

# HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

## ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007 at RIVERSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### MINUTES

**PRESENT** Councillors; N Fekri(Chair from Item 1 onward), J T Allison, C Bampton Smith, J C Beacroft-Mitchell, Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell, S Brown, R Dixon, M Foster, J Gabbi, C Groves, L Jones, J Oosthuysen, S Press, Dr M A Smith, S Trickett, E Ward(Chair for Item 1 only), H Ward and D Young

Also present 48 members of the public, 1 from the press and 23 pupils from Riverside Junior School

#### 1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Mrs Ward welcomed all those present to the meeting

It was moved by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell

Seconded by Cllr Gabbi and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Fekri be appointed Town Mayor for the Council Year 2007/08

Cllr Fekri received the Chain of Office from Cllr Mrs Ward read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell. Cllr Fekri proceeded to thank councillors having the confidence to elect him as Mayor and his family for their support Cllr Fekri announced that his consort for the year would be his wife, Helen, but that Mike Elder would deputise for her on occasion Cllr Ward, retiring consort, placed the chain on new consort Helen

Cllr Fekri asked Mike Elder to make a presentation to Cllr Mrs Ward thanking her for her service to the township as Mayor

Cllr Mrs Ward thanked Mike Elder, reflected on what she described as her Golden Year, the same year as her 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and announced that she had changed her mind about going back to college

and was going to write a book about her experiences as Town Mayor Cllr Mrs Ward went on to make presentations to her Charity, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and all council staff who had supported her during the year

#### 2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Chris McCafferty MP, Ward Councillors Janet Battye and David O'Neill and Mayor of Todmorden, Cllr Brian Hewson

#### 3. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Press be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2007/08

- 4. APPRECIATION OF CHAIRS**  
It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith  
Seconded by Cllr Brown and  
i) RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Young for Chairing the Environmental Renaissance Committee through the year 2006/07  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
ii) RESOLVED: to thank Mike Elder for Chairing the Parks and Paths Committee through the year 2006/07  
It was moved by Cllr Brown  
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and  
iii)RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Young for Chairing the Staffing Committee through the year 2006/07  
It was moved by Cllr Press  
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
iv)RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Brown for Chairing the Twinning Committee through the year 2006/07
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**  
The Clerk reported that tickets were available to councillors to attend the launch of the Arts Festival on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May
- 6. ADJOURNMENT OF FORMAL BUSINESS**  
Cllr Fekri stated that this year he wished to improve the service to the electorate, would like the town to become ‘carbon neutral and achieve Quality Parish Status  
It was moved by Cllr Fekri  
Seconded by Cllr Young and  
RESOLVED: to adjourn formal business at 8:30 pm until 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007
- 7. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**  
Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell proposed that Alan Brooks receive the Service to the Community Award in recognition of his long and devoted service to improving Mytholmroyd Unfortunately Alan Brooks was unable to be present and receive the award owing to illness.  
Cllr Allison proposed that Elizabeth Wrathall receive the Junior Service to the Community Award in recognition of her work with scouts, Mytholmroyd Amateurs, the Church and the gala.
- 8. MUSICAL INTERLUDE**  
Pupils of Riverside Junior School, years four, five and six entertained those present with a piano recital from Martha Osborne, a sketch from Monty Python and a dance routine by 23 pupils

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### RECONVENED MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT** Councillors; N Fekri(Chair), J T Allison, C Bampton Smith, J C Beacroft-Mitchell, Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell, S Brown, R Dixon, M Foster, J Gabbi, C Groves, L Jones, J Oosthuysen, S Press, Dr M A Smith, S Trickett, E Ward, H Ward and D Young

3 members of the public

The Mayor welcomed members to the first meeting of the new Council and looked forward to working with all for the benefit of the community

**9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Gordon Rimer asked if Calderdale MBC had offered the Marina for sale

It was moved by Cllr Groves

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to write to Calderdale MBC enquiring if the Marina land was for sale

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence and the reason, were received from Cllrs; Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell and S Trickett

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to note the apologies

**11. MEMBERS' INTERESTS' RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**

Cllr Oosthuysen declared a prejudicial interest in item 8 c) only as a Director of The World on your doorstep

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

- a) WY Criminal Justice Board Newsletter
- b) Action for Market Towns 07Review – April Issue
- c) Calderdale MBC Calderdale Local Area Agreement – details awaited
- d) Chris McCafferty MP Surgeries Notice
- e) Calderdale MBC HB Picture House – acknowledgement
- f) npower Climate Change Levy – rate change
- g) Calderdale MBC Calderdale Equality and Diversity Scheme – consultation invitation
- h) Clerks & Councils Direct May Issue 51
- i) Lois Smith Community involvement
- j) HB Walkers Action Stepping Out

Cllr Young requested that Item d) be placed on the notice board.

In respect of Item g) Cllr Foster requested that a Working Party be formed to respond to the survey request and recruited Cllrs; Allison Oosthuysen and Jones

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

RESOLVED: to note and action as above

**LATE ITEMS**

- k) Yorkshire Local Councils' Associations - New Councillor Training - Hebden Bridge 6th September
- l) A reprint of Standing Orders, revised 14th March 2007 was provided to members to be considered for formal adoption at the next meeting

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to note the Late Items

**13. MAYOR'S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor had not attended the Launch of the Arts Festival but the Deputy Mayor was present in an unofficial capacity

Cllr Groves questioned the use of Mayoress and not consort

**14. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, Development, Environment and Amenities Issues held 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2007**

Minute 546 should indicate that Cllr Mrs Ward's name should have been in the apologies for absence

Minute 551 should read that the Working Party remain the same or include any newly elected members from West End Ward

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007, as amended, be accepted as a correct record

- 15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANTS**  
a) Hebden Bridge Junior Band  
b) Ground Floor Project  
c) Community Transport Calderdale  
d) Mytholmroyd Community Centre  
Late Item e) Hebden Bridge Cricket Club – Fun Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and  
RESOLVED: with respect to item e) to copy the Fun Day poster to members
- 16. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL**  
a) Richard Naylor Charity - Support for students in FE under 18 £500.00  
b) Heptonstall Exhibitions - Support for students in FE under 18 £500.00  
In the absence of a representative, it was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and  
RESOLVED: to defer consideration of Items a) and b)
- Note Cllr Oosthuysen declared a prejudicial interest in the next item only and withdrew from the Chamber  
c) The World on Your Doorstep – Performers’ expenses £2,000.00  
Peter Lazenby spoke in support of the application  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
RESOLVED: to award £2,000 towards the cost of the project
- Note Cllr Oosthuysen returned to the Chamber
- 17. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES AND DELEGATED POWERS**  
After discussion  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and  
RESOLVED: to form the following committees without delegated powers; Staffing – 7 members, Parks & Footpaths – 8 members, Environmental Renaissance – 8 members, Twinning – 5 members and Allotments – not specified
- 18. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**  
It was moved by Cllr Allison  
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
i) RESOLVED: that Cllrs; Allison, Mrs Bampton Smith, Beacroft-Mitchell, Brown, Foster, Dr Smith and Young be members of the Staffing Committee

It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and  
ii) RESOLVED: that Cllrs; Mrs Bampton Smith, Brown, Dixon,  
Jones, Oosthuysen, Trickett, Mrs Ward and Young be members of the  
Environmental Renaissance Committee

It was moved by Cllr Fekri  
Seconded by Cllr Young and  
iii)RESOLVED: that Cllrs; Beacroft-Mitchell, Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell,  
Brown, Groves, Press, Trickett, Mrs Ward and Young be members of  
the Parks & Footpaths Committee

It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and  
iv)RESOLVED: that Cllrs; Allison, Brown, Foster, Press and Trickett  
be members of the Twinning Committee

**19. MEETING DATES 2007/08**

It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and  
RESOLVED: that the Council meets on dates as indicated on the  
attached sheet.

**20. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was moved by Cllr Fekri  
Seconded by Cllr Young and  
RESOLVED: that the representatives to outside bodies be as indicated  
on the attached sheet

**21. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES ISSUED BY THE CLERK**

a) Complete Cuisine	Civic Celebration Catering	£916.50
b) The Post Office	Stamps	£100.00
c) N Goddard	Travel Exp	£17.70
d) D Dempsey	Larger Councils Conference	£170.60

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

**22. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**

a) Calvag	Litter pickers and gardening mats.	£317.85
b) SWV	CCTV repair	£70.50
c) Calder Valley Skip Hire	Skips for Spring Clean weekend	£904.75
d) Stoneworks	Drystone wall repair	£100.00
e) J Boom	Travel Exp	£65.88
f) HFGL Ltd	Photocopier Lease	£326.65

g) Johnston Publishing (North)	Annual Town Meeting advert	£91.36
h) Amey	Signs for Spring-Clean	£28.20
i) SLCC	Reference books	£48.80
j) Glasdon	Rail mounting planter	£127.12
k) EPS Hire Centre Ltd	Rotovator hire	£65.80
l) Angel Springs	Water and Sanitisation service	£30.55
m) Copy Technology Ltd	Photocopies	£247.29
n) Yorkshire Audit	Audit of Accounts 2007/08	£250.00

It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Groves and  
 RESOLVED: to pay the accounts

**23. SUBSCRIPTION**

Action for Market Towns £158.63

It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
 RESOLVED: to renew the subscription

**24. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

Statement of Account up to 10 May 2007

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

Note Cllr Fekri, as Mayor, declared a prejudicial interest in the next item only and withdrew from the Chamber  
 Cllr Press, Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair

**25. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE**

It was moved by Cllr Dixon  
 Seconded by Cllr Mrs Ward and  
 RESOLVED: to pay an initial amount of £600 followed by monthly payments of £160 per calendar month, the balance to be administered by the Clerk

Note Cllr Fekri returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair

**26. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward  
 Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and  
 RESOLVED: that Cllr Gabbi be appointed as Internal Monitor of Council's finances

**27. PAYMENT OF AWARDS**

It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Oosthuysen and  
 RESOLVED: to release payment of the awards

**28. THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Young and

i) RESOLVED: to hold an extra ordinary meeting at 6:45 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to receive information and discuss implications of the new Code of Conduct

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and

ii) RESOLVED: that the Town Council adopts the Standards Board, Local Authorities, Generic Model Code of Conduct 2007

**29. COURSES/CONFERENCES**

a) The Society of Local Council Clerks – Summer Seminars at the Spa “Connecting with Your Communities” – Cheltenham 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July £159.80

b) Skillpath – Coaching and Teambuilding skills Leeds 20<sup>th</sup> June - £99  
Excelling as a First-time Manager or Supervisor – Leeds 26<sup>th</sup> July £99

c) Action for Market Towns – “Supporting Independent Businesses in Market Towns” and Finding Funding for Your Projects– Penrith or Chesterfield

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Dixon and

RESOLVED: in respect of a) to note the desirability of attendance and in respect of c), to permit attendance of Project Officer and note the interest of Cllrs Allison and Dixon

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm