



FULL COUNCIL

Thursday 18 May 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors M Emmerson (Chairman), G Bell, C Clark, Mrs. W Clark, Mrs. P Heseltine, R G Heseltine, J Dawson, A Hickman, E Jaquin, P Madeley, Mrs. K McIntyre, J Kerr, A Rankine and P Whitaker.

Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer) and Judy Probst (Town Ambassador).

7 members of the public were present.

1. To elect the new Town Mayor (Chairman of the Council) and to witness the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Andrew Rankine as Chairman and Town Mayor of Skipton Town Council for the 2017-18 Civic Year.

2. To note Mayoral engagements undertaken from March - May 2017 and to receive any remarks from the outgoing Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Martin Emmerson, asked Members to **NOTE** engagements which he had attended since March.

He told Members that he had enjoyed his year especially being invited to appear on television in the programme 'My Dancing Town'.

Councillor Emmerson thanked his Consort and office staff for their assistance. He wished Councillor Rankine all the best for the future.

Meeting adjourned for exchange of robes and chains.

3. To receive the incoming Mayor's remarks.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Martin Emmerson, was presented with a 'Past Mayor' badge.

Councillor Rankine thanked Members for electing him as Town Mayor. He was looking forward to a busy year in which he would be attempting to raise money for Skipton Extended Learning For All (SELFA).

4. To accept representations from the Public between 7.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

None.

5. To accept apologies for absence.

Councillor C Dow – Work commitments.
Councillor C Harbron – Holiday.

6. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

7. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

8. To elect the new Deputy Mayor (Vice-Chairman of the Council).

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Alan Hickman to be Deputy Mayor of Skipton Town Council for the 2017-18 Civic Year.

9. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 16 March and 27 April 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 17 March and 27 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

10. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None.

11. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Environment & Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 23 February 2017 and the Sub-Committee meetings held on 6 February,

20 March and 10 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

12. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meetings held on 2 March and 6 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings subject to the following amendment:

Councillor John Dawson was present at the meeting on 2 March.

13. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 16 February 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

14. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9 February 2017, as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

15. To appoint the Leader, Deputy Leader and Shadow Leader of the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect the following Members to positions on Skipton Town Council for the 2017-18 Civic Year:

Leader – Councillor Chris Clark
 Deputy Leader – Councillor Peter Madeley
 Shadow Leader – Councillor Robert G Heseltine

Members expressed their appreciation to the previous Leadership team.

16. To appoint the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Council's Standing Committees, Management and Working Groups.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect the following Members to positions on Skipton Town Council for the 2017-18 Civic Year:

Chairman of Finance & Policy – Councillor Chris Clark
 Vice Chairman of Finance & Policy – Councillor Karen McIntyre

Chairman of Public Services – Councillor Eric Jaquin
 Vice Chairman of Public Services – Councillor Pamela Heseltine

Chairman of Audit & Scrutiny – Councillor Alan Hickman
 Vice Chairman of Audit & Scrutiny – Councillor Wendy Clark

Chairman of Environment & Planning – Councillor Paul Whitaker
Vice Chairman of Environment & Planning – Councillor Alan Hickman

17. To consider matters relating to the Council's Committee Structure.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 15b until further notice pending a review of the Council's Committee Structure.

18. To agree the programme of meetings for 2017-2018.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed Programme of Meetings 2017-2018.

It was agreed that if there is no relevant business to discuss meetings should be cancelled.

It was noted that, depending on the outcome of the review of the Council's Committee Structure the calendar may need to be amended later in the year.

19. To appoint Member representatives to Outside Bodies.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the following Councillors to Outside Bodies to fill the current vacancies:-

John Rimington Trust

Councillor Wendy Clark
Councillor John Dawson
Councillor Gordon Bell

Heap Parkinson Management Committee

Councillor Robert Heseltine
Councillor Paul Whitaker
Councillor Pam Heseltine
Councillor Karen McIntyre
Councillor Eric Jaquin

Greatwood and Horse Close Estate Committee

Councillor Gordon Bell

Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Councillor Paul Whitaker
Councillor Robert G Heseltine

Skipton-Simbach Association

Councillor Pam Heseltine

Coulthurst Craven Sports Centre

Councillor Robert Heseltine

Skipton Chamber of Trade

Councillor Jonathan Kerr

S.T.A.N.D

Councillor Alan Hickman

Rural Action Yorkshire

Councillor Robert Heseltine

SELRAP

Councillor Andrew Rankine

Fair Trade Steering Group

Councillor Eric Jaquin

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Councillors Hickman and Kerr to serve as Co-opted Members of the Area Committee. Should a ballot take place, the Council's Management Group was delegated to vote appropriately on the Council's behalf.

20. To adopt the Council's Standing Orders and associated Financial Regulations.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the adoption of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for the 2017-2018 civic year.

21. To note the attendance of Councillors at meetings for 2016-17.

NOTED.

22. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 23 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

23. To consider matters relating to the potential sale of Council owned land at North Parade, Skipton.

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It was **RESOLVED** to readmit Press and Public.

24. To receive notification of matters that Members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 20.47