

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 at HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Councillors; Fraser (Chair item 2 onward) Bampton Smith, Boggis, Cammack, Courtney, Dixon, Fearon, Fenton, Hodgins, Patient, Stow, Timbers and Young

Also present Deputy Mayor of Calderdale MBC, Deputy Mayor of Todmorden and 76 members of the public.

Clerk – Jason Boom, Hebden Royd Town Council.

The Town Clerk welcomed guests following musical delights from Terry Logan, Chris Manly and The Remmingtons.

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

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Young and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Patricia Mary Fraser be Mayor of Hebden Royd for the year 2017/18.

Cllr Fraser received the Chain of Office from Cllr Hodgins.

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

The Mayor announced her consort to be her daughter Anna Warwood, with support from others. The new Mayor placed the Chain of Office on her consort.

The New Mayor presented the outgoing Mayor with his past Mayor's Badge and his Memories of the Year and invited him to reflect on his year in office.

Cllr Hodgins spoke of his highlights from the year being the Legion d' honneur presentations to D Day Veterans and the stage production by Calder Valley Youth Theatre of 'The Wiz'. He commented that he felt the poorest of society were paying the heaviest price for the failings of the economy.

The Retiring Mayor presented flowers to his consort Hazel Scriven and his secretary Rebekah Cox along with a cheque to Calder Valley Search & Rescue for £1023.13, funds raised throughout his Mayoral Year.

#### **2. NEW MAYORAL REGALIA**

Cllr Carol Stow outlined the desire for new regalia with a presentation from Jenny Dutson from the Workshop, Hebden Bridge, giving an insight into the design and manufacturing process.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Trickett & Crosland along with CMBC Mayor Cllr Firman Ali and Alan Brooks.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Cllr Carol Stow would be Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2017/18.

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

Cllr Stow announced that her son Daniel Stow would be her consort.

**5. APPRECIATION OF CHAIRS**

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Tony Hodgins, expressed thanks to councillors who chaired committees during 2016/17.

Without these committees the council could not progress the aims and objectives of the Town Council.

Community Funding - Cllr Carol Stow - This committee supports the community by meeting requests for financial support from the many wide and varied organisations in the parish.

Environment & Allotments - Cllr Young - The Environment & Allotments committee continues its good work, more events are on the horizon to complement the established Happy Hounds, Christmas Light Switch On's and Kidsfest.

Picture House - Cllr Yorke, followed by Cllr Carol Stow –The silver lining to the flooding of Boxing Day 2015 is that we now have that first class cinema and it has been welcoming more guests than ever. Cllr Hodgins thanked the manager of the Picture House, Rebekah Fozard and her staff for delivering this wonderful service that we are so rightly proud of.

Neighbourhood Planning – this committee has been led by John Kimber, of Wadsworth Parish Council, Sue Slater of Heptonstall Parish Council and Roger Greenwood of Erringden Parish Council. All have striven to ensure appropriate consultation had been undertaken to make sure that the Neighbourhood Plan will deliver fair policies for all the residents of Hebden Royd.

Staffing - Cllr Young - The Staffing Committee look after the people who put into action the decisions made by the Town Council and its councillors. Thank you to this committee but also thank you to all our staff at Hebden Royd Town Council.

Strategy & Review - Cllr Scullion - Provides direction and vision identifying areas that we need to focus on and attending to the many pieces of legislation that must be considered.

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### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD**

The Mayor explained the award and that it is presented in recognition of exemplary support of the community in the Parish of Hebden Royd.

#### Senior Award

Cllr Young nominated Trevor Bannister for his hard work and dedication following the floods of 2015 starting helping in the Flood Hub in Mytholmroyd, handing out supplies to those that needed them and in the evenings by heading out to the homes of those affected.

Trevor started to see places that needed attention and noticed how much debris was in the river. He quickly set up the 'Calder Valley Clean Up Group' and working alongside volunteers, corporate groups and the National Citizen Service he took it upon himself to systematically work along the River Calder clearing debris. Supported by local councils he created huge mounds of waste which was swiftly removed for disposal.

Trevor is a very modest fellow, he doesn't like attention for what he does but without his efforts and his determination there are many in the Valley who would have had to endure the floods on their own and spent a lot longer getting back to a normal day to day existence.

#### Young Persons Award

Cllr Courtney nominated Zweyla Mitchell dos Santos

Zweyla first became involve with 'Fair for Youth' when she was 15, helping organise this annual festival for young people. The festival set out to prove that kids could do it, and they certainly did!

As part of this festival she identified a need for a flexible, cheap and easy to access Public Address System and along with a few friends gained funding for their first PA. Hebden Bridge Community PA now provides equipment for events ranging from private parties to community festivals and corporate events and the project is self-financing (well almost). Members of the group are fully trained and this low cost service, administered and managed by young people is well respected.

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### **MAYORAL ASPIRATIONS FOR 2017/18 & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYORS CHARITY**

Cllr Pat Fraser, the New Mayor, spoke of her moving from a welcoming friendly community in Manchester to another welcoming friendly community in Hebden Bridge in 2003. As an 'offcumden' she was honoured to be the New Mayor of Hebden Royd.

She spoke of an exciting year ahead and her hope that in the new year she will be able to inspire residents to work together to defeat loneliness month by month. Her consort, Anna Warwood, spoke of how proud her family was of their mother and her achievements.

She stated that she would be keeping her councillors in line.

The New Mayor introduced Luke Ambler representing 'Andy's Man Club' the Mayors Charity for the forthcoming year. This club is aimed at getting men to open up about their mental health problems. Andy's Man Club was formed in early 2016 by Luke after his brother-in-law took his own life.

The group, which has now spread from Yorkshire to Lancashire, aims to raise awareness of mental health issues among young men.

**8. MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

*Terry Logan with Chris Manley* provided musical entertainment to the gathered audience playing songs about life, love and everything in between... Refreshments were served.

Meeting finished at 8.46pm