

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held in the Principal Committee Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on Wednesday 5 May 2004 at 6.30 pm.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Govier)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Allgrove)
Councillors Beaven, Mrs Biscoe, Bishop, Bowrah, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Bryant, N P Cavill, C Cluff, Croad, Davies, Denington, Durdan, Edwards, Floyd, Gill, Hall, Hayward, Henley, Mrs Hill, Hindley, House, Mrs Jones, Lees, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Lisgo, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Mrs Nixon, Paul, Ms Peppard, Phillips, Prior-Sankey, Ms Priscott, Slattery, Mrs Smith, Stuart-Thorn, Vail, Watson, 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 N Cavill, seconded by Councillor Floyd it was RESOLVED unanimously:-

That Councillor Jean Margaret Allgrove be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane Borough for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Allgrove signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Deputy Mayor

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

That Councillor Richard Lees be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Lees signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Councillor Andrew James Govier

On the motion of Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Croad it was RESOLVED:

“That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Andrew James Govier for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office of the Mayor of the Borough during his term of office.”

Councillor Govier replied.

5. Past Mayor Badge

The Mayor presented Councillor Govier with his Past Mayor Badge.

6. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 April 2004, a copy having been circulated to each Member, were signed by the Mayor.

7. Apologies

Councillors Miss S Cavill, Garner, Guerrier, Stone, Trollope and Weston.

8. Election of Leader 2004/2005

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

9. Appointment of Executive 2004/2005

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, Mrs Bryant, N Cavill, Edwards, Garner and Hall.

10. Appointment of Review Board 2004/2005

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).)

11. 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 with membership being selected from a pool of Councillors.

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

12. 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 Mrs D Nixon)

- (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: Councillor Paul)

- (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)

13. 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 (already appointed) and 4 Councillors (1 from each Group) and 2 Parish members from whom Panels would be selected when necessary.

14. Intercessional Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8.00 pm with prayers offered by The Reverend Julian Smith.

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a special meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held in the Brewhouse Theatre, Coal Orchard, Taunton, on Monday, 10 May 2004 at 10.45 am..

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Allgrove), The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Lees)
Councillors Beaven, Bishop, Mrs Bradley, N Cavill, Davies, Denington, Durdan, Edwards, Floyd, Govier, Guerrier, Hall, Mrs Hill, Hindley, House, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Ligo, Meikle, Morrell, Mrs Nixon, Ms Peppard, Stuart-Thorn, Vail, Wedderkopp, Mrs Whitmarsh and Williams.

1. Apologies

Councillors Bone, Bowrah, Mrs Bryant, Miss S Cavill, Croad, Garner, Gill, Hayward, Henley, Mullins, Phillips, Prior-Sankey, Slattery, Mrs Smith, Stone, Trollope, Watson, Mrs Wilson and Weston.

2. Presentation – Aspects of Taunton Deane 1950 – 2004

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Allgrove), together with Councillor Meikle and assisted by 12 specially selected Tauntonians made a presentation to the Council and guests on key development that had taken place over the past 50 years.

3. Freedom of the Borough – Councillor J R G Meikle MBE

On the motion of Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Floyd it was RESOLVED:-

- (1) that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough be conferred upon Councillor J R G Meikle MBE in recognition of the eminent service rendered by him to the Taunton Deane community over a period of forty-six years.
- (2) that a certificate of Admission to the Honorary Freedom be signed by the Mayor and Chief Executive and be presented to Councillor Meikle.

The Certificate of Admission was read by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Allgrove.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Meikle.

Councillor Meikle addressed the Council and thanked it for admitting him as a Freeman of the Borough.

(The meeting ended at 12.15 pm with the singing of the Taunton Anthem “Defendamus”.)