

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DOWNSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023
AT DOWNSWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors J Cottis, B Cottis, J Tournay, K Alden-Morris (part), Mrs Irving – Clerk, Cllr Cooke (KCC), 13 members of the public.

In the absence of the outgoing Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Councillor John Cottis.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from: Councillor Cheesman – holiday; Councillor Newton – conflicting appointment; Councillor Butler – unwell.
- 2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Signed by Councillors J & B Cottis, J Tournay and Alden-Morris
- 3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** The proposal for Councillor J Cottis to be elected as Chairman was unanimously agreed. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed prior to 6 June 2023 meeting.

At this point it was resolved to defer the remaining business until the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 6 June at 8 pm.

- 4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**
- 5 FORMATION OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS:**

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm