

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 0AN on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 7.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Clark – Town Mayor
Councillor D. Kay – Deputy Mayor
Councillor M. Alder Councillor S. Laver-Walton
Councillor S. Atkinson Councillor H. Morgan
Councillor D. Berry Councillor R. Wheeler
Councillor M. Clark Councillor M. White
Councillor C. Juggins Councillor G. Wiltshire
Councillor K. Langley

OFFICERS: C. A. Lloyd - Town Clerk
P. Widdicombe – Deputy Town Clerk

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Linda Clark be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Clark was invested with her badge of office by the retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Juggins.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Juggins presented the Mayor with a gift of an official Hatfield Town Council flag for her car to use on visits.

The Town Mayor thanked the Council for her election and Councillor Juggins for her gift. On behalf of the Council she also thanked Councillor Juggins and her consort Bradley Juggins for all of their work during the year.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Dave Kay be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H. Berry and Councillor R Smith.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

There were none.

6. LEADER & DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Councillor Morgan advised that Councillor Geoff Wiltshire would be Leader of the Council and Councillor Caron Juggins would be Deputy Leader. Councillor Margaret White would be Leader of the Opposition.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES

The Terms of Reference attached at Appendix A were approved.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the following Committees and Sub-Committees be approved for the ensuing year. The Leader and Deputy Leader of the majority party are ex-officio voting Members of each of the Committees.

Resources & Policy Committee

Chairman – Councillor Doug Berry, Vice Chairman – Councillor Caron Juggins

Members – Councillor Mike Alder, Councillor M. Clark, Councillor Dave Kay, Councillor S. Laver-Walton and Councillor Ron Wheeler.

Leisure Committee

Chairman - Councillor Sarah Atkinson, Vice Chairman - Councillor M. Clark,

Members - Councillor Mike Alder, Councillor Hannah Berry, Councillor Linda Clark, Councillor Dave Kay and Councillor S. Laver-Walton.

Planning Committee

Chairman - Councillor Linda Clark, Vice Chairman - Councillor H. Morgan

Members - Councillor Sarah Atkinson, Councillor M. Clark, Councillor Ron Wheeler, Councillor Margaret White, Councillor Geoff Wiltshire and 1 Conservative vacancy

Audit Committee

Members - Councillor D. Berry, Councillor M. Clark, Councillor H. Morgan, Councillor Margaret White and Councillor G. Wiltshire

Grants & Festival Sub Committee

Chairman - Councillor Hannah Berry

Members - Councillor Linda Clark, Councillor Caron Juggins, Councillor Dave Kay and Councillor Margaret White.

Establishment Sub Committee

Chairman - Councillor M. Clark,

Members - Councillor K. Langley, Councillor Margaret White, Councillor Geoff Wiltshire

Grounds Maintenance Sub Committee

Chairman Councillor Geoff Wiltshire,

Members - Councillor Mick Clark, Councillor Dave Kay and Councillor K. Langley

9. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered the appointment of representatives to serve on various outside bodies.

RESOLVED

That the following be appointed to serve on various outside bodies for the ensuing year.

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| a) | Welwyn Hatfield Environment Network | Councillor D. Berry |
| b) | Welwyn Hatfield CVS | Councillor M. White |
| c) | Newgate Street Village Hall | Cllr. G.Wiltshire
Mr D.Harbord |
| d) | Sir Francis Boteler Charity | Cllr. M. Clark |
| e) | Mount Stephen Charity | Cllr. H. Morgan |
| f) | Police Community Partnership | Cllr. M. Clark |
| g) | Herts Local Council Forums | Cllr M. Clark |
| h) | Welwyn Hatfield Association of Local Councils | Cllr D Berry
Cllr. M. Clark
Cllr. M. White |
| l) | Herts. Association of Parish and Town Councils | Cllr M. White |
| j) | Wellfield Trust | Cllr H. Morgan |

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The meetings calendar attached at Appendix B to these minutes was approved.

Closure 20:10

Mayor