

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL

held WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2005

at the LITTLE THEATRE, HEBDEN BRIDGE

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; J T Allison, Mrs C I Bampton Smith, S Brown, P Coles, R Dixon, M Elder, N Fekri, J Frederiksen, G Gabbi, P Monahan, Mrs M L Murty, S Press, Dr M Smith, E Ward, N J Yorke and D K Young

118 members of the public and Scout Road School Choir

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs **Beacroft-Mitchell** , and **Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell** .

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to note the apologies for absence

2. Rev S Maude said prayers

3. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2005/2006

The retiring Town Mayor, Revd. Cllr Allison reflected on his year in office, which he, and his family, had found most enjoyable. He had met many people representing community groups through the course of the year and was impressed by their commitment.

Cllr Allison thanked all those who had provided significant support and presented tokens of appreciation to his children, the Mayoress, the Clerk, the Mayor's Secretary and the Mayor Elect.

He had set himself three targets;

1. A level playing field for all and the Mayors Charity assisted by raising and presenting, £1,500 for Scout Road playing field as well as £598.45 for NSPCC.
2. To promote a collaborative spirit within the Council
3. To have Hebden Royd recognised as a special place seeking renewal

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Brown be elected as Town Mayor for Hebden Royd for the year 2005/06

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Allison, placed the Chain of Office on Cllr Brown
The newly elected Mayor, Cllr Brown, thanked members for their support and said it was an honour and a privilege to be Mayor. He regretted that his daughter was not able to be present to witness the occasion but pleased that Chris McCafferty MP was not as a result of her success at the general election. There were elements of regeneration that he wished to see in the township and that Hebden Royd become an even more pleasant place to live. The Mayor introduced Alice Hutt, community artist, who would endeavour, as the subject of the Mayors Charity improve the reflective and peaceful nature of the Memorial Gardens in Hebden Bridge.

Alice addressed persons present with her general aims and invited questions and inspection of her computer images in a more informal setting. She envisaged a period of consultation and involvement of various organisations in workshops leading to the creation of the final work

The Mayor thanked Alice for her comments

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2005/2006

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty

Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Ward be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for Hebden Royd for the year 2005/06

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that there were still places available on the coach to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of twinning with St Pol but that people needed to respond promptly.

6. DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Ward and

RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Elder for ably chairing the meetings of the Development, Environment and Amenities Committee

7. STAFFING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Cllr Elder

Seconded by Cllr Monahan and

RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Young for ably chairing the meetings of the Staffing Committee

8. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS

The Mayor announced the adjournment of business until **7:30 pm on 18th May 2005** at the Council Office and introduced the Scout Road School Choir who performed with three songs

