

SHERBORNE TOWN COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the SHERBORNE TOWN COUNCIL held at The Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne, on **MONDAY 17th May 2010** at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllr M Boustead (Town Mayor)
Cllr J Smith (Deputy Town Mayor)

Cllrs J Andrews, K Batten, D Elliott, S Greene,
D Gurzynski, K Pike, P Rhodes and M Snowden.

In attendance: Mrs V Todd (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Woodford (Minute Taker)

Canon Woods opened the meeting with a prayer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Cook.

2. TOWN MAYOR

Inauguration of the Town Mayor for 2010/2011. On the proposition of Cllr Boustead, seconded by Cllr Gurzynski it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Smith is appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr Smith accepted the Office, read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance and Cllr Boustead invested her with the Chain of Office. Cllr Smith thanked Members and took the Chair.

3. RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor called upon Cllr Batten to pass a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor. Cllr Batten thanked Cllr Boustead and Cllr Gurzynski for all they had done over the past year. He noted that Cllr Boustead has been a member of the Council for the last seven years, and his duties have included holding the portfolio for Finance and Resources, where his expertise has been greatly appreciated. His year as Mayor has been a busy one, attending six concerts in the month of July 2009 alone, along with visits to schools and youth events. Cllr Batten also reflected on Cllr Boustead's involvement with the progression of the Sherborne Community Arts Centre Trust and the affordable housing project. His year as Mayor finished with the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Sherborne Railway, at which the Mayor and Mayoress officiated wearing Victorian costume in the spirit of the day.

Cllr Pike said a few words in support of the motion.

Having paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Batten proposed, seconded by Cllr Pike that

RESOLVED: The Council place on record its thanks to Cllr Boustead for the way in which he carried out his duties as Town Mayor during the past year.

Cllr Boustead replied to the vote of thanks and reported briefly on the events he had attended over the year, sixty outside Sherborne including the funerals of two Dorset Soldiers, both under 21 years of age, in Wareham and Bournemouth respectively. His highpoint of the year was reading lessons in the Abbey on two occasions, at the Remembrance Service and the Carol Service. Cllr Boustead thanked all the Town Council staff for their support during his year of office, with special thanks to the Town Clerk, Mrs Valerie Todd, who is to retire at the end of July after

fourteen years with the Town Council, twelve of which as Clerk. He wished her well in her retirement. Cllr Boustead concluded by congratulating the new Mayor and offering his best wishes for the coming year.

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Inauguration of the Deputy Town Mayor for 2010/2011. On the proposition of Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Batten it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Gurzynski is appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr Gurzynski accepted the office, thanked Members and was invested with the Chain of Office.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 19th April 2010, having been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor announced that a Special Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 24th May 2010 at 7 pm in the Council Chamber at the Manor House.

The order of business having been concluded, the Mayor made her inaugural speech.

Cllr Smith began by giving special thanks to two fellow Council members, firstly Cllr Greene for persuading her to become a Town Councillor and secondly, Cllr Boustead for persuading her to become Mayor. She welcomed everyone present, including the Mayors and Chairmen from other Councils, representatives of local organisations, and friends and family, noting that one family member had travelled over 4,000 miles to be present. Cllr Smith gave a brief outline of her involvement with the town since moving to Sherborne in 2000, which included being a founder member of the Sherborne Transport Action Group, setting up the dial-a-ride SCATBUS operated by NORDCAT, and being Chairman of the Sherborne Area Partnership for four years. The highlight so far has been the celebrations this May of the Anniversary of the Railway in Sherborne, and to commemorate this event, an original painting by John Coleman picturing the first train to arrive at Sherborne Station will be hung in the Council Chamber.

Cllr Smith's year as Mayor will begin with the task of finding a replacement for the retiring Town Clerk, and she paid tribute to Mrs Todd thanking her for her calmness, wisdom and never ending support to both Councillors and Staff. The coming year should also involve further progress with the provision of the Arts Centre, the creation of a butterfly garden in Pageant Gardens, and the creation of a calcareous grassland and wildflower area in the Quarr, which will benefit butterflies and other wildlife.

Cllr Smith then introduced Mr Brian Watts of Phillip Proctor Associates, who gave a presentation on the Sherborne Community Arts Centre. Using Power Point, Mr Watts outlined the proposals for the new arts centre explaining the detail of the floor plan, studio areas, building materials, and how it will relate to the existing buildings and gardens surrounding it.

The Mayor thanked Mr Watts for the presentation, again thanked everyone for attending and invited them to remain for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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Town Mayor

