

# BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

## MAYOR MAKING

18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Present:** Councillors: Paul McGrath (Mayor), Elaine Aird, Peter Astell, Tom Astell, Robert Begnett, Ben Cooper, Geoff Cooper, Philip Dodsworth, David Elvidge, Duncan Jack, Nick Machen, Dominic Peacock, Bryan Pearson and Ann Willis.

**In attendance:** Helen Watson (Town Clerk); Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk) and Peter Nendick (Macebearer).

22 members of the public were present, 4 members of the press

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 1. Apologies

#### To receive and accept apologies for absence

The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Begnett would be arriving late.

### 2. Welcome

The outgoing Mayor welcomed Councillors, Guests, Members of the Public and Press. The outgoing Mayor requested permission to present to the Councillor Thorley a plaque for his service to Beverley Town Council. All agreed.

Mr Thorley came forward and the Mayor of Beverley presented Mr Thorley with a plaque.

Photographs were taken.

### 3. (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.

### 4. Good Neighbour Award

The outgoing Mayor said the nomination for the Good Neighbour Award is nominated by the community for the work the person had done in the community with mothers and toddler groups, young people, with residential homes, with Beverley in Bloom particularly the Railway Station area and is a keen friend of the earth. The nominated candidate regularly helps out her clients with shopping and gardening and has a heart of gold and is a worthy winner. The outgoing Mayor presented the Good Neighbour Award to Sally Knapp.

Photographs were taken.

### 5. Young Persons Award

The outgoing Mayor said the nomination for the Young Person's Award is being presented to a kind-hearted, loyal friend who put others before herself and regularly helps out with the Youth and Children's work at Beverley Minster.

The outgoing Mayor presented the Young Persons Award to Millie Fatkin.

Photographs were taken.

## **6. Mayoral Charities**

The outgoing Mayor had raised £4040 for his charities. Cheques were presented in £2020 to his nominated charities of Dove House Hospice Beverley and N.U.R.S.E.

Photographs were taken.

## **7. Short address by the outgoing Mayor**

The outgoing Mayor said it has been a great privilege and honour to serve as the Mayor of Beverley having met many great individuals at the civic events they have attended. On a personal note he said it is sad that the year is at an end but equally he is glad it is over as the year has been extremely busy. He thanked the:

- Deputy Mayor, Kate Gray, for her invaluable support when he was unable to attend events due to his employment.
- All staff for their support and hard work.
- The Macebearer for his support and guidance on civic matters
- His wife for her support.

The outgoing Mayor presented flowers to the Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk, his wife and a gift to the Macebearer.

The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to give flowers to the Local Food and Administration Officer and Administrative Assistant as they were not present.

Councillor Begnett arrived at 7.20pm.

The outgoing Mayor thanked all of his colleagues over the last four years for their support and guidance which he will value for ever.

He has been re-elected as a Town Councillor to serve for another four years and he will work with new councillors who will wish to improve the lives of the residents of Beverley.

## **8. Election of Mayor**

Councillor Machen proposed and Councillor Ben Cooper seconded that Councillor Astell be elected to the role of Mayor for the current municipal year.

Councillor Peacock proposed and Councillor Geoff Cooper seconded that Councillor Pearson be elected to the role of Mayor for the current municipal year.

A vote took place and Councillor Peter Astell was elected as Mayor.

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

Photographs were taken.

Councillor Peter Astell announced his consorts would be his partner and his son. Councillor Astell will announce his charities at the next meeting of Full Council.

#### **9. Short address by the incoming Mayor**

The incoming Mayor, Councillor Peter Astell gave thanks to Councillor McGrath and his wife, Maureen for their work over the last year and presented them with a past mayoral and consort badges.

#### **10. Election of Deputy Mayor**

Councillor Pearson proposed and Councillor Geoff Cooper seconded Councillor Dominic Peacock be elected to the role of Deputy Mayor for the current municipal year.

Councillor Ann Willis proposed and Councillor Tom Astell seconded that Councillor Begnett be elected to the role of Deputy Mayor for the current municipal year.

A vote took place and Councillor Begnett was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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

Photographs were taken.

#### **11. Presentation of Mayoral Badges**

This item had taken place earlier.

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

**Motion:** *That a meeting of Full Council to be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 26th May 2015.*

**Resolved:** That the meeting of Full Council will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The Mayor of Beverley closed the meeting at 7.45pm and invited everyone to join him in the Mayor's parlour for refreshments.