

Taunton Deane Borough Council

At the Annual meeting of Taunton Deane Borough Council, held at the Taunton Rugby Club, Hyde Lane, Bathpool, Taunton on Thursday 8 May 2014 at 6.30 pm.

Present The Mayor (Councillor Ms Lisgo)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor D Durdan)
Councillors Mrs Adkins, Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Bishop, Bowrah, Cavill, Coles, Denington, Miss Durdan, Edwards, Farbahi, Mrs Floyd, Gaines, A Govier, Mrs Govier, Hall, Hayward, Mrs Herbert, C Hill, Mrs Hill, Horsley, Hunt, Miss James, R Lees, Mrs Lees, Meikle, Morrell, Nottrodt, Ms Palmer, Prior-Sankey, D Reed, Mrs Reed, Ross, Mrs Slattery, T Slattery, Miss Smith, Mrs Smith, P Smith, Mrs Stock-Williams, Stone, Tooze, Mrs Warmington, Watson, Mrs Waymouth, Ms Webber, A Wedderkopp, D Wedderkopp, Williams and Wren.

The meeting was preceded by a Prayer offered by the Reverend Mike Haslam.

1. **Election of Mayor**

On the motion of Councillor Hayward, seconded by Councillor Miss Durdan, it was **resolved** unanimously that Councillor David William Durdan be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane for the ensuing year. Councillor D Durdan made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2. **Deputy Mayor**

On the motion of Councillor Horsley, seconded by Councillor Coles, it was **resolved** that Councillor Marcia Jane Hill be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Mrs Hill made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3. **Councillor Elizabeth Susan Lisgo MBE**

On the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Mrs Warmington, it was **resolved** that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Elizabeth Susan Lisgo MBE for the manner in which she had discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor during her term of office.

Councillor Ms Lisgo replied.

4. **Past Mayor's Badge**

The Mayor presented Councillor Ms Lisgo with her past Mayor's badge.

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 April 2014,

copies having been circulated to each Member, were signed by the Mayor.

6. **Apologies**

Councillors Mrs Baker, Henley, Mrs Messenger and Swaine.

7. **Appointment of the Executive 2014/2015**

Resolved that membership of the Executive would continue to comprise 8 Members for the ensuing year.

8. **Appointment of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee**

The appointment of a Corporate Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 7 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour and 1 Independent.

9. **Appointment of the Community Scrutiny Committee**

The appointment of a Community Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 7 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour and 1 Independent.

(Note: The Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of both of the Scrutiny Committees would be by Members who were not part of the controlling administration).

10. **Appointment of Regulatory Committees and the Staffing Board**

(a) The appointment of a Planning Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 7 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour and 1 Independent.

(b) The appointment of a Licensing Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 7 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour and 1 Independent.

(c) The appointment of a Corporate Governance Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 7 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour and 1 Independent.

- (d) The appointment of a Staffing Board for the ensuing year was agreed with membership being selected on a proportional basis, from a pool of Councillors.

11. Standards Committee 2013/2014

The appointment of a Standards Committee for the ensuing year was agreed, with membership to consist of 5 Councillors (2 Conservatives, 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Independent), an Independent Person (Mrs L Somerville-Williams), 2 non-voting Parish Members (Mr M Marshall and Mr B Wilson) and 3 non-voting independent co-optees (Mr T Bowditch, Mrs A Elder and one vacancy) .

12. Intercessional Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8.43 pm with a prayer offered by the new Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Rebecca Harris.