

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2019 at HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Stow (Chair for item 1 and item 2 onward) Bampton Smith, Cammack, Courtney, Fenton, Fraser, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Hodgins, Hoyle, Needham, Patient, Stevens, Wood and Young

Also present Mayor of Whitworth, Chairman of Saddleworth and Mayor Todmorden and 42 members of the public.

Clerk – Jason Boom, Hebden Royd Town Council.

The Town Clerk welcomed guests, explaining the annual process of appointing a new Mayor and that Parish and Town Council across the land will be holding similar meetings.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Stow called the meeting to order.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Patient

Seconded by Cllr Young

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dr Carol Stow be elected Mayor of Hebden Royd for 2019/20.

The Town Clerk placed Chain on New Mayor, Cllr Dr Carol Stow.

Cllr Dr Carol Stow signed the Declaration of Office witnessed by proposer – Cllr Patient.

It was announced that Cllr Dr Carol Stow's consort for the year will be Sean Pert and the Mayor placed the consorts Chain on Sean.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Boggis, Freeth & Warne.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Needham

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that Cllr Sue Fenton be elected Deputy Mayor of Hebden Royd for 2019/20.

Cllr Dr Carol Stow placed the chain on the Deputy Mayor who took her seat at the top table and announced that her consort for the year would be Rob Garrett.

4.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

SENIOR SECTION

Cllr Dave Young introduce the recipient Anthony Rae.

He described the work they had been involved with over the last 20 years as volunteers associated with traffic reviews and many other local issues. Recent events have seen them work closely on the Hebden Bridge Partnership and as part of the team working to deliver the Neighbourhood Plan.

Anthony Rae was presented with a shield and he thanked the Town Council. Anthony reflected that he was happy to have served for in excess of 20 years and contribute to issues both locally and nationally. He felt the advantage of living and working in a small town was the insight it gives into much bigger problems.

Anthony saw on the horizon major challenges with improving air quality, which is a complex issue.

Anthony thanked Emma Green and Jason Boom for their support with the Neighbourhood Plan, which he stated, 'may need another 30 minutes in the oven before it is ready to send out'.

Anthony offered to assist wherever possible with the upcoming challenges.

YOUTH SECTION

Cllr Sarah Courtney introduced the Midgley Pace Egg Troop who have been able to keep this tradition alive in recent times ensuring that a history stretching back 300 years is not lost.

Max, James & Tom were singled out for special mention within the troop and the introduction this year of the first female player was applauded. Robin Lord was thanked for adding maturity to the group.

The Troop received a shield and thanks along with a cash gift to enable them to further ensure the tradition remains strong.

The Troop presented a short extract from the Pace Egg Play and received riotous applause of appreciation.

5.

THE MAYORAL YEAR 2018/19

Cllr Dr Stow reflected on her year in office with a presentation 'A Year in Numbers' which illustrated the wide and varied activities she had undertaken. From roast school dinners to mace bearers, St Georges Day Celebrations to Yorkshire Day Celebrations, the reduction of the use of plastic cups to the introduction of a HRTC Statement on Misogyny the year had been a true success.

The mayor reflected that one of her biggest numbers was the £2912.50 she has raised for Slow the Flow, her charity for the year.

The mayor presented a cheque and received flowers and thanks from Slow the Flow.

6. MAYORAL ASPIRATIONS FOR 2018/19 & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYORS CHARITY

Cllr Dr Carol Stow stated that in the following year she wants the Town Council to engage with more young people and discuss their needs and how they want to shape the world they will live in. She also looks forward to working with the Climate Emergency Committee and make an impact in reducing the effects of global warming on the planet.

The mayor announced that her charity for the council year 2019/20 would be CROWS, Community Rights of Way Service

Meeting finished at 8.20pm.