

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held at Bishop Fox's School, Taunton on Wednesday 11 May 2005 at 6.30 pm.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Allgrove)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Lees)
Councillors Beaven, Mrs Biscoe, Bishop, Bowrah, Mrs Bradley, N P Cavill, Miss S Cavill, C Cluff, Mrs Cluff, Coles, Croad, Davies, Denington, Floyd, Garner, Govier, Hall, Hayward, Henley, Mrs Hill, C Hill, Hindley, House, Leighton, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Lisgo, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Murphy, Paul, Ms Peppard, Phillips, Prior-Sankey, Ms Priscott, Slattery, Mrs Smith, Stone, Vail, Watson, Wedderkopp, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams and Mrs Wilson

1. Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

2. Election of Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Floyd, seconded by Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh it was RESOLVED unanimously:-

That Councillor Richard Lees be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane Borough for the ensuing year.

Councillor Lees made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Deputy Mayor

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Denington, it was RESOLVED:

That Councillor Kenneth Christopher Hindley be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Hindley made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Councillor Jean Margaret Allgrove

On the motion of Councillor Meikle, seconded by Councillor Cavill it was RESOLVED:

“That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Jean Margaret Allgrove for the manner in which she had discharged the duties of the office of the Mayor of the Borough during her term of office.”

Councillor Mrs Allgrove replied.

5. Past Mayor Badge

The Mayor presented Councillor Mrs Allgrove with her Past Mayor Badge.

6. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 April 2005, a copy having been circulated to each Member, were signed by the Mayor.

7. Apologies

Councillors Bone, Clark, Durdan, Edwards, Guerrier, Stuart-Thorn and Weston.

8. Borough Council By-Elections 5 May 2005

Jeremy Thornberry, Strategic Director as Returning Officer reported the following Councillors elected at the recent Borough Council By-Elections:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Persons Elected</u>
Eastgate	Simon Adrien Paulian Coles 8 Alfred Street, Taunton
Monument	Christopher Hill Tremlett Farm, Greenham, Wellington
Wellington Rockwell Green and West	John Clark 10 Hyacinth Terrace, Mantle Street, Wellington

9. Election of Leader 2005/2006

RESOLVED that Councillor Williams be elected as Leader of the Executive for the ensuing year.

10. Appointment of Executive 2005/2006

The membership of the Executive was appointed as follows for the ensuing year:

Councillor Williams (Leader), Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris (Deputy Leader), Councillors Bishop, Mrs Bradley, N Cavill, Edwards, Garner, Hall and Leighton.

11. Appointment of Review Board 2005/2006

The appointment of a Review Board for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:

11 Members

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.

(Note: The Review Board will be chaired by the Leader of the largest opposition political group on the Council (Councillor Henley).)

12. Appointment of Regulatory Committees and Boards

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

18 Members

10 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent, 2 Labour.

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

15 members.

9 Conservative, 4 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.

- (c) The appointment of a Staffing Board for the ensuing year was agreed with membership to be selected, as far as possible on a proportional basis, from a pool of Councillors.

13. Appointment of Review Panels

In accordance with the terms of the Council's Constitution the Chairs of the Review Panels had been nominated jointly following consultation between the leaders of the political groups.

- (a) The appointment of the Community Leadership Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent
(Chair: Councillor Denington)

- (b) The appointment of the Housing Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent
(Chair: Councillor Bowrah)

- (c) The appointment of the Health and Leisure Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent
(Chair: Liberal Democrat nominee)

- (d) The appointment of the Strategic, Planning and Transportation and Economic Development Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent
(Chair: Councillor Hayward)

(e) The appointment of the Resources Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent
(Chair: Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh)

14. Standards Committee 2004/2005

The appointment of a Standards Committee for the ensuing year was agreed with membership to consist of 7 independent members of the public (Mr D Baker OBE, Mrs A Elder, Mr J Dewdney, Mr B Gould, Mr W L Rogers, Mr M Standbury and one vacancy) and 4 Councillors (1 from each Group) and 2 Parish members (Parish Councillor Mrs P M A Hawks and Town Councillor Mr E Warren) from whom Panels would be selected when necessary.

15. Intercessional Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8.06 pm with prayers offered by The Reverend Nick Taylor.