

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR MAKING

12th May 2014

Present: Councillors Cox (Mayor), Aird, Astell, Bottomley, Boynton, Elvidge, Gray, Jack, McGrath, Pearson, Pinder, Sweet, Thorley and Whitfield

In Attendance: Helen Watson (Town Clerk), Carol Oliver (Assistant Town Clerk), Joanna Render (Administrative Assistant) and Peter Nendick (Macebearer).

Also Present: Representatives from the Press and 35 members of the public

1120 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies were received as all members were present.

1121 Welcome

Councillor Martin Cox welcomed everyone to the Guildhall and to Mayor Making.

1122 (a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

No declarations of interest were received.

(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

No dispensations were given.

The Mayor said he was combining the short address to include the Good Neighbour Award, the Young Person's Award and presentation of cheques to his charities together.

The Mayor reported that he had reflected on his year and had attended over 120 events and that the Deputy Mayor had attended an additional 20 events. The events that invites have been received are for a mixture of concerts, civic services, school events, civic and other dinners, young people events and the twinning town events and he has met a cross section of people from across the town.

Councillor Cox reported the Mayor is the First Citizen of the town, the holder of a ceremonial role, the upholder of many traditions, the spokesman for the Town and the Chair of Council. Councillor Cox reported that he is to continue writing the newspaper article on a monthly basis. The Mayor said he feels Council needs a clear vision for the next year and in order that a legacy of this administration can be left. The Mayor concluded it has been is a honour and privilege to represent the people of Beverley.

1123 Good Neighbour Award

Councillor Cox announced the Good Neighbour Award is awarded to Patricia Crouch who works hard for the town and at Cherry Tree Centre. He reported that she is a warm, friendly, loyal and inspiring person who promotes local events and has worked at Cherry Tree Centre for eight years. She is known to provide her time to others in a quiet non-judgemental and respectful way. Mrs Patricia Crouch collected her award and photos were taken.

1124 Young Persons Award

Councillor Cox said he had written to all the secondary schools in Beverley and the winner of this award was a very deserving young person who had raised funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust despite battling his own illness. Mr Tom Marton collected his award and photos were taken.

1125 Mayoral Charities

Councillor Cox remarked on how pleased he was with the amount raised for his Mayoral charities, and how he has benefitted greatly by the number of events which took place during his Mayoral year, which has allowed him to fund raise. It is a chance for the Town Council to do some good. Councillor Cox's Mayoral charities for his year were the Beverley Arts Trust, Beverley Talking Newspaper and Beverley Causeway Cornerstone. The charities all received £1979.33. Representatives from the Charities came up on stage to collect their cheques, and photographs were taken.

The Mayor thanked his daughters for their support over the last year. He reported that Emily has been an excellent Consort and has been a good companion who mixes with ease and has grown in confidence over the last year. The Mayor thanked Emily for her support and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

1127 Election of Mayor

Councillor David Elvidge proposed and Councillor Harold Bottomley seconded Councillor Bryan Pearson be elected as Mayor.

Councillor Margaret Pinder proposed and Councillor David Sweet seconded Councillor Paul McGrath be elected as Mayor.

A vote took place and Councillor Paul McGrath was elected as Mayor.

Councillor Paul McGrath was taken away to be robed, adorn the Chains of Office and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Paul McGrath announced his wife, Mrs Maureen McGrath as his Mayoress for the year. Photos were taken.

1128 Short address by the incoming Mayor

Councillor McGrath thanked his colleagues for his election to the role of Mayor and said it was a fantastic privilege and honour. He said the previous Mayor had committed himself to the role with dedication and would be a tough act to follow. The Mayor said there are challenging times ahead and the Town Council have healthy debates as all its members are committed to better governance of the Town Council. The Mayor would like the Town Council to continue to improve, be more efficient, transparent and inclusive in order that the people of Beverley are benefited.

The Mayor said his charities are N.U.R.S.E. and Dove House Hospice.

1129 Election of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Martin Cox proposed and Councillor Jim Whitfield seconded Councillor Kate Gray be elected as the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Kate Gray received her chains of office, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Gray announced her husband Mr Bill Gray would be her Consort. Photographs were taken.

1130 Presentation of Mayoral Badges

Councillor Martin Cox and Emily Cox returned to the stage to receive their badges of service. Photographs were taken.

1131 To change the Scheme of Delegation

Councillor Pinder said some further amendments were required to the Scheme of Delegation as follows:

Paragraph 2.2.5 the following words "with the Chair of Planning Property & Services" be added.

Paragraph 4 (third paragraph from the end) - the following words "all notices boards in the four wards of Beverley" be added following All Agendas and notices of meeting shall be lodged on.

Paragraph 4 (second paragraph from the end) the following words "Archives at" be added before the words Beverley Treasure House.

Paragraph 5.2 – remove the All-Weather Sports Pitch.

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1132 To set a date for the next meeting of Full Council in accordance with Standing Orders.

Councillor Pinder said an amendment is required to the list which is to remove item d) Grievance Committee (3 members) as the Scheme of Delegation states all members of Council who are not members of the Personnel Committee may be required to sit on the Grievance Committee if it is required to meet.

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- b) Planning, Property and Services (8 Members)
- c) Personnel Committee (4 Members)
- d) Grievance Committee (3 Members)
- e) Grants (2 Members per Ward)
- f) Beverley in Bloom (2 Members)
- g) Beverley Christmas Lights (3 Members)

(ii) To elect substitutes for the following committees:

- a) Policy (2 members)
- b) Planning, Property and Services (2 members)

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- b) Renaissance Partnership Management Committee
- c) Business and Visitor Economy Group
- d) Town Improvement Group
- e) Beverley & Rural Community Partnership (1 Member)
- f) Beverley & Rural Community Partnership - Heart town (1 Member)
- g) ERNLLCA Central District Committee (2 Members)
- h) Charter Town Council & Charter Trustees Association (1 Member)
- i) Beverley Youth Town Council (1 Member)
- j) East Riding Town Councils Network (Mayor & Town Clerk)
- k) Beverley Memorial Hall Liaison (2 Members)
- l) Flood Liaison (1 Member)
- m) Festival of Christmas (3 Members)
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Councillor McGrath closed the meeting by inviting everyone to join him in the Mayor's parlour for refreshments.