



## FULL COUNCIL

**Thursday 19 May 2015 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors G Bell (Chair), M Emmerson, C D Clark, Mrs. W Clark, C J Harbron, Mrs. P Heseltine, R G Heseltine, J Dawson, A Hickman, E Jaquin, P Madeley, Mrs. K McIntyre, J Kerr, A Rankine and P H Whitaker.

Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Les Chandler (Estates Manager), Brett Butler (Town Centre Manager) and Jill Peacock (Resources Manager).

10 members of the public were present.

1. To elect the new Town Mayor (Chairman of the Council) and to witness the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Martin Emmerson as Chairman and Town Mayor of Skipton Town Council for the 2016-17 Civic Year.

2. To note Mayoral engagements undertaken from March - May 2016 and to receive any remarks from the outgoing Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bell, asked Members to **NOTE** engagements which he had attended since March.

Throughout his year in office Councillor Bell had attended a total of 78 engagements, which included early starts and late evenings and a visit to France.

Councillor Bell thanked his Consorts and office staff for their assistance, particularly the Chief Officer and the Mayors Secretary. He wished Councillor Emmerson all the best for the future.

3. To receive the incoming Mayor's remarks.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bell was presented with a 'Past Mayor' badge.

Councillor Emmerson thanked Members for electing him as Town Mayor.

4. To accept representations from the Public between 7.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

None.

5. To accept apologies for absence.

Councillor C Dow – Working away from Skipton.

6. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

7. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

8. To elect the new Deputy Mayor (Vice-Chairman of the Council).

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Andrew Rankine to be Deputy Mayor of Skipton Town Council for the 2016-17 Civic Year.

9. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 17 March 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 17 March 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

10. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

Item 15 – The request from the Skipton Town Partnership to act as the employing authority for the proposed Business Development Manager. An alternative has been found by the Town Partnership and the support is no longer necessary.

11. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Environment & Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 28 January 2016, as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

12. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meetings held on 3 March 2016 and 31 March 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meetings.

13. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** not to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 February 2016, as issues have been raised concerning item 8 and this will be discussed at the next Finance and Policy meeting and brought to the next Full Council Meeting.

14. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21 January 2016, as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

15. To appoint the Leader, Deputy Leader and Shadow Leader of the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect the following Members to positions on Skipton Town Council for the 2016-17 Civic Year:

Leader – Councillor Chris Harbron  
 Deputy Leader – Councillor Robert G Heseltine  
 Shadow Leader – Councillor Peter Madeley

16. To appoint the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Council's Standing Committees, Management and Working Groups.

Councillor Jaquin raised concerns relating to the status of the Independent Members. He recommended that the 'Respecting and Protecting Our Skipton' Councillors should all consider signing a joint declaration admitting themselves to one affiliation.

Councillor R G Heseltine advised that the Independent Councillors did not officially or unofficially meet as one group and, as such, he believed there was no requirement for the Independent Members to register themselves as one registered party.

The Chief Officer advised that, in any case, the requirement to declare which party a Council Member belonged to did not apply to Parish Councils.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect the following Members to positions on Skipton Town Council for the 2016-17 Civic Year:

Chairman of Finance & Policy – Councillor Chris Harbron  
 Vice Chairman of Finance & Policy – Councillor Karen McIntyre

Chairman of Public Services – Councillor Robert G Heseltine  
 Vice Chairman of Public Services – Councillor John Dawson

Chairman of Audit & Scrutiny – Councillor Peter Madeley  
 Vice Chairman of Audit & Scrutiny – Councillor Wendy Clark

Chairman of Environment & Planning – Councillor Paul Whitaker  
 Vice Chairman of Environment & Planning – Councillor Alan Hickman

Members **noted** the proposal from the Chief Officer and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation for Committee Appointments.

It was further **RESOLVED** to agree in principle to the use of substitute Members attending Committee meetings and working groups. The matter was referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

17. To agree the programme of meetings for 2015-2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed Programme of Meetings 2016-2017 with the addition of an extra meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Thursday 13 April 2017.

18. To appoint Member representatives to Outside Bodies.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the following Councillors to Outside Bodies to fill the current vacancies:-

John Rimmington Trust

Councillor Wendy Clark  
 Councillor John Dawson  
 Councillor Gordon Bell

Craven Museum

Councillor Chris Clark

Heap Parkinson Management Committee

Members **RESOLVED** to increase the number of Managing Trustees on the Committee to five.

Councillor Robert Heseltine  
 Councillor Paul Whitaker  
 Councillor Pam Heseltine  
 Councillor Karen McIntyre  
 Councillor Eric Jaquin

Greatwood and Horse Close Estate Committee

Councillor Gordon Bell

Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Councillor Paul Whitaker  
Councillor Chris Harbron

Coulthurst Craven Sports Centre

Councillor Robert Heseltine

Skipton Chamber of Trade

Councillor Jonathan Kerr

S.T.A.N.D

Councillor Alan Hickman

Rural Action Yorkshire

Councillor Robert Heseltine

SELRAP

Councillor Andrew Rankine

Fair Trade Steering Group

Councillor Eric Jaquin

19. To adopt the Council's Standing Orders and associated Financial Regulations.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the adoption of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for the 2016-2017 civic year.

20. To note the attendance of Councillors at meetings for 2015-16.

Members **NOTED** the attendance of Councillors and the Mayor congratulated all Councillors with 100% attendance.

21. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 22 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

22. To consider confidential matters relating to appointments to outside bodies.  
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23. To receive notification of matters that Members would like including on a future agenda.

The use of substitutes on Council Committees

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm