

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2016 at HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Councillors; Hodgins (Chair item 2 onward) Bampton Smith, Boggis, Cammack, Crosland, Daber, Dixon, Dunford, Fearon, Fraser, King, Scullion, Stow, Timbers, Trickett, Yorke and Young

Also present Mayor of Calderdale MBC & Mayor & Consort of Keighley Town Council, and 65 members of the public.

Clerk – Jason Boom, Hebden Royd Town Council.

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

It was moved by Cllr Timbers

Seconded by Cllr Dunford and

RESOLVED with 15 votes in favour, none against and with 2 abstentions that Cllr Anthony Robert Hodgins be Town Mayor for the Council Year 2016/17.

Cllr Hodgins received the Chain of Office from Cllr Fearon.

Cllr Hodgins read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by Cllr Timbers.

The Mayor announced his consort to be his Hazel Scriven. The new Mayor placed the Chain of Office on his consort.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that Cllr Pat Fraser would be Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2016/17.

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

Cllr Fraser announced that Cllr John Dunford would be her consort.

#### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Christine Davenport.

The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayor with his past Mayors Badge, Certificate of Office and his Memories of the Year and invited Cllr James Fearon to reflect on his year in office.

The Retiring Mayor reflected on a year of artistic events, inspiring to the many different communities that had organised and staged them. They symbolised how the area would pulled together as it has done in the challenging times following the

floods of December 26<sup>th</sup>, support had been inspiring, the plight of some relieved by strangers with communities coming together as never before. Help had been received from far afield, from across the UK and beyond into Europe with generous donations received from our twin towns of St Pol sur Ternoise and Warstein.

Cllr Fearon stated ‘It had been the worst of years, and also the best of years, a reflection of how we should help and support each other’.

#### **4. APPRECIATION OF CHAIRS**

Cllr Fearon thanked the chairs of his committees for the council year 2015/16.

- i) **Community Funding Committee**  
Cllr Fearon.
- ii) **Environment & Allotments Committee**  
Cllr Young.
- iii) **Picture House**  
Cllr Yorke.
- iv) **Staffing Committee**  
Cllr Young.
- v) **Strategy & Review Committee**  
Cllr Dixon.
- vi) **Twinning Committee**  
Cllr Davenport.

#### **5. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**

The Town Mayor explained that because of the unprecedented events of the 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015 the Town Council had been unable to identify individuals to receive this year’s awards in both the senior and junior sections.

The response to these events was awe inspiring and had been from people both near and far, it would be impossible to identify all those involved and who had contributed. The response was however focused on hubs of activity and it was felt that the huge sacrifices made by each of these locations should be recognised.

Cllr Hodgins thanked Best Practice Training, based in Mytholmroyd for all that they has done following the flood, providing food & drinks, supplies and support for all that needed it. Cllr Hodgins presented a plaque in recognition of their support in a time of need.

Cllr Dixon thanked Tim Weston Foulds, Trevor Bannister, Martin & Julie Law who had established a Hub on the Elphaborough Estate in Mytholmroyd and continue to offer support for residents and neighbours who still need help and support. Cllr Hodgins presented a plaque to recognise these achievements and their continuing endeavours.

Cllr Scullion thanked the Hebden Bridge Community Association for being the symbol of support and help in Hebden Bridge. Members of Calderdale MBC were also thanked with Cllr Scullion recounting how she personally benefitted from the Hub and those that had so generously offered their time, energies and resources.

While thanking the 'Flood Hubs' it was recognised to be impossible to reach all who had contributed to the recovery effort from both near and far, the Town Mayor hoped that the message of grateful appreciation would be passed on to all.

**6. MAYORAL ASPIRATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MAYORS CHARITY FOR 2016/17.**

The Mayor stated it was an honour to be elected as Mayor of Hebden Royd. The Mayor thanked Cllr James Fearon, the outgoing Mayor, and hoped to be able to do justice to the role.

The Mayor declared his excitement and giddiness at becoming the Mayor of his home town, he struggled to believe that that scruffy little kid who had attended Mytholm School could have become the Mayor. The Mayor hopes to continue the good work of the Town Council, a Town Council that he believes is one of the best in the country. He stated a desire to continuing to work with the community, supporting it where required and to allow it to continue to blossom despite all the challenges it had faced.

The Mayor announced that his charities for the year would be Calder Valley Search & Rescue you explained to the meeting how they operated and how they supported the community. Calder Valley Search & Rescue would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and it was commented that the support of the Mayor of Hebden Royd would add further momentum to what is already a very busy programme of fundraising and awareness building.

**7. MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

'The Three Bridges' provided musical entertainment to the gathered audience playing songs, old and new, with refreshments being served.

Meeting finished at 8:45 pm.