

ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL
held WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2024 at
WATERFRONT HALL, HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Councillors - Fraser (Chair from item 2), Bampton Smith, Butterick, Cammack, Davenport, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Hayes, Hedges, Howes, Hoyle, Morse & Woodhead

Acting Town Clerk – Emma Green

Administrator – Rebekah Cox (Minutes)

HRTC Officers – Ebony Andrews and Rachel Lightbird

62 members of the public.

MINUTES

The Acting Town Clerk opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

1. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: That the Mayor for the Council year 2024-25 shall be Cllr Pat Fraser.

Cllr Fraser accepted the role of Mayor and signed declaration and announced that her consort for the year shall be Anna Warwood and local consorts Ellen Fellowes and Cllr Patsi Guilfoyle.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Boggis, Matthias, McNicholas and Needham.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Keith Butterick be the Deputy Mayor for the Council year 2024-25.

Cllr Butterick accepted the role of Deputy Mayor and announced that his consort for the year shall be Lorna Buttrick.

4. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD 2023/24

Cllr Fraser introduced the Service to the Community Award in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the community of Hebden Royd to the Hebden Royd Postmasters. Satnam Singh from the Hebden Bridge Post Office and Janet Brookes from the Mytholmroyd Post Office.

The Service to the Community Shield, Certificate and a gift was presented to both Satnam Singh and Janet Brookes for all their work with the community - working tirelessly and going above and beyond.

5. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD – YOUTH SECTION 2023/24

Cllr Guilfoyle introduced the Service to the Community Award – Youth Section recognising the long-standing impact of this youth organisation in Hebden Royd to the Hebden Bridge Junior Band. Hebden Bridge Junior Band have provided music for the last 50 years. Providing music for community events, with the youngest member being 7 years old.

The Service to the Community Shield, Certificate and a gift was presented to HBJB members.

6. RETIRING MAYOR

Hebden Royd Mayor, Cllr Pat Fraser invited the retiring Mayor Cllr Bernice Hayes to address the meeting having presented her with a Past Mayors Badge, a record of her Mayoral Year and flowers.

Cllr Bernice Hayes expressed thanks to HRTC Councillors during her Mayoral Year of 2023/24 and gave an account of the year, reporting on donations made and making presentations to those who have supported her during the year.

Cllr Bernice Hayes gave the highlights from the Mayors Diary for 2023/24, to name but a few:

- St Michaels Amateur Dramatics – attending 2 of their 3 events. Fantastic performances.
- Walshaw Lodge with Lady Savile – the buffet was fantastic.
- Attending several events in Normanton e.g. Mayors Coffee Morning, 1940s event, Gala (on hottest day of the year), Last Night of the Proms – Normanton Town Council certainly know how to put on a good event.
- Retirement event for the vicar of St Michael’s Church, Revd Cathy Reardon.
- Yorkshire Day celebrations in Rotherham.
- Presenting prizes at the Vintage Car Weekend.
- Opening the Camera Club Exhibition at the Hebden Bridge Town Hall. A photo taken by a photographer from the Camera Club was used for the Mayoral Christmas card.

- Hebden Royd Town Council Mayor's Civic Service held at St Michael's - was brilliant and Cllr Hayes friend Nelson stole the show with his singing.
- Trip to Warstein with their Mayor, Thomas who is larger than life.
- St James Church 190 anniversary where the Mayor and consort wore period dress.
- Pumpkin Festival.
- Halifax Minster to meet new vicar.
- Visiting all 7 Hebden Royd primary schools to award Kenneth Kaberry awards.
- Christmas Lights Switch On in Hebden Bridge.
- Todmorden Choral Society at Todmorden Town Hall.
- Calderdale Civic Service – evensong.
- Birchcliffe Centre for International Woman's Day with Indian Dance.
- Duck Race run by Rotary Club.
- Mayors Charity Screening of The Wizard of Oz – thanks to Pete, the Manager of the Picture House and his team.
- Mayor's Charity Raffle with prizes donated by generous friends of Calder Food Support.
- Mad Hatters Tea Party at Normanton.
- Dock Pudding Competition at Mytholmroyd Community Centre.
- Hebden Happy Hounds awarding rosettes to winners.

Cllr Hayes presented the Mayors Charity for 2023/24 a cheque for £1378.50 to Calder Food Support. Sue Fenton accepted the cheque on behalf of the charity giving thanks to the wonderful volunteers who make this happen. This charity is by the community for the community and commented that it gives her a warm feeling to see everyone helping their neighbours.

7. MAYORAL ASPIRATIONS FOR 2023/24 & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYORS CHARITY

Cllr Pat Fraser gave an outline of her aspirations for the year ahead and announced the Mayor's Charity for 2024/25.

Thanked and welcomed all for being here. This is the second time she will be Mayor of Hebden Royd Town Council. The first time was in 2017, at a time when we were recovering from the boxing day floods – it was a time to reflect on the community coming together. Town Hall was a hub to help people.

Cllr Fraser is truly thrilled to be chosen again to be an ambassador of this wonderful place, and her main aims are to promote grassroots and community initiatives. It was announced that Hebden Bridge Saints Under 15's Girls Football Team will be the Mayors Charity for 2024/25. Founded in 1984, and dependant on volunteers, this grassroots football team has grown through the dedication players and supporters. Cllr Fraser was inspired by the film Copa 71 that was screened at the Hebden Bridge Film Festival; Cllr Fraser felt that Hebden Bridge Saints Under 15's Girls Team is a fantastic organisation that encourages young girls to play football. Monies raised through the Mayors Charity will be used for publicity and to extend the reach across the valley.

The Mayor of Hebden Royd, Cllr Pat Fraser closed the meeting and encouraged those attending to enjoy the refreshments and stay after the meeting to network and catch up with friends.

On behalf of the Hebden Bridge Junior Band Steve Robson addressed the meeting and thanked the council and those who have supported their efforts in recent years. They are keen to play for local events and welcome young people from community from beginners.

Hebden Bridge Junior Band finished the meeting by playing a few pieces of music from the classical to the contemporary.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm.