



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making of **EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held at 7.00 pm on **MONDAY 18 MAY 2015** in the Town Hall, Evesham.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr C D Homer (Town Mayor)

Vice Chairman: Cllr F Kaler (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Cllr K Barclay, Cllr A P Booth, Cllr J Bulman, Cllr M D Elliman, Cllr Miss E Haynes, Cllr Mrs L S Jakeman, Cllr R S W Jones, Cllr Mrs J Johnson, Cllr D R Raphael, Cllr R W Raphael, Cllr Mrs M Sale, Cllr Mrs J E Sandalls, Cllr Mrs F S Smith, Cllr J H Smith OBE, Cllr C Tether, Cllr N S Tucker, Cllr Mrs R J Whiting

Officers: Mr S D Carter (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Chambers (Finance Officer)

Also present were 2 members of the press and approximately 100 invited dignitaries and guests.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Mayor Cllr C D Homer presented the Youth Sports Award to William Gearey in recognition of his outstanding achievements in biathlon. The Town Mayor also presented a Civic Award to Mrs Joyce Doyle in recognition of her many years of work with Evesham Operatic and Drama Society.

The Mayor highlighted that he had hosted an end of term reception in the previous week and had presented Civic Awards to John Darby of Evesham Street Pastors, Lucy Bickerstaff for her work with the No Limits Crown Meadow Playground Project, Fran Webb for her work with multiple charities and projects in Evesham, Kim Dunn for her work with Real Evesham, Helen Hurdman for her work with the Working World Café and Stan Brotherton and Sue Ablett for their leading role on the Evesham Bell Tower Project.

The Town Mayor had also presented cheques to his chosen charities these being Outside Youth Centre, Working World Café, Caring Hands in the Vale, Cycle Evesham Vale, Evesham Cardiac Rehab and Friends of Evesham Hospital.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M S Goodge and P R Boyd.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests (if any)

No declarations were made.

3. Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor reflected on his past year of office and thanked those who had supported him, in particular his Mayoress, Miss Maren Fischer, his fellow Councillors and the Town Clerk and Council staff.

4. Acknowledgement

Councillor Mrs D R Raphael moved a vote of thanks in respect of the past year's service of the Town Mayor which was seconded by Councillor Miss E Haynes.

5. Election of Town Mayor

It was moved by Councillor J H Smith OBE and seconded by Councillor R W Raphael that Councillor F Kaler be Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor F Kaler serve as Town Mayor for the municipal year 2015/16.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in order that the Town Mayor could exchange robes with the past Town Mayor.

7. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor made his declaration of acceptance of office which was attested by the Town Clerk.

8. Address by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor addressed the Council in response to his election. He thanked the outgoing Mayor for his work over the past year. He also thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him as Mayor, and his wife and family for all their support.

The Town Mayor went on to outline his plans for the forthcoming year and how he wanted the Council and the people of Evesham to work together to achieve the best for the town.

9. Appointments by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor appointed his wife, Mrs Jean Kaler as his Mayoress, Reverend Mark Binney as his Chaplain, and Mr Brian Hemming and Mr Steve Chambers as Macebearers.

10. Presentation

The Town Mayor presented a Past Mayor's Badge to Councillor C D Homer in recognition of his 2014/15 Mayoral Year.

11. Election of Deputy Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J E Sandalls and seconded by Councillor R W Raphael that Councillor A P Booth be Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor A P Booth serve as Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2015/16.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in order that the Deputy Town Mayor could adorn his robes.

13. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Deputy Town Mayor

The Deputy Town Mayor made his declaration of acceptance of office which was attested by the Town Clerk.

14. Dates of Times of Meetings

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council meet during the municipal year on the second Monday once every two months at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Evesham Town Hall, with the exception of August when the Council is in recess, March when the meeting follows the Annual Town Meeting and May when the Annual Council Meeting (Mayor Making) commences at 7.00pm.

15. Adjournment

The Town Mayor adjourned the meeting until 6.30pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015 for the consideration of other business to be listed on a separate agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

COUNCILLOR F KALER
TOWN MAYOR