

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT GROVE THEATRE, COURT DRIVE, DUNSTABLE

ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2007

Present: Councillor Mrs C M Gresham (Town Mayor); Councillor Mrs B M Boatwright (Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors R R Anklesaria, T C Colbourne, A J Fairbairn, Mrs J K Fairbairn, , A E Green, J A Harnett, M Hearty, M Jones, Mrs S Littlechild, M J P Mullany, Mrs S A Newton, P E Russell, Mrs A Stock, T A W Stock and M Tilley with Mr D Ashlee (Town Clerk) and Reverend Richard Andrews (Town Mayor's Chaplain)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors P J Boatwright, J Freeman, C E Meakins-Jell and B Ralley

At the commencement of the meeting Reverend R Andrews led the Council in prayer.

137 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Tilley, seconded by Councillor Mullany and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs Brenda Boatwright be and is hereby elected Town Mayor of Dunstable for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The newly elected Town Mayor thereupon made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and addressed the Council. She advised that her chosen charities for the year would be Cancer Research, South Beds Dial-a-Ride and the Dunstable Citizens Advice Bureau.

138 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS

The following Members declared their interest in the item indicated:

Councillor Mrs B M Boatwright	Mayor's Allowance	Personal Interest
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139 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Newton , seconded by Councillor A Fairbairn, and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Tony Green be and is hereby elected Deputy Town Mayor of Dunstable for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The newly appointed Deputy Town Mayor thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

140 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor reported that she had appointed Reverend Richard Andrews as the Town Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

141 **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED: that the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year 2007/2008:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors P Boatwright, Colbourne, A Fairbairn, Hearty, Jones, Mullany, Mrs Newton, Russell, T Stock and Tilley

Highways, Parks and Planning Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Anklesaria, P Boatwright, Mrs J Fairbairn, Mrs Littlechild, Jones, Mullany, Ralley, Russell, Mrs Stock and Tilley

Community Development Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Colbourne, A Fairbairn, Mrs Gresham, Freeman, Harnett, Hearty, Meakins-Jell, Mrs Newton and Mrs Stock

Library and Promotions Committee

Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Anklesaria, Mrs J Fairbairn, Freeman, Mrs Gresham, Harnett, Mrs Littlechild, Meakins-Jell, B Ralley and T Stock

Town Centre Management Committee

Town Mayor and Chairmen of four Standing Committees

Accounts Sub-Committee

Councillors Mrs Boatwright, P Boatwright and Mrs Newton

Plans Sub-Committee

Councillors P Boatwright, Mrs Fairbairn, Green, Jones, Russell, T Stock and Tilley

Appeals and Appointments Committee

Town Mayor and Chairmen of 4 Standing Committees

Best Value Working Party

Chairmen of 4 Standing Committees plus 2 other Members

Teen Council Sub-Committee

Councillors Mrs Boatwright, Colbourne, A Fairbairn, Freeman, Mrs Gresham, Mrs Newton and Ralley

(At this juncture the Town Mayor vacated the Chair which was taken by the Deputy Town Mayor.)

142 TOWN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Newton, seconded by Councillor Colbourne, and

RESOLVED: that the Town Mayor's Allowance for the ensuing year be £3,204.

(At this juncture the Town Mayor resumed the Chair.)

143 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th April 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

144 PRESENTATION OF GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

At this juncture, the Council received Mr Richard Walden, who was presented with the Good Citizen Award by the Town Mayor in recognition of his distinguished service to Dunstable Town Council and his outstanding contribution to the wider community.

145 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, ETC

It was moved by Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Jones, and

RESOLVED: that the representatives to serve on outside organisations be as follows:

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Local Strategic Partnership	Cllr Mrs Newton
Observer at South Beds Planning Cttee	Cllr Mrs J Fairbairn (named substitute Cllr Tilley)
Dunstable Arts Council	Cllrs Russell and Tilley
Dunstable Carnival Assoc	Cllrs A Fairbairn, Freeman & Meakins-Jell
Luton and Bedfordshire Youth Association - (LuBYA) Property and Premises Group (DYPC)	Cllrs Anklesaria & Mrs Boatwright
Dunstable International Town Twinning Assoc.	Town Mayor, Mullany & Mrs Stock (& one vacancy)
Dunstable Old People's Welfare Assoc	Cllr Mrs Gresham & Mrs Littlechild
South Beds Dial-a-Ride Management Cttee	Cllr Anklesaria
RELATE Executive Committee	Cllr Harnett
CAB Management Committee	Cllr Harnett
Tidy It up Dunstable is Yours (TIDY)	Cllrs Mrs Fairbairn, Green & Tilley
Hospice at Home Management Cttee	Cllr Mrs Gresham
Kensworth Quarry Liaison Group	Cllrs Meakins-Jell & Mullany

Dunstable Concert Ensemble	Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor
Blows Down Management Cttee	Cllrs A Fairbairn & Ralley
Whipsnade Advisory Cttee	Cllr Tilley
Ashton Schools Foundation	Cllr Mrs Newton and Mrs A Rees (4 year term of office until June 2008)
Ashton Almshouses Charity	Cllr Mrs Gresham & Mr R Fossey (4 year term of office until May 2011)
Ashton St Peter's Lower School	Mrs Sharon Freely (4 year term of office until May 2011)
Chews Foundation	Cllrs P Boatwright & Mrs Newton (3 year term of office until May 2008)
Poor's Land Charity	Cllr R Anklesaria, Cllr P Boatwright and Mrs Puddefoot (4 year term of office until May 2011)
Lockington Charity	Mr T Owens (4 year term of office until January 2008) Mrs C Howes (4 year term of office until January 2010)
Marshe Charity	Mr T Owens and Mrs Howes (term of office as Lockington)