

ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Royston Town Council held on Monday 14 June 2010 in the Heritage Hall of the Town Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor R. Kennedy (Town Mayor) in the Chair, Councillors M. Beaver, L. Berry, P. Burt, L. Davidson, J. Davison, E. Freeman, P. Grimes, H. Harrison, V. Hulström, R. Inwood, P. Mayne, M. Phillips, F. J. Smith and R. Smith.

Town Clerk

In attendance, Assistant Town Clerk, Committee Administrator, District & County Councillor Hill, District Councillor Hunter, Officers Pam Robinson, Yolanda Hayes, 3 Members of the Public and 4 Members of the Press.

The Reverend Canon Leslie Harman led the meeting in prayers.

01/11 TO ELECT A TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

The Town Mayor welcomed everybody to the meeting and said how much he had enjoyed his year as Mayor.

£5,694.69 had been raised for his charities and the Royston Community Fund. Thanks were due to his fellow councillors and the Town Hall staff for their help and support during his year of office. He also thanked his wife Kath for her support

It was then proposed by Councillor R. Smith, seconded by Councillor F.J. Smith and **RESOLVED** that **COUNCILLOR MARTIN BEAVER** be Town Mayor for the year 2010/2011.

Councillor Kennedy presented Councillor Beaver with the Chain of Office, followed by photographs taken by the Press.

02/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

The Town Mayor read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of office and took over the Chairmanship of the meeting. The Town Mayor thanked the ex Town Mayor for his hard work during his year as Town Mayor and said that he was proud to be the next Town Mayor and promised he would do his best for Royston.

It was **RESOLVED**

- (a) That the Council places on record their sincere appreciation of the service rendered to the Town by Councillor Rod Kennedy as Mayor of Royston from 2009-2010;
- (b) That the Council is very mindful that Councillor Kennedy has during the period fulfilled the duties of Town Mayor and has worked to further the interests of the inhabitants of the Town;
- (c) That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the above Resolution and that it be signed by the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk.

The Town Mayor and Town Clerk then signed the Resolution and the Town Mayor presented it to the outgoing Town Mayor.

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Town by Mrs. Kath Kennedy in support of the Town Mayor from 2009 to 2010.

The Town Mayor then announced that his wife, Caroline Beaver, would be his Mayoress for the next year.

03/11 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Inwood be appointed Deputy Mayor.

04/11 READING OF DECLARATIONS FROM THE ELECTED COUNCILLORS ON 27TH MAY 2010:

The Town Clerk reported the persons duly elected Town Councillors on the 27th May 2010 and each Councillor then read out their declarations of Acceptance of Office.

05/11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

The Town Clerk reported apologies for absence from Councillor Palmer.

06/11 STANDING ORDERS:

It was **RESOLVED** that the current Standing Orders be adopted.

07/11 TO APPOINT COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

- (a) It was **RESOLVED** that the following Councillors be appointed to the Finance Committee:

Councillor Robert Smith (Chair)
Councillor F. John Smith (Vice Chair)
Councillor Martin Beaver
Councillor Lynn Berry
Councillor Peter Burt
Councillor Lindsay Davidson
Councillor John Davison
Councillor Paul Grimes
Councillor Mike Harrison
Councillor Robert Inwood

- (b) It was **RESOLVED** that the following Councillors be appointed to the Planning Committee:

Councillor Lynn Berry (Chair)
Councillor Philip Mayne (Vice Chair)
Councillor Martin Beaver
Councillor John Davison
Councillor Elizabeth Freeman
Councillor Victoria Hulström
Councillor Graham Palmer
Councillor Marguerite Phillips
Councillor F. John Smith
Councillor Robert Smith

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- (c) It was **RESOLVED** that the following Councillors be appointed to the General Purposes and Highways Committee:

Councillor Mike Harrison (Chair)
Councillor Lindsay Davidson (Vice Chair)
Councillor Peter Burt
Councillor Elizabeth Freeman
Councillor Paul Grimes
Councillor Victoria Hulström
Councillor Robert Inwood
Councillor Philip Mayne
Councillor Graham Palmer
Councillor Marguerite Phillips

08/11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS:

It was **RESOLVED**

- (a) That the powers and duties of the Council in regard to:-

All matters relating to finance, (including but not limited to) properties, insurance, civic functions, finance, accounts, markets, staffing matters, entertainment, subscriptions and co-operation with voluntary bodies and charities (with the exception of the power to levy a precept or to approve capital expenditure or to authorise the raising of a loan) be delegated to the Finance Committee; and that the Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees and Working Parties as appropriate

- (b) that the powers and duties of the Council in regard to:-

matters under the Town and Country Planning Acts be delegated to the Planning Committee; and that the Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees and Working Parties as appropriate.

- (c) That the considerations, powers and duties in regard to:-

- (i) footpaths, street lighting and open spaces be delegated to the General Purposes and Highways Committee together with;
- (ii) the considerations in regard to Highways & Transport matters: and the Committee be delegated to make representation to the North Hertfordshire District Council and such other bodies as they consider necessary, and that the Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees and Working Parties as appropriate.

09/11 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Phillips and **RESOLVED** that the following members be appointed as representatives to outside bodies for the ensuing year:

Friends of Royston & District Museum	Councillor F. J. Smith
Meridian Youth Centre Committee	Councillor L. Berry
Police Neighbourhood Panel	Councillor L. Davidson

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	Councillor M. Harrison
Royston Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor J. Davison
Royston Community Transport	Craig Doel
Royston Coombes Community Association	Councillor G. Palmer
Royston Day Centre	Councillor F. J. Smith
Royston & District Chamber of Commerce	Councillor J. Davison
Royston & District Local History Society	Elizabeth Beardwell
Royston & District Scouts Council	Councillor L. Berry
Royston & District Sports Council	Craig Doel
Royston Town Twinning Association	Councillor M. Beaver (Mayor)
Royston Youth Council	Councillor L. Davidson
Royston Youth Network	Councillor L. Davidson
Royston Volunteer Centre Management Committee	Councillor L. Davidson
Sustran Underpass Support Group	Councillor P. Burt
Therfield Heath and Greens Conservation Joint Advisory Committee	Councillor J. Davison

10/11 TO INSPECT THE SCHEDULE OF DEEDS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS HELD BY THE COUNCIL:

The Town Clerk reported the following deeds and trust instruments.

- (i) The Town Hall
- (ii) 30 Kneesworth Street
- (iii) Market Hill Rooms
- (iv) Green Street Allotments
- (v) Green Walk Plantation
- (vi) Stile Plantation
- (vii) War Memorial
- (viii) Royston Cave (Freehold)
- (ix) Royston & District Museum (Leasehold)

Counterpart Lease

- (i) 30 Kneesworth Street

11/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 May 2010:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2010 (minutes 445/10 to 449/10) be approved and signed as a correct record.

12/11 AGENDAS AND MINUTES SENT ELECTRONICALLY:

It was **RESOLVED** that Agendas and Minutes could be sent to any Councillor who wished to receive them by e-mail as opposed to being delivered to their home address by post.

13/11 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2010-2011:

Members noted the Schedule of Meeting dates for the year.

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14/11 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Town Mayor announced that he would continue to support the Community Chest Fund as one of his charities, and the other charities would be the Bobby Moore Cancer Fund, and the Royston branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Civic Reception would be held on the 12 November 2010.

15/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting is 9 August 2010.

There being no further business the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.46 p.m.