

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009

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PRESENT : Cllr. Mrs A E Bresford (Chair), Cllrs. A S Law, J Clarkson, M C Bresford, D L Lyons, Mrs W M Kaye, K Davis and R Marsh-Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public

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1. Election of Town Mayor/Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Mrs A E Bresford be elected as Town Mayor until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

Cllr. Mrs A E Bresford thanked members of the Town Council for electing her as Mayor, which she felt was a very great honour. Cllr. Mrs Bresford expressed her thanks to Cllr. A S Law for being an excellent Mayor over the past 12 months and noted that as his Deputy she had not been called upon to attend any events in his stead and stated that he would be a hard act to follow.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs A E Bresford then signed and delivered to the Clerk the declaration of acceptance of office as Town Mayor.

3. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

4. Election of Deputy Town Mayor/Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. M C Bresford, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye be elected as Deputy Town Mayor until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, then signed and delivered to the Clerk the declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor.

6. Members' Allowances

The Clerk noted that she was in receipt of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel which had met to discuss the members allowance scheme for 2009/10. The recommendations of the Panel concur with the 2008/09 report with the addition of a basic allowance of £30 per annum being made available to all members of the Town Council in recognition of costs incurred by them in using their personal information communications technology equipment and stationery in connection with Town Council duties/business. Following discussion and in view of the current climate regarding MP's expenses, it was requested that the Clerk put an article in Look Local to this effect.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Bresford, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council adopt the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with regard to the members allowance scheme, being:-

- Annual allowance to the Chairman (index linked)
- Members travel and subsistence allowance based on City Council Officer rates, providing that in the case of subsistence allowance prior approval is sought from either the Finance Committee or the Town Council.

That all Councillors agree to forgo the basic allowance.

7. Election of Finance Committee

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED: That the whole Council comprise the Finance Committee.

8. Election of Recreation & Environment Committee

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED: That the whole Council comprise the Recreation & Environment Committee.

9. Election of Planning Committee

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED: That the whole Council comprise the Planning Committee.

10. Election of Personnel Committee

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED: That the Personnel Committee of the Town Council comprise of the Chairperson of the Council, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and the Chairperson of the Recreation & Environment Committee.

11. Election of Sub-Committee to the Quarterly Newsletter

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the whole Council comprise the Sub-Committee to the Quarterly Newsletter.

12. Election of Representative to South Yorkshire Branch of The Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and

RESOLVED: That due to the differing locations of these meetings any Councillor able to attend be nominated at Town Council meetings.

13. Election of Representative to Stocksbridge Advice Centre Management Committee

Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED: That Cllr. A S Law be the Town Council representative on the Stocksbridge Advice Centre Management Committee.

14. Election of Representative to Steel Valley Steering Committee

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. M C Brelsford and

RESOLVED: That Cllr. D L Lyons be the Town Council representative on the Steel Valley Steering Committee.

15. Election of Representative to the Community Health Forum

Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. M C Brelsford and

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye be the Town Council representative on the Community Health Forum.

16. Election of Representative to the North Rural Transport Forum  
Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. M C Brelsford and  
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye be the Town Council representative on the North Rural Transport Forum.
  
17. Election of Representative to Peak Park Parishes' Forum  
Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and  
RESOLVED:- That the Chairman receive the correspondence from the Peak Park Parishes Forum but noted that he may not be able to attend meetings on a regular basis.
  
18. Election of Representative to Bolsterstone Community Group  
Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. M C Brelsford and,  
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. D L Lyons be the Town Council representative on the Bolsterstone Community Group.

The meeting then closed.

Chairman.