

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY** the **25th** day of **MAY** **2010** at **7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr Mrs M Govier Mayor
Cllr Mrs S Bailey
Cllr D Best
Cllr M Harper
Cllr Mrs A Johnson
Cllr Mrs J C Metcalf
Cllr R Pike
Cllr E Sanders
Cllr P Sanders
Cllr J Sellis
Cllr Mrs D Sellis
Cllr E H Sherrell
Cllr H Smith
Cllr A. Tossell
Cllr B Trew
Cllr D Whitcomb D Mayor

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant to Town Clerk, Works Superintendent, Deputy Works superintendent, 18 members of the Public, 1 member of the press

PRAYERS Prayers were offered by the Rev Michael Brierley of St Eustachius Church.

001. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.
Cllr Mrs M Govier welcomed everyone to the AGM.

002. MAYORS CADET

The Mayor bid farewell to Cdt Cpl Jack Ingle who had acted as her Mayor's Cadet for the past year. She thanked Cpl Ingle for being the first such Cadet, and showing the way for others to follow. He was presented with a small gift in remembrance.

003. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Cllr Mrs M Govier, seconded by Cllr Mrs Metcalf, proposed that Cllr D Whitcomb be appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing year. It was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Whitcomb be appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr D Whitcomb was invested with the Chain of Office, and the newly elected Mayor thanked the Council for the honour of being able to represent the Town during 2010/2011 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr R Pike gave a verbal tribute to the retiring Town Mayor who was presented with her 'Past Mayor' badge. Cllr Mrs M Govier spoke responding to the good wishes of all.

004. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

On the proposition of the Mayor, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Johnson, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Sanders be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2009/2010. The Town Mayor invested Cllr P Sanders with the Medallion of Office, and Cllr P Sanders signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for the honour of being selected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

005. MAYOR'S EXPENSES

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. The Deputy Mayor took the Chair. On the proposition of Cllr H Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Johnson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that an allowance of £3,000 be paid to the Town Mayor to defray the expenses attached to that Office in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

006. DEPUTY MAYOR'S EXPENSES

The Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. The Mayor returned and resumed the Chair. On the proposition of Cllr H Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Johnson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that an allowance of £1,000 be paid to the Deputy Town Mayor to defray the expenses attached to that Office in pursuance of Section 15 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Deputy Mayor returned to the Chamber.

007. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On the proposition of Cllr J Sellis, seconded by Cllr M Harper, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Committees be appointed for the ensuing year as shown at Annex A.

007. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.

Members were given the opportunity to debate over a monthly or a 6-weekly cycle of meetings. The Mayor proposed that the monthly cycle be adopted, and was seconded by Cllr H Smith. Members then voted 6 for the proposition and 10 against. The proposition being lost Members adopted the 6-weekly cycle of meetings as shown in the calendar at Annex B.

008. REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITIES AND OTHER BODIES.

On the proposition of Cllr Mrs Metcalf, seconded by Cllr E Sanders, it was **RESOLVED** that representatives on Charities and other bodies be appointed for the ensuing year as shown at Annex C.

009. RECORD OF ATTENDANCES.

Members noted the record of attendances at meetings of the previous council shown on Annex D.

010. MAYORS CADET

The Mayor welcomed Cdt Sgt Eliza Thomas of the Air Training Corps who would act as the Mayor's Cadet for the ensuing year. The Mayor presented her with the badge of honour.

011. SEAL

On the proposition of Cllr Sherrell, seconded by Cllr R Pike, it was **RESOLVED** that the seal be affixed to the various Deeds and Documents to be made or entered into for the carrying into effect the several decisions and matters approved by the Council this day.

Rising 7. 40 p.m.

Signed.....
Town Mayor

Date.....