Chairman's Announcements – Council Meeting – 25th May 2018 Events attended by the Chairman since the last Council meeting on 9th March 2018

- 10th March Opening of Hereford City Civic Museum
- 12th March Commonwealth Flag Raising Ceremony
- 12th March Citizenship Ceremony
- 13th March Weeping Window Press Launch and Private Viewing
- 16th March Herefordshire Community Champions Awards Ceremony
- 17th March Herefordshire Schools Mock Court Trials
- 17th March Herefordshire Amateur G & S Society performance of HMS Pinafore Courtyard
- 18th March Commonwealth Civic Service (Cancelled due to snow)
- 19th March Civic Funeral of Alderman Alec Haines at Leominster Priory
- 21st March Haydn Nelson Mass, Hereford Cathedral School Concert
- 22nd March HM Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet's Awards Ceremony
- 28th March RNC Celebration of Achievement
- **6th April Powys Civic Heads Dinner
- 8th April Hereford City Council Thanksgiving Service
- 9th April Citizenship Ceremony
- 10th April SSAFA AGM
- 13th April Garrick Theatre Fire 1916 plaque unveiling, Hereford Cathedral
- 13th April Installation of the new High Sheriff, Mr. Nathaniel Hone, DL
- **25th April HRH The Countess of Wessex visit to Hereford Cathedral, Hereford Museum & the Cider Museum
- **27th April Memorial Service for June French
- *29th April Battle of Britain / RAF 100 choral evensong
- 8th May Opening Ceremony of the May Fair
- 10th May HRH The Duke of Gloucester visits to Lucton School, Leominster & Brightwells Valuers & Auctioneers
- 12th May Leominster Mayor Making
- 14th May Citizenship Ceremony
- 17th May HRH visits St Michael's Hospice and I & J L Brown Ltd
- *21st May Hereford City Council Mayor Making

With regard to the Herefordshire Community Champions Awards, I am pleased to advise Council that there was an increase in nominations of around 50% over last year. I should like to express my thanks to all those involved, especially the Town Mayors and others who helped publicise and promote the event. In particular I know you will wish to join me in thanking all the community-spirited people, whether winners or not, who do so much for the County in general and their local communities in particular. It is the ethos they exude that help make Herefordshire the great County it is – Thank you to everyone involved.

It is very pleasing to note the continued success of Hereford Football Club with last month seeing them becoming Champions of the Southern Premier League. This means that, for the third year in a row, the Club has achieved promotion and next season will be playing in the National League.

^{*}Attended by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Phil Edwards

^{**}Attended by the Past Chairman, Councillor John Stone