

## Taunton Deane Borough Council

At the Annual meeting of Taunton Deane Borough Council, held at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre, School Road, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 6.30 pm.

**Present** The Mayor (Councillor Hayward)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Slattery)  
Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Bishop, Bowrah, Ms Brockwell, Brooks, Cavill, Coles, Mrs Copley, Mrs Court-Stenning, Critchard, Denington, Durdan, Edwards, Farbahi, Mrs Floyd, Govier, Guerrier, Hall, Henley, Ms Herbert, C Hill, Mrs Hill, Horsley, House, Miss James, R Lees, Mrs Lees, Leighton, Mrs Lewin-Harris, McMahon, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Murphy, Paul, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Smith, P Smith, Mrs Stock-Williams, Stone, 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 Stephen Kivett.

### 2. Councillor John Meikle

Before commencing with the formal business on the Agenda, the Mayor announced that to commemorate the 50 years of continuous service Councillor John Meikle had given to Taunton Deane Borough Council and the former Taunton Borough Council, it had been agreed that the Principal Committee Room at The Deane House should, in the future, be called "The John Meikle Room".

The Mayor presented Councillor Meikle with a plaque which would be attached to the main entrance to the Committee Room.

Councillor Meikle thanked the Council for this unexpected honour.

### 3. Election of Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh, seconded by Councillor Govier, it was **resolved** unanimously that Councillor Timothy Joseph Slattery be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane for the ensuing year. Councillor Slattery made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### 4. Deputy Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Meikle, seconded by Councillor Mrs Allgrove, it was **resolved** that Councillor Robert Bowrah be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Slattery made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

5. **Councillor Ken Hayward**

On the motion of Councillor Mrs Court-Stenning, seconded by Councillor Cavill, it was **resolved** that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Ken Hayward for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor during his term of office.

Councillor Hayward replied.

6. **Past Mayor's Badge**

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

7. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 April 2008, copies having been circulated to each Member, were signed by the Mayor.

8. **Apologies**

Councillors Bone and Stuart-Thorn.

9. **Borough Council By-Election – 1 May 2008**

The Democratic Services Manager, on behalf of the Returning Officer, reported that Councillor Molly Floyd of Outer Gullands, Taunton had been elected as a Councillor for the Comeytrowe Ward.

10. **Election of Leader 2008/2009**

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

11. **Appointment of Overview and Scrutiny Board**

The appointment of an Overview and Scrutiny Board under the extended "pilot" arrangements was agreed as follows:-

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

(Note: The Overview and Scrutiny Board would be chaired by the Leader of the largest opposition political group on the Council).

12. **Appointment of the Strategy and Performance Panel**

The appointment of a Strategy and Performance Panel under the extended "pilot" arrangements was agreed as follows:-

13 Members, 5 Conservatives, 5 Liberal Democrats, 1 Independent.

**13. 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.

**14. Standards Committee 2008/2009**

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 R Macey, Mr W L Rogers, Mr M Stanbury, Mr H Inder, Mrs J Hoyle and one vacancy), 3 Councillors (1 from each group) and 2 Parish Members (Mr M Marshall and Mr B Wilson) from whom panels would be selected when necessary.

**15. Intercessional Prayer**

The meeting was closed at 8.11 pm with prayers offered by the new Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend David Fayle.