

## ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Town of Abingdon held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Guildhall.

Present:

Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer  
Councillor Lesley Legge  
Councillor Alison Rooke  
Councillor Lorraine Oates  
Councillor Patrick Lonergan  
Councillor Patricia Hobby      Mayor of Abingdon 2009/10  
Councillor Duncan Brown      Mayor of Abingdon 2010/11  
Councillor Alastair Fear  
Councillor Peter Fulk  
Councillor Martin Smith  
Councillor Colin Walters  
Councillor Janet Morter  
Councillor Jim Halliday  
Councillor Jeanette Halliday  
Councillor Samantha Bowring  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Tim Oates  
Councillor Lorraine Smith  
Councillor Margaret Crick

In Attendance:                      Mr Nigel Warner                                      - Town Clerk

Reverend Dr Charles Miller  
Approximately 200 members of the public.

1.      **Prayers**

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer by the Reverend Dr Charles Miller.

2.      **Apologies**

An apology was received from Councillor Diana Nixon.

3.      **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

4.      **Mayor's Awards**

The Mayor, Councillor Patricia Hobby, presented Mayor's Awards to the following people for services to the community:

Mr Michael Edwards  
Mrs Hilary Kell  
Mrs Joan Lambourn  
Mrs Ann Marie Lloyd

5.      **Election of Mayor**

Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer moved that Councillor Duncan Brown be elected Mayor of Abingdon for the ensuing year, and the motion was seconded by Councillor Tim Oates. This was **resolved** unanimously.

The retiring Mayor invested and installed her successor. The new Mayor made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. The Mayor announced that his Escort would be Ms Sreeja Bhaskaran. The Mayor then made a short address in which he thanked the Council for placing their trust in him as the Mayor of Abingdon.

6. **Election of Deputy Mayor**

Councillor Patrick Lonergan moved that Councillor Alastair Fear be elected Deputy Mayor of Abingdon for the ensuing year, and the motion was seconded by Councillor Lesley Legge. This was **resolved** unanimously.

The Mayor invested and installed his deputy. The new Deputy Mayor made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and announced that his Escort would be Mrs Judith Fear.

7. **Membership of Council Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties Representation on Outside Bodies**

Councillor Lesley Legge moved that the Membership of Council Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties and Representation on Outside Bodies, as circulated with the agenda, be approved. The motion was seconded by Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer. It was **resolved** that the Council approve the membership of the Council's Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties, and its representatives on Outside Bodies.

8. **Vote of Thanks to the retiring Mayor**

Councillor Lesley Legge proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor. The retiring Mayor gave a reply and thanked Members for their support during the year.

9. **Past Mayor's Badges**

The Mayor, Councillor Duncan Brown presented a Past Mayor's badge to Councillor Patricia Hobby.

10. **Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Mayor, Councillor Duncan Brown suspended Standing Orders in order to allow the Chair of the Vale of White Horse District Council, Councillor Alison Rooke, to speak. She welcomed Councillor Brown's election as Mayor and looked forward to working with him during the year. The Mayor then reinstated Standing Orders.

11. **Mayor's Cadets**

The Mayor, Councillor Duncan Brown, announced his three cadets for the ensuing civic year and those present came forward to receive their Mayor's cadet's certificates and badges.

Able Cadet Genny Hargreaves

Abingdon Sea Cadets

L/ Corporal Tim Masters

Abingdon Platoon RGJ ACF

Cadet Francesca Simmons

2121 Abingdon Air Training Corps

12. **Announcements by the Mayor**

The Mayor announced:

- That he was keen to include different faiths and denominations in his chaplaincy. Therefore he would be appointing a number of Chaplains. Dr Gyan Gopal of the Oxford Hindu Temple and Community Centre Project would be acting as his Chaplain this evening and Reverend Peter Bennett, of All Saints Church, would be acting as his Chaplain for the Civic Service.
- That the Civic Service would be held in All Saints Church on Sunday, 20th June 2010 at 10.30 a.m.
- That all members of the public were invited to join the Council for a glass of wine or a soft drink, in the Roysse Room, following the ceremony.

13. **Closing Prayer**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Dr Gyan Gopal closed the meeting with prayers.

14. **National Anthem**

The meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

The meeting rose at 7.50 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....