



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making of **EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held at 7.00 pm on **MONDAY 12 MAY 2014** in the Town Hall, Evesham.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Goodge

Councillors: Cllr A P Booth, Cllr P R Boyd, Cllr A L Dyke, Cllr Mrs W D Dyke, Cllr M D Elliman, Cllr M Hammon, Cllr C D Homer, Cllr Mrs L S Jakeman, Cllr R A Jakeman, Cllr R S W Jones, Cllr Mrs B Gurden, Cllr Mrs D R Raphael, Cllr R W Raphael, Cllr Mrs J E Sandalls, Cllr Mrs F S Smith, Cllr J H Smith OBE, Cllr Mrs J M W Taylor, 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 175 invited dignitaries and guests.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Bulman, I J Stewart and G O'Donnell who was in attendance as a guest in his role as Chairman of Wychavon District Council.

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

No declarations were made.

3. Civic Award, Community Sprit Award and Youth Sports Award

The Town Mayor announced that the winner of the Youth Sports Award was Miss Emily Turner from St Egwins School. Miss Turner was described as a young leader, a super athlete and a lovely person who excels Tetrathlon and Pony Club Triathlon, in which she competes nationally. Miss Turner received a glass trophy from the Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor then announced that the winner of this year's Civic Award was Mr Patrick Staines, Chair of the Evesham Town Plan, who had done much work, voluntarily, to steer this project over the past 18 months. Mr Staines received an engraved crystal decanter from the Town Mayor.

Finally, the Community Spirit award was presented to Ms Emma Haynes in recognition of the amazing work she had been doing with her events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, and the buzz and community spirit she has created with her Facebook page Photos and Memories of Days Past in Evesham. Ms Haynes received a crystal candle holder from the Town Mayor.

4. 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, Mrs Emma Goodge, his Chaplain, Reverend Andrew Spurr, his fellow Councillors and the Council staff.

He then distributed cheques to his chosen charities which were the Evesham Bell Tower Appeal, Caring Hands in the Vale and Outside Youth Centre.

5. 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 R W Raphael.

6. Election of Town Mayor

It was moved by Councillor J H Smith OBE and seconded by Councillor A L Dyke that Councillor C D Homer be Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor C D Homer serve as Town Mayor for the municipal year 2014/15.

7. Adjournment

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

8. 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.

9. 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 eventful and challenging year. He also thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him as Mayor, and his partner 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.

10. Appointments by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor appointed his partner, Ms Maren Fischer as his Mayoress, Reverend Andrew Spurr as his Chaplain, and Mr Brian Hemming and Mr Peter Stewart as Macebearers.

11. Presentation

The Town Mayor presented a Past Mayor's Badge to Councillor M S Goodge and a Past Mayoress' Brooch to Mrs Emma Goodge in recognition of their 2013/14 Mayoral Year.

12. Election of Deputy Mayor

It was moved by Councillor A P Booth and seconded by Councillor Mrs J E Sandells that Councillor F Kaler be Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor F Kaler serve as Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2014/15.

13. Adjournment

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

14. 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.

15. Dates of Times of Meetings

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

16. Adjournment

The Town Mayor adjourned the meeting until 6.30pm on Monday 19 May 2014 for the consideration of other business to be listed on a separate agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

COUNCILLOR C D HOMER
TOWN MAYOR