

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2013 at THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH MYTHOLMROYD**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Councillors; Boggis, (Chair item 2 onward) Baker, Bampton Smith, Davenport, Downs, Fearon, Hodgins, Press, Scorer, Talbot, Timbers, Yorke and Young

Also present Chairs and Consorts of Erringden Parish Councils, Todmorden Town Council and 59 members of the public.

Clerk – Jason Boom, Hebden Royd Town Council.

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

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Karl Boggis be Town Mayor for the Council Year 2013/14.

Cllr Boggis received the Chain of Office from Cllr Davenport.

Cllr Boggis read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by Cllr Bampton Smith.

The Mayor announced his consort to be Felicity Dargen Bell. The retiring Mayor placed the Chain of Office on Felicity Dargen Bell.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Nader Fekri, Cllr Steve Sweeney, Cllr Scott Trickett, Cllr Julia Gibson and Cllr John Beacroft Mitchell.

#### **3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Cllr Press

Seconded by Cllr Baker and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Yorke would be Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2013/14.

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

Cllr Yorke announced that his wife Rebecca Yorke would be his consort.

The Mayor invited Cllr Davenport to reflect on her year in Office.

Cllr Davenport stated that as she had no experience as a deputy Mayor the year as Mayor had been initially daunting, her aim was for the council to work together for the whole of the community. However the devastating floods of June 2012 forced her to switch her priorities to supporting individuals.

In her year many highlights were obvious, the Town Criers competition, the Hebden Bridge Food Festival, the Valley of Lights, meeting and developing relations with our twin towns of St Pol and Warstein and the Remembrance Services - where fallen servicemen had their names called out. These events have contributed to bringing the Valley back to life.

Cllr Davenport thanked the Town Council and the many other Town & Parish Councillors who had supported and advised her in her year as Mayor of Hebden Royd. Cllr Davenports advice was to be yourself, don't change, keep your friends and to enjoy it.

Cllr Davenport presented gifts to the Mayors Secretary, the Neighbourhood Manager, the Town Clerk and to all members of the council.

Cllr Davenport presented Calder Valley Search and Rescue with a cheque for £1714.70 as the beneficiary of her Mayors Charity and a certificate from the Town Council to thank them for all that they do within our community.

Cllr Boggis presented the Cllr Davenport with her Past Mayors Badge and a Record of her year as Mayor.

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

##### **i) Allotments Committee**

Cllr Boggis thanked Cllr Yorke for acting as Chair of the Allotments Committee in the year 2012/13.

##### **ii) Community Funding Committee**

Cllr Press thanked Cllr Scorer for acting as Chair of the Community Funding Committee in the year 2012/13.

##### **iii) Environmental Renaissance/Parks & Paths Committee**

Cllr Hodgins thanked Cllr Young for acting as Chair of the Environmental Renaissance Committee in the year 2012/13.

##### **iv) Picture House**

Cllr Yorke thanked Cllr Press for acting as Chair of the Picture House Committee in the year 2012/13.

##### **v) Staffing Committee**

Cllr Young thanked Cllr Bampton Smith for acting as Chair of the Staffing Committee in the year 2012/13.

##### **vi) Strategy & Review Committee**

Cllr Baker thanked Cllr Talbot for acting as Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee in the year 2012/13.

##### **vii) Twinning Committee**

Cllr Timbers thanked Cllr Trickett for acting as Chair of the Twinning Committee in the year 2012/13.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT OF FORMAL BUSINESS**

Before the adjournment the Mayor announced that he wanted to develop the relationships started by Cllr Davenport with adjoining councils.

He expressed his keenness to support and add to the Tour de France and get behind this amazing event.

The Mayor stated his keenness to help develop the Flood Support Groups and to ensure the involvement of all the agencies associated.

The Mayor, as a long-time member of amateur dramatic and musical organisations, hoped to see them return to the Hebden Bridge Picture House and to expand its use.

The mayor stated that he would have no charity as such but in his year hoped to be able to bring small organisations together to pool resources and to help themselves support each other.

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Davenport and

**RESOLVED:** to adjournment formal business until the 29th May 2013.

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

Senior Section

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Press and

**RESOLVED:** to award the 2013 Service to the Community Award to Rob Holden for his commitment to supporting many charities along the valley and for creating a support network for those affected by the flooding of June 2012 and for campaigning for better flood defences for the future.

He was presented with a plaque and vouchers in recognition of his efforts.

Junior Section

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Young and

**RESOLVED:** to award the 2013 Service to the Community Award to Zoe Glover for her involvement with all things Mytholmroyd including the Gala, St Michaels Amateurs and Calder High School amongst others.

Zoe was presented with a plaque and gift vouchers.

## **7. MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

*Ann Hudson* performed songs from across the years to the assembled audience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm