

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2008 at The CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD MYTHOLMROYD

MINUTES

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

Also present 56 members of the public, and Hebden Bridge Junior Band

1. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Press be Town Mayor for the Council Year 2008/09

Cllr Press received the Chain of Office from Cllr Fekri who in turn was invited by the Mayor to reflect on his year in Office during which he acknowledged the progress made by Council, the numerous visits and events, gaining Quality Town Status and SPRAY Group, the subject of the Mayors Charity for which the sum of £1,450.15 had been raised.

Cllr Press read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by Cllr Young

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs; Boggis and Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell

It was moved by Cllr Press

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to note

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr Gabbi

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell be Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2008/09

Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell announced that Cllr Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell would be his consort

4. APPRECIATION OF CHAIRS

It was moved by Cllr Trickett
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

i) RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Young for Chairing the Environmental Renaissance Parks & Paths Committee

It was moved by Cllr Foster
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and

ii) RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell for Chairing the Grants Working Party which had ultimately become a committee

It was moved by Cllr Dixon
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

iii) RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell for Chairing the Allotments Committee

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

iv) RESOLVED: to thank Cllr Young for Chairing the Staffing Committee

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

There were no urgent communications

6. ADJOURNMENT OF FORMAL BUSINESS

The Mayor adjourned formal business until 21st May 2008 at 7:30 pm

The Mayor addressed the meeting, thanking Cllr Fekri on behalf of Council for his work over the year, stating that she was looking forward to the next twelve months, supporting the community, participating in events and campaigns. She thanked her family for their support and attending on this occasion and her consort, Stella Massey for last year and in anticipation of her support this year. Priorities would be increased provision of social housing, environmental initiatives, development of the Council Offices as community space and international links.

Sadly her mother and sister were no longer with us, a factor which prompted her to choose Overgate Hospice as the subject of the Mayor's Charity

7. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith outlined the work in the community of Keith and Kath Rawnsley in organising cubs and scouts for more than 25 years and presented them with a mirror suitably engraved.

The Mayor presented Cllr Fekri with a gift in gratitude for his service as Mayor and Cllr Fekri in turn presented a representative of the Spray Group, THE Mayor's Charity, with a cheque for £1,450.15

8. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Members of Hebden Bridge Junior Band performed a number of pieces culminating with Jerusalem and vocal accompaniment from those present