

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2019
at HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL, HEBDEN BRIDGE.**

MINUTES

PRESENT Mayor Cllr Dr Carol Stow (Chair) plus 11 members electors from the parish.

Also present Jason Boom, Town Clerk, Hebden Royd Town Council

Tea & Coffee was served prior to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bampton Smith, Boggis, Patient & Trickett.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk reported that the Public Notice of the Annual Town Meeting had been posted on the Town Notice Boards in accordance with statutory requirements. Additionally, the information had been shared on the Town Council's website as well as social media outlets.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD 18th April 2018

No questions or comments were raised.

4. PRESENTATION – Cllr Dr Carol Stow

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT: What does a town mayor do and what has the Hebden Royd town mayor 2018-19 been doing?

Cllr Dr Carol Stow shared with the gathered crowd her activities since her election in May 2018. She explained the ceremonial role undertaken by her as town mayor, recalling stories and experiences of interest along with anecdotes and stories. The town mayor also advised on her more formal role as chair of the town council and the fund raising that had taken place during the year.

5. ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS

Lesley McKay asked that the town council consider and look to improve the quality of air in the parish. She suggested three ways in which this could be achieved:

- Reduce the number of vehicle that remain switched on when passengers are popping into shop/stores or local services.
- Campaign to encourage parents to walk to school with their children.
- Earn a reputation as an area where we strive to improve air quality.

The Corridor Improvement Programme while welcomed will lead to increased vehicle speeds as vehicles move towards settlements. Lesley is keen to see physical, noticeable changes to the environment around roads to identify the change to a settlement. Giving the townships' identity i.e. Welcome Signs would hopefully encourage a reduction in speed.

Lesley also asked that we look to provide covered recreational facilities for use in the winter time for young people.

Graham Mynott asked that the town council engage with the soon to be launched Active Calderdale Campaign.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm