

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL MEETING** Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 19th May, 2015** at **6.45pm**.

PRESENT Councillor H Smith (Retiring Mayor), Councillors Mrs S Bailey, Mrs M Ewings, T Gibbins, Mrs A Johnson, J Moody, E Sanders, P Sanders, J Sheldon, Mrs J Whitcomb.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note – prior to the meeting there was opportunity for quiet reflection led by Major Dawn McGarvey of the Salvation Army. It being the first meeting of the new Council's term the retiring Mayor took the opportunity to welcome the new Council and to express a thanks and appreciation and to bid farewell to the Mayor's Cadet of 2014-2015 Civic Year – Corporal Ali Cox.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2015-16 Civic Year.

A nomination was received in respect of Councillor Mrs S Bailey (proposed by Councillor H Smith and seconded by Councillor Mrs M Ewings).

There would be no other nominations it was, Resolved that Councillor Mrs S Bailey be elected Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2015-16 Civic Year.

The Mayor was invested with the chain of office. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to represent it and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The 2012-2013 Mayor, Councillor Mrs A Johnson gave a tribute to the retiring Town Mayor Councillor H Smith.

Retiring Mayor, Councillor H Smith expressed his appreciation to his colleagues for their support and work over the past civic year

together with those other partner organisations and community groups that made Tavistock such a special place to live work and visit. Tribute was also made, in particular, to the Mayoress Mrs M Smith.

2. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the election of Deputy Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2015-2016 Civic Year.

A Nomination was received in respect of Councillor Mrs M Ewings (proposed by Councillor Mrs A Johnson and seconded by Councillor T Gibbins).

There was no other nominations it was, Resolved that Councillor Mrs M Ewings be elected Deputy Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2015-16 Civic Year.

The Deputy Mayor was invested with the Medallion of office. Councillor Mrs Ewings signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for the honour of being elected Deputy Mayor of Tavistock Town Council for the 2015-16 Civic Year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor B Trew.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that, the Minutes of the Meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on 14th April 2015, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairmen.

6. MAYOR'S EXPENSES

The Council considered the treatment of Mayoral expenses rising from which it was:- Resolved that Tavistock Town Council endorse the payment of an allowance of £2,000 to the Town Mayor to defray the expenses attached to this Office in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Council considered how better to proceed in relation to the appointment of Committees noting, in particular, that there were presently 6 vacancies upon the Council.

Resolved that consideration of the appointment of Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council be deferred until co-options have taken place.

8. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Council considered a draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2015-2016 Civic Year as previously endorsed by Council at its Meeting on 14th April, 2015 to formally approve the Calendar of Meetings

Resolved that the submitted 2015-2016 Civic Year Calendar of Meetings be adopted.

9. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CHARITIES AND OTHER BODIES

The Council considered a report setting out the proposed appointments of representatives to Charities and Other bodies (Appendix 3)

Resolved that (subject to vacancies arising from the resignation of Councillor D Whitcomb being deferred to a future Meeting) representatives be appointed to Charities and Outside Bodies for the 2015-2016 Civic Year set out in the reports.

10. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

In view of the extent of vacancies arising from the recent election and a subsequent resignation it was Resolved that Tavistock Town Council defer consideration of this matter until it has a full complement of Members in sitting.

11. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Council considered and noted a schedule setting out the Record of Attendances at Meetings of the Council during the 2014 to 2015 Civic year. (Appendix 4 refers)

12. MAYOR'S CADET

The Council received notification of, and welcomed, received the Mayor's Cadet for the ensuing Civic Year 2015-2016, Lance Corporal Aaron Kirby.

13. TO ORDER THAT THE SEAL BE AFFIXED TO THE FOREGOING ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS AND TO ALL DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT THERETO

Resolved that the Seal be affixed to the various deeds and documents to be made, or entered into, for the carrying into effect of those decisions or matters approved by the Council this day.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Councillors H Smith (Retiring Mayor), Mrs S Bailey, Mrs M Ewings, T Gibbins, Mrs A Johnson, J Moody, E Sanders, P Sanders, J Sheldon, B Trew, D Whitcomb, Mrs J Whitcomb.