

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2006 at MYTHOLMROYD COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; S Brown (Chair for Item 1 only) Mrs E Ward (Chair for Item 2 onward) J T Allison, Mrs C I Bampton Smith, Beacroft-Mitchell, Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell, , P Coles, M Elder, J Frederiksen G Gabbi, P Monahan, Mrs M L Murty, S Press, Dr M Smith, and D K Young

98 members of the public and Hebden Bridge Band

1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2005/2006**

The retiring Town Mayor, Cllr Brown, reflected on his year in office, in which he referred to the role of the Mayor. The year had been marked by an increase in international liaison, prompted by the 25th Anniversary of twinning with St Pol sur Ternoise and the 10th Anniversary with Warstein, for which Cllr Brown expressed his gratitude to members of the Council, particularly the Deputy Mayor, who had participated in exchanges. Cllr Brown also thanked members of the Council for electing him Town Mayor, a role which had allowed him to witness unexpected talents and visit many places of interest.

Cllr Brown presented a bouquet of flowers to Christine Jackson, the Mayor's secretary, before initiating the election of the new Town Mayor.

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty

Seconded by Cllr Dr Smith and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Ward be elected as Town Mayor for Hebden Royd for the year 2006/07

Cllr Mrs Ward read aloud and signed the Declaration of Office witnessed by Cllr Mrs Murty.

Cllr Mrs Ward thanked people for attending the meeting and announced that the subject of the Mayor's charity would be the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Cllr Allison said prayers

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs **R Dixon, N Fekri, and N J Yorke.**

3. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2006/2007**

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Elder be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for Hebden Royd for the year 2006/07

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that the Annual General Meeting of Hebden Bridge Junior Band would be on Thursday 18th May.

5. DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Young proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Elder for ably chairing the meetings of the Development, Environment and Amenities Committee

6. STAFFING COMMITTEE

Cllr Elder proposed a vote of thanks Cllr Young for ably chairing the meetings of the Staffing Committee

7. TWINNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Elder proposed a vote of thanks Cllr Brown for ably chairing the meetings of the Twinning Committee

8. ADJOURNMENT OF FORMAL BUSINESS

Cllr Mrs Ward adjourned the formal business of the meeting

9. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Cllr Coles paid tribute to Mavis Ring for her work with luncheon clubs and organising social events in the community over a number of years before presenting her with the shield.

Cllr Mrs Ward presented Mavis with a picture of Hebden Bridge and a bouquet of flowers

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Cllr Mrs Ward adjourned the meeting until 7:30 pm on Wednesday 17th May at the Council Office, Hebden Bridge

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Hebden Bridge Band entertained the audience with a number of pieces demonstrating their virtuosity

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

RECONVENED MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Mrs E Ward (Chair), J T Allison, Mrs C I Bampton Smith, M Elder, J Frederiksen G Gabbi, P Monahan, Mrs M L Murty, S Press, and D K Young

2 members of the public

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs **Beacroft-Mitchell**, **Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell**, **S Brown**, **P Coles**, **R Dixon**, **N Fekri**, **Dr M Smith** and **N J Yorke**.

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to note the apologies for absence

12. MEMBERS' INTERESTS' RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.

None declared at this point

REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

13. Chair proposed to consider Item 11 b) next followed by Item 11 a)

14. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL

b) Community Transport Calderdale - Todmorden & Upper Valley Social Car Service

Barbara Rudman spoke in support of the application

After discussion

It was moved by Cllr Frederiksen

Seconded by Cllr Press and

RESOLVED: to award £3000.00 towards the cost of operating the scheme

a) Hebden Royd Senior Section of Girl Guiding UK

Lorraine Wilcock spoke in support of the application

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to award £250.00 towards the cost of the District Fun Day – Theme – Health & Fitness

**15. TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN
MAYOR AND THE CLERK**

- a) HB Arts Festival 1st – 16th July – Launch 12th May
Programme available from 13th May

Cllr Press asked that The Arts Festival be reminded that all councillors should have been invited to the launch

- b) Calder Valley Flower Club Battle of the Somme Anniversary
c) HB & District Swimming Pool Association

It was moved by Cllr Monahan
Seconded by Cllr Young and

- i) RESOLVED: “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw for the reason specified in item 6 of standing order 38.”

After discussion

It was moved by Cllr Elder

Seconded by Cllr Monahan and

- ii) RESOLVED: to reply to stating that there is nothing contained within the letter to change the view expressed in our letter of 14th June 2004 and Council awaits payment

It was moved by Cllr Monahan

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Murty and

- iii) RESOLVED: to readmit the public and press

- d) White Rose Update

- e) Calderdale MBC Senior Citizens Concert 4th July

- f) Vitalise request for funding

- g) WY Police Ward meetings and Surgeries

- h) Light Lens Photographs in Chamber

- i) Action for Market Towns email bulletin

- j) St Pol sur Ternoise Municipal Bulletin April 2006

- k) Clerks & Councils Direct May 2006

- l) The Clerk May 2006

- m) HB Junior Band AGM Thursday 18th May

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED: to note items d) to m)

16. MAYOR’S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR’S REPORT

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED: to note the report

**17. MINUTES OF THE TWINNING COMMITTEE held WEDNESDAY
12th APRIL 2006**

It was moved by Cllr Elder

Seconded by Cllr Press and

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 12th April 2006 be accepted as a correct record

- 18. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 12th APRIL 2006**
It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 12th April 2006 be accepted as a correct record
- 19. MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held 26th APRIL 2006**
Cllr Young asked that reference to the rent due on the Old Gasometer site on Station Road in the sum of £250.00 pw for the Traffic Review be included
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Elder and
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 26th April 2006, as amended, be accepted as a correct record
- 20. MINUTES OF THE TWINNING COMMITTEE held TUESDAY 9th MAY 2006**
Cllr Elder commented that the 25th Twinning anniversary visit by a delegation from St Pol sur Ternoise, witnessed by a delegation from Warstein, had been a great success
It was moved by Cllr Elder
Seconded by Cllr Allison and
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 9th May 2006 be accepted as a correct record
- 21. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANTS**
a) TGI Youth Group – Gap Year Volunteer Project
b) HEADS – Dreamflags
c) Hebden Bridge Arts Festival
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and
RESOLVED: to note the acknowledgements
- 22. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES AND DELEGATED POWERS**
After discussion
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Press and
RESOLVED: that Full Council would meet fortnightly to consider at alternate meetings, Planning/Environmental Issues and Finance/General Purpose issues, to be reviewed on attaining Quality Parish Status, and to form a Staffing Committee

- 23. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and
 i) RESOLVED: that Cllr Elder be appointed to the Staffing Committee
 It was moved by Cllr Press
 Seconded by Cllr Elder and
 ii) RESOLVED: that Cllr Young be appointed to the Staffing Committee
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Press and
 iii)RESOLVED: that Cllr Brown be appointed to the Staffing Committee
 It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty
 Seconded by Cllr Elder and
 iv)RESOLVED: that Cllr Dr Smith be appointed to the Staffing Committee
 It was moved by Cllr Press
 Seconded by Cllr Young and
 v) RESOLVED: that Cllr Monahan be appointed to the Staffing Committee
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and
 vi)RESOLVED: that Cllr Allison be appointed as substitute member to the Staffing Committee
 It was moved by Cllr Frederiksen
 Seconded by Cllr Elder and
 vii) RESOLVED: that Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell be appointed as substitute member to the Staffing Committee
- 24. MEETING DATES 2006/07**
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Elder and
 RESOLVED: to accept the dates for Council and Committee meetings for Council Year 2006/07 as per the attached sheet
- 25. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
 Agreed that Councillors be appointed to Outside Bodies as per the attached list
- Note Cllr Mrs Ward declared a prejudicial interest in the next item only and withdrew from the Chamber
- 26. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE**
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Mrs Murty and
 RESOLVED: that the Mayor be paid £600.00 upon election followed by calendar monthly payments of £175.00 up to and including April 2006, the balance to be administered by the Clerk
- Note Cllr Mrs Ward returned to the chamber
- 27. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT 2005/06**

It was moved by Cllr Elder
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: that Yorkshire Audit be appointed as internal auditor

28. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES ISSUED BY THE CLERK

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| a) Cllr Elder | Visitor Book | £29.50 |
| b) Asia Restaurant | Twinning Lunch | £402.40 |
| c) Rim Nam Thai Resaurant | Twinning Jubilee Dinner | £2,258.95 |
| d) Mooch bar | Twinning Lunch | £1,200.00 |

Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith requested that income be shown against expenditure to demonstrate that councillors had contributed for their own meals and a note to this effect be placed on the notice boards

It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and
RESOLVED: to approve the issue of cheques

29. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

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| a) Cotterills | Stationery | £117.97 |
| b) Andrea Jessen | Translation of Speech into German | £27.45 |
| c) Calder Valley Skip hire | Spring Clean | £822.50 |
| d) Rockmill Spinners | Website update and maintenance | £490.00 |
| e) The Halifax Courier | Annual Town Meeting advert | £89.31 |
| f) Valley Private Hire Cars | Airport transfers | £100.00 |
| g) Mytholmroyd Community Centre | Twinning Lunch | £284.80 |
| h) Angel Springs | Sanitisation Service | £17.63 |
| i) Home & Garden Services | Painting Street Wall | £150.00 |

It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED: to pay the accounts

30. PAYMENT OF AWARDS

It was moved by Cllr Allison
Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and
RESOLVED: to authorise payment of Kenneth Kaberry/Fred Barker awards as set in the budget

31. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and
RESOLVED: to accept the Statement of Account

32.

COURSES/CONFERENCES

a) Yorkshire Local Councils' Associations – Joint Training Conference 2006
– Scarborough – 29th September – 1st October - £240.85 + VAT

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED: to permit two members plus the Clerk, or assistant, to attend the conference – Clerk to be notified by 30th June 2006

b) Skillpath – Administrative Assistants Conference

Managing Emotions & Thriving Under Pressure

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and

RESOLVED: to note

33.

PROPOSED USE OF COUNCIL OFFICE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & PARTNERSHIPS

After discussion

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Murty and

RESOLVED: to ask permission of Calderdale MBC for use of the building for the purpose of Civil Marriages and request that, as a reasonable landlord, consideration be given to the installation of disabled access

34.

LOCAL AUTHORITY BYELAWS

Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith reported that Calderdale MBC had initiated action on alcohol control zones and that Hebden Royd Town Council should request a map of the areas concerned

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Murty and

RESOLVED: to note the report and the consultation request on Byelaws

35.

TOWN TALK

The publication was available to members

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm