Item. 18 To consider amendments to the Mayor's Protocol Guide. (Pursuant to minute no. 136/18/19 P & R held 23/10/2018)

Proposed Amendment

The Mayoresses Chain be reinstated for use by the Mayoress of the day at all Civic, Ceremonial events and to be worn at all Mayoral engagements while accompanying the Mayor.

Reason for amendment.

The Mayoresses Chain was donated a number of years ago by a former Mayor, for the sole use of the Mayoress of the day.

Since May 2018, Jackie and I have attended many events and at every one Jackie has been asked why she is not wearing the Mayoresses chain. The Lord Mayor of Plymouth and the many Mayors/Mayoresses we have met have expressed ridicule and disbelief at Councils decision. Some even asked is it a punishment?

This chain, like the rest of our Regalia should be worn appropriately by the Mayoresses as they Accompany the Mayor to events and functions, promoting pride in Saltash. The amendment proposed by the Deputy Mayor, with reference to the wearing of the DMs robe should be weighed against the restoration of the wearing of the Mayoresses Chain.

Simply, we cannot have one without the other?

Continued refusal of the reinstatement of the Mayoresses chain for use can seriously be construed as Discriminatory?

It can also be considered a slight to the Office of the Mayor.

Members of Council, personalities and animosity should not influence your decision on this matter, regardless of all that has happened over the last 3 years with regard to the Mayoral incumbents.

John Brady