

CALNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Calne Town Council (Mayor Making) held in the Large Hall on Monday 9 May 2016

PRESENT

Councillor H R Marshall – Town Mayor (**Outgoing**)
Councillor T W B Rounds – Deputy Town Mayor (**Outgoing**)
Councillor Mrs G J Ansell
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs
Councillor C M Boase
Councillor Ms H E Canfer
Councillor D I Conway
Councillor R C MacNaughton
Councillor A Muir
Councillor P M Redmond
Councillor R J Stigwood
Councillor A J Trotman
Councillor D L Warnett

IN ATTENDANCE: Reverend S King

OFFICERS

Mrs L A Roberts – Town Clerk
Mrs Clare Harris – PA to the Town Clerk

01/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Davies, Denley, Hill, Venton, Widger and Councillor Dr Reid.

02/16 TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall welcomed everyone and gave a special warm welcome to the Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire, William Wyldbore-Smith who was representing the Lord Lieutenant.

The Town Mayor spoke about his Mayoral year, which he had enjoyed immensely, having met lots of lovely people, seen some fabulous events, attended many dinners and ceremonies all because local people want to see the Chain of Office at their event. He explained that one of his aims for his Mayoral year was to start a musical project called 'Calne in Tune' to engage young people and budding young musicians in Calne. This project is off the ground and running and he hopes to see it continue to flourish over the course of this year.

The Town Mayor confirmed that whilst he unfortunately had to cancel his Mayoral function he did still manage to raise £750, which he will split between his chosen charities; the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

The Town Mayor thanked his wife and Mayoress, Alison, the Town Clerk, Linda Roberts, his Deputy, Councillor Rounds, his Chaplain, Rev. Sam King and Mayoral Secretary, Clare Harris, all of which have supported him throughout his Mayoral year. The Town Mayor presented flowers to Clare Harris.

03/16 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2016/17

The Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall asked for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2016/17.

It was proposed by Councillor Trotman, seconded by the outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall and

RESOLVED that Councillor Rounds be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Marshall, retiring Town Mayor, invested Councillor Rounds with the Chain of Office.

The newly elected Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, read and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Town Clerk, before leaving the meeting to robe.

Rosie Killeen, a Year 13, student from The John Bentley School, performed some songs during the interlude, while waiting for the New Town Mayor to robe and return to the meeting.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, assumed the Chair.

04/16 DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, called for nominations for Deputy Town Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Canfer, seconded by Councillor Mrs Baggs and

RESOLVED that Councillor Trotman be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, invested Councillor Trotman with the Chain of Office. Councillor Trotman read and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which the Town Clerk countersigned.

05/16 ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds thanked Rosie Killeen of John Bentley School for her performance and the St Mary's Bellringers for the peal of bells which rang out on arrival of his guests earlier in the evening.

The Town Mayor invited his wife, Rachel to join him on stage and presented her with the Mayoress's chain.

The Town Mayor appointed Reverend Bob Kenway as his Chaplain for the ensuing year. Reverend Bob Kenway joined the Town Mayor on the stage.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds welcomed the Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mr William Wyldbore-Smith and his wife, the Vice Chair of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Mrs Alison Bucknell and the Town Mayor's of both Chippenham and Devizes for attending.

The Town Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall and his Mayoress, Mrs Alison Sullivan and presented them both with gifts.

He then confirmed that he is inaugurating the award of a Past Mayor's pendant to the Mayors that have preceded him during his time as Councillor with Calne Town Council, in the current term of office. He very much hopes that the pendants represent a permanent reminder of their time in this important office and that they will be worn with pride at future civic events when robes are not required.

The following Councillors were presented with a medal:

- Councillor Mrs Mercy Baggs: a three time Town Mayor and deeply involved in almost all charitable institutions in the town over several decades. Cllr Mrs Baggs was Town Mayor in 2013.
- Councillor Mrs Heather Canfer: a major contributor to Calne in Bloom projects, a volunteer for the Calne Community Transport charity and contributor to recent redecorating the Town Hall. Cllr Mrs Canfer also funded the artwork on the walls of stairwell in the Town Hall. Councillor Mrs Canfer was Town Mayor in 2014.
- Councillor Howard Marshall: An experienced Town and Unitary Councillor responsible for youth projects in town including the skate bowl. Councillor Marshall was Town Mayor in 2015.

The Town Mayor announced his chosen charities of the year:

- **Revival (Wiltshire Branch)** – a charity which offers free, confidential counselling and support for men and women who have been raped or sexual abused.
- **Calne Branch of RBL** – the local branch of the national charity which provides financial, social and emotional care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces - past and present and their families.

The Town Mayor announced that the Town Council will be attempting a Guinness World Record during this year's Christmas Festival, in creating the largest live nativity, with participants dressed in nativity costume. This event is being sponsored by the Bible Society. Planning is already well underway and everyone involved is very excited. The Town Mayor put out a plea to local families and community groups to get involved and touched on another event which is

running parallel with this however, details are currently under wraps! More information will follow very soon.

The Town Mayor also announced that during his Mayoral year, he will be Inaugurating a 'Calne Christmas Day Lunch' in the Town Hall, to support people in the community who would otherwise spend Christmas Day on their own or young families who may find the cost of Christmas lunch too much of a burden. The Town Mayor called on Stan Woods, who was seated in the audience, to stand up and make himself known to everyone. Stan will be co-ordinating this lunch working closely with the Town Mayor. Stan will be at the reception following Mayor Making if anyone wishes to talk to him about or offer assistance.

06/16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 4 April 2016, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, as a correct record.

07/16 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Sealing of Documents

It was proposed by Councillor Boase seconded by Councillor Warnett and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman (or in their absence any Councillor serving on the Finance Working Group), be authorised to execute legal documents on behalf of Calne Town Council during the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

7.2 Forthcoming Civic Services

- **Celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Official 90th Birthday - St Mary's Parish Church are holding a Church Service on 12 June 2016 at 10.00am to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday.**
- **The Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13 November 2016.**

Members noted these dates.

08/16 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

The list of Representatives on Other Bodies, is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Boase and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the attached list of Representatives on Other Bodies for 2016/17.

09/16 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members noted the Record of Attendance 2015/16.

10/16 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The list of membership for each Committee is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Baggs, seconded by Councillor Marshall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Committee Membership as presented.

11/16 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to transact, the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, formally closed the Annual Meeting. The assembled company were requested to stand whilst the Town Council Members and Officers withdrew from the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm.