

CALNE TOWN COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Calne Town Council (Mayor Making) held in the Large Hall on Monday 11 May 2015

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reverend S King
Mr A Lawton – Gazette & Herald

OFFICERS

Mrs L A Roberts – Town Clerk
Mrs A C Cawkwell – Finance & Committee Officer

01/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Baggs, Councillor Denley, Councillor Dr Reid, Councillor Trotman, Councillor Venton and Councillor Widger.

02/15 TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Ms Canfer, welcomed everyone and stated that she had found a real home in Calne and everyone was really friendly. She stated that when she was first nominated as Town Mayor the thought was somewhat daunting but with the support of the Town Clerk and fellow Councillors she would recommend it to anyone. Her diary had been full and she could never have predicted at the Mayor Making ceremony how busy the mayoral year would be. These functions included a visit to the former RAF Lyneham site, walking the procession route at the Summer and Winter Festivals and not forgetting her own fundraising Boogie Night. One occasion which did stand out was the day it was announced Calne had been awarded ‘gold’ in the South West in Bloom competition. This was a shining example of what Calne and the Community can achieve when working together.

She described how the Councillors and Staff had held a Visioning Day at which everyone had the opportunity to say how they would like to see Calne develop in the future. This led to the Town Clerk, Town Clerk’s Personal Assistant, and Councillors to form a Five Year Business Plan for the town, incorporating aspirations for the future. She was proud to serve on this Council alongside such dedicated Councillors, and working with the Town Clerk and her staff. She urged any one who was thinking of becoming a Town Councillor, or volunteering to help with any project in the town, to please come forward, they would never regret it.

03/15 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2015/2016

The Town Mayor, Councillor Ms Canfer asked for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2015/16.

Due to the resignation of Councillor Short, Councillor Ansell nominated Councillor Marshall for the Office of Town Mayor for 2015/2016, with a short speech.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ansell, seconded by the outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Ms Canfer and

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

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

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

Olly Hobbs, 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 Marshall, assumed the Chair.

04/15 DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

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

On behalf of Councillor Trotman, Councillor Warnett nominated Councillor Rounds with a short speech, which had been provided by Councillor Trotman.

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

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

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

05/15 ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall thanked his fellow Councillors for the confidence they have shown by giving him the opportunity to serve Calne as it's Mayor for a second term. He stated that Calne proved time and time again that it could punch well above its weight and he was proud to be a part of that.

He continued by saying that during his forthcoming year, it was his intention to create a place in Calne where musicians of all type and ability can mix with other like minded musicians to learn and improve their skill. A musician doesn't really learn to play until they play with other people and Calne needs a place where musicians can grow. Calne already has Calnefest, where local bands and individuals can showcase their music but there is nowhere for budding musicians to hone their skill and nowhere for established bands to practice and develop. He could not achieve this on his own and had already received offers of help from within the Calne music scene, however, funds and a suitable venue would be needed for this dream to become a reality. He announced The British Heart Foundation and Cancer UK as his chosen charities for the year.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, announced his Mayoress and invited his wife Alison Marshall to join him at the table. Alison Marshall was invested with the Mayoress's badge and assumed her seat next to the Deputy Town Mayor. The Town Mayor's Chaplain would be Reverend Sam King and he remained seated next to the Deputy Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Ms Canfer, and stated that she had excelled herself and if he could do half as well, Calne would be in good hands. He presented a bouquet of flowers to Councillor Ms Canfer, and a gift for the outgoing Consort.

06/15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 13 April 2015, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, as a correct record.

07/15 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 *Sealing of Documents*

It was proposed by Councillor Warnett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ansell and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds (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 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

7.2 *Forthcoming Civic Services*

The dates for the Calne Music and Arts Festival Opening Church Service, on a date to be confirmed late September/beginning of October, and the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8 November 2015 were noted by members.

7.3 *Summer Festival – 21 June 2015 – Town Crier's Competition*

There will be a meet and greet event at 10.00 am on 21 June at the Town Hall. Prior to the Town Crier competition Councillors will be required to robe up in time for the procession at 11.00 am.

08/15 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 Boase, seconded by Councillor MacNaughton and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the attached list of Representatives on Other Bodies for 2015/2016.

09/15 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Canfer, seconded by Councillor Hill and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to receive the Record of Attendance of Town Councillors at meetings during 2014/2015.

10/15 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

It was proposed by Councillor Warnett, seconded by Councillor Conway and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Committee membership for 2015/2016 should be stated.

11/15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to transact, the Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, 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 7.45 pm.