

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Hereford, Cllr Kenyon and Cllrs Baker, Boulter, Chappell, Dykes, Edwards, Griffiths, Hall, Hey, Lloyd-Hayes, Michael, Nicholls, Tawn and Wilcox.

C2016/2017.40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence submitted by Members of the City Council from Cllrs Mansell, Rone and Stevens

C2016/2017.41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members received no declarations of interest made by Members under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

C2016/2017.42 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members received no questions from members of the public present.

C2016/2017.43 MINUTES

Cllr Boulter proposed to approve and sign the minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 21 June 2016. This was seconded by Cllr Michael and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes as a true and accurate account of the meeting and the Chairman duly sign, initial and date the minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 21 June 2016.

C2016/2017.44 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

Members received communications from The Right Worshipful the Mayor as follows:

- Attended an event at the SAS Camp where the guests of honour were Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge with their son George.
- The Mayor gave thanks to the Deputy Mayor and other Cllrs for their support.
- Meetings with other parishes
- The Mayor gave thanks to those who had responded in relation to the cycle track and offered their support.
- A meeting which he had attended about the King George's playing field had been very positive.

C2016/2017.45 DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES

Members noted the draft minutes of the meetings as laid out below:

GOVERNANCE AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE.

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C2016/2017.46 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Members received reports from representatives of the City Council on the following bodies.

- a) **Municipal Charities (x 4 Members)** Cllrs Boulter, Baker, Hey and Lloyd-Hayes
No meeting since the last meeting of Council
- b) **Herefordshire Market Towns Forum (x 3 Members)** Cllrs Nicholls and Wilcox. (plus 1 outstanding vacancy)
CAB discussions looking at ways of moving forward.
- c) **HALC Executive Committee (x 3 Members)** Cllrs Nicholls and Griffiths (plus 1 outstanding vacancy)
Nothing to report
- d) **SAM (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Nicholls and Griffiths
Nothing to report
- e) **The Enterprise Zone Stakeholder Group (X 1 Member)** Cllr Stevens
Cllr Stevens informed Members he wished to stand down from this group. Cllr Kenyon proposed Cllr Griffiths to replace Cllr Stevens. This was seconded by Cllr Chappell and unanimously agreed.
- f) **Three Choirs Festival (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Lloyd-Hayes and Nicholls
Ticket sales are going well for the 2016 festival.
- g) **Hereford Twinning Association (x 1 Member who is always the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford as President of the Twinning Association) - Cllr Michael as Deputy Mayor**
Cllr Michael attended a BBQ evening as Deputy Mayor; it was a very enjoyable event.

h) Hereford City Tourism Group (x 1 Member) - Cllr Lloyd-Hayes

Members were informed of a booklet being produced by the group.

i) Hereford in Bloom (x 1 Member) Cllr Michael

Cllr Michael was attending a meeting of the group on Friday. The Mayor attended judging day. Cllr Nicholls attended the bloom presentation and informed Members the judges were very impressed with the effort the In Bloom team had made.

j) New Hereford University Working Group (x 2 Members) Cllrs Lloyd-Hayes and Stevens

Nothing to report.

Cllr Stevens informed Members he also wished to stand down from this group.

Members concluded not to replace Cllr Stevens.

k) Close House (x 1 Member) Cllr Tawn

Nothing to report.

l) City of Culture Board (x 1 Member) Cllr Hall

Meeting held on the 29 June. Website and social media now launched. Meeting in the Mayor's Parlour on Monday.

m) The BID group (x 1 Member) Cllr Len Tawn

The latest news bulletin had been circulated to Members prior to the start of the meeting. Year 1 objectives have been met. Now working on year 2. The group were in High Town today for the launch of their website.

C2016/2017.47 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Lloyd-Hayes, seconded by Cllr Chappell and unanimously

RESOLVED

To exclude the press and public under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the item includes disclosure of personal information.

C2016/2017.48 HONORARY RECORDER, CHIEF STEWARD AND DEPUTY CHIEF STEWARD FOR THE CITY OF HEREFORD

Members received and considered the report of the Civic and Community Development Officer and recommendations from the Governance and Procedures Committee on the 28 June 2016 in relation to the appointment of an Honorary Recorder, Chief Steward and Deputy Chief Steward for the City of Hereford.

The Town Clerk gave a brief overview of the report and financial costings.

The Town Clerk read out the first two (of four) recommendations from the Governance and Procedures Committee.

Cllr Wilcox informed Members he was strongly in favour of the posts and those nominated and gave a brief synopsis of the post holders. He spoke particularly in great favour of the proposed post holder for Honorary Recorder.

Cllr Wilcox proposed both persons nominated to fulfill the posts of Honorary Recorder and Chief Steward. This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd-Hayes.

Cllr Chappell spoke in favour of the posts, the post holders, the history behind the posts and the tradition.

Cllr Edwards echoed the words of the other Members. He shared his concerns that whilst he wishes to retain cultural history he is concerned about cost and is sure that committee would have debated this fully.

Mayor spoke in favour of the posts and the nominated persons.

The Town Clerk read out again the first two recommendations of the committee and the proposal was put to the vote and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

Following the affirmation from the Senior Presiding Judge, the Rt Hon. Lord Justice Fulford, to recommend the installation of said person as Honorary Recorder for the City of Hereford.

That Members recommend the appointment of said person as Chief Steward for the City of Hereford.

C2016/2017.49 PROPOSAL TO AWARD A MAYOR'S COMMENDATION

Members received and considered the report of the Town Clerk and recommendations of the Governance and Procedures Committee 28 June 2016.

The Town Clerk gave a brief overview of his report and the recommendations from the Governance and Procedures Committee.

Cllr Tawn requested the Town Clerk alerts the PDSA in relation to the part the dog played in the rescue on the proviso that the dog may be recognized in their PDSA awards.

Cllr Chappell referred to the Fire and Rescue Service's involvement and reiterated much of the contents contained within the Town Clerk's report. Cllr Chappell then proposed the recommendations of the Governance and Procedures Committee.

Cllr Baker referred to the Fire and Rescue service concluding that they do at times go over and above the call of duty and felt that they should be recognised in some way on this occasion.

Cllr Chappell proposal was put to the vote and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That said persons be awarded Mayor's commendations to include the wording "for their bravery and determination in rescuing said person who fell into the River Wye on 27th May 2016"

That the same commendation be awarded to said person for his part in the rescue.

That a letter is sent to the Fire and Rescue Authority acknowledging their part in the rescue of said person.

Re-admission of the press and public

C2016/2017.50 TOWN CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

Members received communications from the Town Clerk as follows:

- Historical Hereford Day - request for Cllrs to attend.
- Opening of the Three Choirs Festival on sat
- One cheque signatory required at the end of the meeting to sign some cheques.
- 9 September Trade Fayre for local authorities at Chateau Impney. £30 each up to three delegates may attend. Please email with your interest to attend.

- Seagulls. Very active more numerous than in previous years. Asked by Mayor to investigate with Environmental Health if the seagull population has reached a level which would be identified as affecting people's health. Consideration in relation to the use of re-enforced rubbish bags for businesses. Anyone interested a meeting is being organised please let the Mayors Secretary know if you wish to attend.
- Advised on Saturday by text that the Finance Officer has been offered the post of Town Clerk for Tenbury Town Council. As a result the City Council will need to look in due course for someone to fill this post. The Finance Officer is due to depart in August

Cllr Michael informed the Town Clerk she has video footage of about 60 sec of the seagulls on the building where she works.

Cllr Hall informed Members she is struggling to sleep with the incredible noise the seagulls make.

Cllr Baker him and his dog attacked by two seagulls on Saturday.

Cllr Edwards wished to congratulate the Finance Officer on her new appointment.

C2016/2017.51

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next meeting is TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

There being no further business the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 6.55 pm.

Signed.....

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