

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Tuesday 26th May 2009.

Present: Councillors D M Hancock, G M R Howe, P Quinn, H Nicolson, L Iddon, F Timmiss, R Matthews, S C Bird, B Stoker, M S Hardy, A Hammond, G Swinbank, A Walker, J G Huntington and V Chapman (up to Item No 16)

TC 01/09 Election of Town Mayor

Councillor S Bird proposed and Councillor G Swinbank seconded a nomination for Councillor G M R Howe to be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations Councillor G M R Howe was duly elected Town Mayor for 2009/10.

TC 02/09 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor G M R Howe made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Town Mayor.

Councillor Howe thanked Members for the opportunity to serve the community as Town Mayor which was a great honour. He thanked Councillor Hammond and her consort for all of their hard work during her term of office.

Councillor Howe advised that his nominated charities for this year of office would be LUPUS plus one other to be chosen by the community.

TC 03/09 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Town Mayor

The retiring Town Mayor, Councillor A Hammond, provided a written report of her year in office to all elected Members. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Councillors Bird, Huntington and Walker all expressed their thanks for the hard work undertaken by Councillor Hammond during her year of office and praised her for being an excellent ambassador for the town.

TC 04/09 Election of the Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor J G Huntington proposed and Councillor G Swinbank seconded a nomination for Councillor S C Bird to be elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2009/10. Councillor Walker proposed and Councillor Timmiss seconded a nomination for Councillor P Quinn to be elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2009/10.

Councillor S C Bird was duly elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2009/10.

TC 05/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G G Lewis.

TC 06/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 07/09 Appointment of a Leader of the Council

Councillor S C Bird proposed and Councillor L Iddon seconded a nomination for Councillor J G Huntington to be elected Leader of the Council for 2010.

- Councillor S C Bird
 - Councillor G M R Howe
 - Councillor F Timmiss
 - Councillor T M Bannister
- Allotments
- Chairman of Service & Amenities Committee
 - Vice-Chairman of Service & Amenities Committee
 - Councillor L Iddon
 - Councillor G G Lewis
 - Councillor M Hardy
 - Councillor J G Huntington
 - Councillor A Walker
 - Councillor V Chapman

TC 14/09 Representatives on Outside Bodies

It was **resolved** that the representatives on outside bodies be as follows:-

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| a) | Parish Plan Steering Group | - | Cllr A Hammond |
| | | - | Cllr J G Huntington |
| b) | County Durham Association of Local Councils | - | Cllr J G Huntington |
| | | - | Cllr A Hammond |
| c) | Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee | - | Cllr J G Huntington |
| | | - | Cllr G Swinbank |
| | | - | Town Clerk |
| d) | Sedgefield & District Local Councils Committee (Informal) | - | Cllr J G Huntington |
| | | - | Cllr G Swinbank |
| | | - | Town Clerk |
| e) | Shildon People's Centre Management Committee | - | Cllr G M R Howe |
| | | - | Cllr M S Hardy |
| g) | Jubilee Fields Community Association | - | Cllr Matthews |
| g) | Shildon Community Safety Group | - | Cllr F Timmiss |
| | | - | Cllr G Lewis |
| h) | Museum Forum | - | Cllr S C Bird |
| i) | Shildon Community Museum Limited | - | Cllr D M Hancock |
| j) | Sedgefield & District Advice & Information Service | - | Cllr J G Huntington |
| k) | Shildon Children & Young Peoples Action Network (SCYPAN) | - | Cllr B H Stoker |
| | | - | Cllr G Swinbank (Reserve) |
| l) | Larger Local Councils Forum | - | Cllr G Swinbank |
| | | - | Cllr S C Bird |
| | | - | Cllr V Chapman |
| m) | Shildon Youth Council Working Group | - | Cllr B H Stoker |
| | | - | Cllr P Quinn |

TC 15/09 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 27th April 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC 16/09 Committees

Resolved that the minutes of the following Committees be approved and adopted:

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| a) | Service and Amenities | - | 11 th May 2009 |
| b) | Resources | - | 11 th May 2009 |

TC 17/09 Police Report

A report was circulated to all Members detailing the annual crime statistics for 2008/09, the crime statistics for April 2009 and an update on the PACT meetings for May and June 2009.

Following detailed consideration of the above it was **resolved** that:-

- a) Durham County Council be advised of the Town Council's concern at the introduction of a £10 charge for the removal of bulky household waste and the potential increase in fly tipping as a result and
- b) Durham Constabulary be advised of the Town Council's concern that the increase in dwelling burglary is directly linked to drug use and of the need to ensure that tackling drug offences remains a priority.

TC 18/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies.

- a) Notes of the inaugural meeting of the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee held on 7th May 2009 – **resolved** that the notes be received.
- b) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 25th April 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.
- c) Notes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network held on 29th April 2009 – **resolved** that the notes be received.

TC 19/09 Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee – Draft Constitution

Resolved that the draft Constitution be approved.

TC 20/09 Member Training – Chairmanship Training

Resolved that any member wishing to attend the training would advise the Town Clerk accordingly as soon as possible.

TC 23/09 Appreciations & Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements attended be noted.