced he would be going to Pakistan for a holiday at the start of April. The Town Clerk was in contact with our insurers regarding the replica chain.