

## Taunton Deane Borough Council

At the Annual meeting of Taunton Deane Borough Council, held at the Alan Rogers Centre, Wellington School, South Street, Wellington on Wednesday 13 May 2009 at 6.30 pm.

**Present** The Mayor (Councillor Slattery)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bowrah)  
Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Bishop, Brooks, Cavill, Coles, Mrs Copley, Mrs Court-Stenning, Critchard, Denington, D Durdan, Ms Durdan, Edwards, Farbahi, Mrs Floyd, Gaines, Govier, Guerrier, Hall, Hayward, Henley, Ms Herbert, C Hill, Mrs Hill, Horsley, House, Miss James, R Lees, Mrs Lees, Mrs Lewin-Harris, McMahon, Meikle, Morrell, Murphy, O'Brien, Paul, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Smith, P Smith, Mrs Stock-Williams, Stone, Stuart-Thorn, Thorne, Watson, Mrs Waymouth, Ms Webber, A Wedderkopp, D Wedderkopp, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams, Mrs Wilson, Miss Wood and Woolley.

### 1. Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend Christopher Rowley.

### 2. Election of Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs Allgrove, it was **resolved** unanimously that Councillor Robert Bowrah BEM be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane for the ensuing year. Councillor Bowrah made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### 3. Deputy Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Mrs Stock-Williams, seconded by Councillor Thorne, it was **resolved** that Councillor Jefferson Andrew Horsley be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Horsley made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### 4. Councillor Timothy Joseph Slattery

On the motion of Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh, seconded by Councillor Meikle, it was **resolved** that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Tim Slattery for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor during his term of office.

Councillor Slattery replied.

### 5. Past Mayor's Badge

The Mayor presented Councillor Slattery with his past Mayor's badge.

6. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 1 April and 30 April 2009, copies having been circulated to each Member, were signed by the Mayor.

7. **Apology**

Councillor Mullins.

8. **Election of Leader 2009/2010**

**Resolved** that Councillor Henley be elected as Leader of the Executive for the ensuing year.

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

The appointment of a Corporate Scrutiny Committee was agreed as follows:-

13 Members, 6 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 1 Independent.

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

The appointment of a Community Scrutiny Committee was agreed as follows:-

13 Members, 6 Conservatives, 6 Liberal Democrats, 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).

11. **Appointment of Regulatory Committees and Boards**

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

18 Members, 8 Conservatives, 9 Liberal Democrats, 1 Independent.

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

15 Members, 7 Conservatives, 7 Liberal Democrats, 1 Independent.

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

11 Members, 4 Conservatives, 5 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.

12. **Standards Committee 2009/2010**

The appointment of a Standards Committee for the ensuing year was agreed, with membership to consist of 7 Independent members of the public (Mrs A Elder, Mr A Cottrell, Mr R Macey, Mr P Malim OBE, Mr W L Rogers, Mr M Stanbury and Mr R Symons), 3 Councillors (1 from each group) and 3 Parish Members (Mrs J Hoyle, Mr M Marshall and Mr B Wilson) from whom Panels would be selected when necessary.

13. **Intercessional Prayer**

The meeting was closed at 8.10 pm with prayers offered by the new Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend James Clapham.