

CALNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Calne Town Council (Mayor Making) held in the Large Hall on Monday 15 May 2017

PRESENT	Councillor T W B Rounds – Town Mayor (Outgoing) Councillor A J Trotman – Deputy Town Mayor (Outgoing) Councillor Mrs G J Ansell Councillor J A Bennett Councillor J Boaler Councillor D A W Boore Councillor Ms H E Canfer Councillor D I Conway Councillor T Couchman Councillor J Fisher Councillor A K Hill Councillor R Jones Councillor R C MacNaughton Councillor H R Marshall Councillor M J E Riley Councillor I L Thorn Councillor G P Widger
IN ATTENDANCE:	J Wells – Wiltshire Gazette & Herald Reverend R Kenway
OFFICERS	Mrs J Young – Acting Town Clerk Mrs A Cawkwell – Finance Officer

01/17 TO ELECT A PROPER OFFICER

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Jeannette Young as Proper Officer for this meeting

The Town Mayor reminded members that whilst Jeannette Young has agreed to assume the role of Acting Proper Office in the Town Clerk's absence, she is not CILCA trained and has no legal or financial qualification in this sector. Jeannette may be unable to answer some questions from members at meetings, however, she will take any unanswered questions away, seek advice and/or guidance and respond as soon as practicable.

02/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Merrick.

03/17 TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, welcomed everyone and gave a special warm welcome to the Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mrs Nicola Alberry, and welcomed the Colonel Commandant of REME, the Right Honourable James Gray MP, and Town Mayors from the neighbouring towns of Chippenham and Royal Wootton Bassett.

The Town Mayor spoke about his Mayoral year, and highlighted the community's achievements in that time. The hosting of our twinned towns from France and Germany, the Calne Music Fest, the Town Summer Carnival and Armed Forces Day as well as the Calne Bike Meet. We also won Gold again in the South West in Bloom Competition which was no mean feat for our Council Staff and residents across the community. BBC Points West streamed live at our Bonfire and Fireworks display and we had national media coverage through our combined efforts with the Bible Society in winning the Guinness World Record for the most number of people attending a nativity play. He continued to say that he was pleased to inaugurate the Calne Mayor's Christmas Day Lunch for those who may have been on their own or who may have found lunch financially challenging, and as Chair of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan was happy that after more than three years the Plan had been submitted to Wiltshire Council who will shortly submit the plan to the Government Inspector for its final analysis and consultation.

The Town Mayor thanked his wife and Mayoress, Rachel, his Deputy, Councillor Trotman, his Chaplain, Rev. Bob Kenway, for their support throughout his mayoral year, the former Town Clerk, Linda Roberts, for her contribution to the town and former staff members Clare Harris, Claire Selman and Tracy Howell for their support in the Neighbourhood Plan, Publicity & Tourism and Town Events Planning respectively. He continued by thanking the Town Council staff who work diligently throughout the year, providing some wonderful events and ensuring the town is a pleasant place to live.

04/17 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2017/18

The Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds asked for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2017/18.

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

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

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

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

Emily Brown, 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 Trotman, assumed the Chair.

05/17 DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

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

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

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

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

06/17 ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman thanked Emily Brown of John Bentley School for her performance. He stated that it was a great honour that his name was put forward again to serve Calne and its residents as Mayor for this ensuring year and welcomed new and older standing Councillors to this annual civic occasion.

The Town Mayor stated that there is significant history in Calne, it was mentioned in the Domesday book in 1086, St Edmund from here was selected as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1234 and Calne sent two Members to Parliament in 1295. Other famous names such as Joseph Priestley and Coleridge resided in our Town. The famed Harris Bacon factory that dominated the centre of our Town has its name being used once again to attract Calne as the home of the famous Bacon Cure. He remembered the Calne Borough days, when Alderman and Councillors were making decisions on matters to run the Town and these Alderman robes are still worn by ex Mayors of this Council which gives significance to that responsibility and adds to the historic values that Councillors are proud of, even today.

He welcomed The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers to Lyneham and as Calne is expanding, will hopefully see the Calne Master Plan come forward in the central area which is so necessary to the retail economy. There is a significant boost to the night time economy with the new interior of the Lansdowne Strand Hotel, and a new cocktail bar in the old Barclays Bank building, together with the newly refurbished Bed and Breakfast at Kerry Crescent. The Calne Our Place group has been successful in promoting the Great Western Way, to attract tourism into Calne and other towns along the A4 route, with a significant grant put forward by "Visit Wiltshire". There has been a huge input from volunteers in Calne, organising and supporting events in the community and the Hub is used and is now based in the Library building throughout the week.

The Town Mayor felt very proud to head this new Council and thanked the Calne Town Council staff who have carried out their duties above and beyond all expectations, working for Councillors and the residents of Calne, and we all look forward to any challenges that may come our way in 2017/18.

The Town Mayor invited his wife, Miriam, 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.

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

The Town Mayor congratulated Councillor Rounds for gaining a Calne Guinness Book of Records Certificate for the most people attending a live nativity, with a lot of help from the Bible Society and the ingenuity of a lot of people.

07/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 10 April 2017, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, as a correct record.

08/17 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Sealing of Documents

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall (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.

8.2 Forthcoming Civic Service

The Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12 November 2017 - Members noted this date.

09/17 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Members noted that due to the absence of a qualified proper officer the Town Council is no longer eligible to use the General Power of Competence.

10/17 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members noted the Record of Attendance of Town Councillors at meetings during the 2016/17 municipal year.

11/17 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2017/18

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

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the membership of the Town Development and Planning Committee and the Amenities Committee but to defer membership of the Policy & Resources Committee until the next Council meeting.

12/17 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/18

Members approved the amended Calendar of meetings and it was noted that the Town Development and Planning meeting had been rescheduled to take place on 17th May and not the 10th May due to the elections.

13/16 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to transact, the Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, 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 7.35pm.