

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 16th MAY 2012 at THE GOOD SHEPPARD CHURCH MYTHOLMROYD

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Davenport, (Chair item 2 onward), Allison, Baker, Bampton Smith, Downs, Fearon, Press, Scorer, Sweeney, Talbot, Trickett, Tsoneva, Yorke and Young

Also present Chairs and Consorts of Blackshaw and Heptonstall Parish Councils and 48 members of the public.

Clerk – Jason Boom, Hebden Royd Town Council.

1. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Scorer and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Davenport be Town Mayor for the Council Year 2011/12.

Cllr Davenport received the Chain of Office from Cllr Trickett.

Cllr Davenport read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by Cllr Young.

The Mayor announced her consorts to be Greg Pemberton and Belinda Jones. The retiring Mayor placed the Chain of Office on Belinda Jones.

Note: Cllr Fearon arrived.

The Mayor invited Cllr Trickett to reflect on his year in Office.

The retiring Mayor stated that throughout his year he had wanted to recognise the work of previous Mayors and to this end he had introduced a Past Mayor Medal as a token of thanks. He invited Cllr Susan Press to receive her Medal and Harry Ward to accept his wife, Betty Ward's, Medal.

The retiring Mayor commented that the year had been challenging but that he had felt he had chaired with neutrality, fairness and strength.

Cllr Trickett stated he had been privileged to attend many events during his year and thanked those who had taken the time to invite him to their events. He mentioned opening the Mytholmroyd Gala, leading the conga round the field. opening the arts festival with the World's strongest lady - Betty Brawn, the Hebden Bridge Vintage Car Rally, the naming of a bridge in Warstein - Hebden Bridge, the first lighting of Christmas lights in Mytholmroyd for many a year, fabulous local

carol services, Yorkshire Day - with all the Mayors of Yorkshire region, opening the newly refurbished Cragg Park, sitting next to Kay Mellor during the Picture House Gala Night – a major event in the Hebden Bridge calendar, representing the Council at the Remembrance Day Services, helping open the newly refurbished Mytholmroyd Memorial Garden – a truly wonderful asset for Mytholmroyd and over 20 school assemblies.

The retiring Mayor commented on his charity for the year which enabled as many young people in our area with financial restrictions to be able to engage in twin town activities with our twin towns in St Pol, France and Warstein, Germany. To date nearly £3000 has been raised.

The retiring Mayor wished the new Mayor well for her year.

Cllr Trickett presented gifts to the retiring Mayoress, the Mayors Secretary, the Neighbourhood Manager and the Town Clerk.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Nader Fekri and Cllr Peter Wardoff.

Chief Exec Calderdale MBC, Owen Williams.

Chair of Wadsworth Parish Council, John Lynch.

Cllr Richard Marshall.

Cllr John Beacroft Mitchell.

Pam Saville, Head teacher - Burnley Road School.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Boggis be Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2012/13.

The Mayor placed the Deputy Mayor's Chain on Cllr Boggis.

Cllr Boggis announced that his partner Felicity Dargan-Bell would be his consort.

4. APPRECIATION OF CHAIRS

i) Allotments Committee

Cllr Young thanked Cllr Yorke for acting as Chair of the Allotments Committee in the year 2011/12.

ii) Community Funding Committee

Cllr Scorer thanked Cllr Press for acting as Chair of the Community Funding Committee in the year 2011/12.

iii) Environmental Renaissance/Parks & Paths Committee

Cllr Hodgins thanked Cllr Young for acting as Chair of the Environmental Renaissance Committee in the year 2011/12.

iv) Staffing Committee

Cllr Bampton Smith thanked Cllr Young for acting as Chair of the

Staffing Committee in the year 2011/12.

v) **Strategy & Review Committee**

Cllr Allison thanked Cllr Sweeney for acting as Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee in the year 2011/12.

vi) **Twinning Committee**

Cllr Davenport thanked Cllr Tsoneva for acting as Chair of the Twinning Committee in the year 2011/12.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Hebden Bridge Picture House Digitalisation.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the circulated paper.

It was moved by Cllr Press

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to endorse the Picture House Committees decision to appoint AM Digital as the preferred supplier, to remove automation and projection box organisation from the works planned and consider them at an appropriate later date and to award the contract to supply to AM Digital in line with the quotation, including payment terms, as presented at a total value of £50,100.00.

6. **ADJOURNMENT OF FORMAL BUSINESS**

Before the adjournment the Mayor thanked her proposer and seconder and announced her Charity for the year as being 'Branching Out' which supports young people with drug and alcohol addictions.

The Mayor presented the retiring Mayor with his Past Mayor Medal and the Retiring Mayoress with flowers.

It was moved by Cllr Davenport

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to adjournment formal business until the 23rd May 2012.

7. **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**

Senior Section

It was moved by Cllr Fearon

Seconded by Cllr Press and

RESOLVED: to award the 2012 Service to the Community Award to Donald Crossley for his commitment to educating the people of the Upper Calder Valley and beyond regarding the works of Ted Hughes and freely giving his time to the community.

He was presented with a Plaque and photographic gifts.

Junior Section

It was moved by Cllr Downs

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to award the 2012 Service to the Community Award to both Carly Gaunt & Katie Pogue for their involvement in organising and being involved with many events in the Calder Valley and their work in developing and delivering the 'Orange Box' in Halifax, a new youth centre for the young people of Calderdale.

Carly & Katie were presented with a Plaque and gift vouchers.

8.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Les Panards Dansants performed music to the assembled audience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm