

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
FRIDAY 16 MAY 2014 AT 6.30 PM

Present :

Town Councillors :

C Bower	E Clutton	C Earnshaw	G Smith	J Maiden
A Murray	B Devlin	R Davies	M Ruston	T Light
D Harrington	T Boardman	S Ellis	D Parton	

Also present:-

2 members of public

1 press representative

Town Clerk

Fthr S Abramian (p/t)

BCllrs R Bird & E Watson

Prayers were led by Father S Abramian.

1 Election of Town Mayor

Cllr E Clutton nominated Cllr C Bower for the position of Mayor and was seconded by Cllr A Murray. There were no other nominations,

RESOLVED (unanimous) Cllr Bower was duly elected as Mayor for the ensuing year. The Declaration of Office was read out and signed.

2 Election of Deputy Mayor

The new Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and nominated Cllr J Johnson and was seconded by Cllr S Ellis. Cllr Maiden nominated Cllr Murray which was seconded by Cllr Bowman.

RESOLVED (7 votes to 5) In his absence Cllr Johnson be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

3 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Gooderson and Thomson and BCllr P Beal.

4 Outgoing Mayor's Remarks

Cllr Clutton expressed how honoured she had been to represent the town and to chair the council during the last two years. John and she, had attended lots of events throughout the county as well as in Hunstanton. It had been a very memorable time.

During the last month she undertook a mindfold walk around Hunstanton with blind and partially sighted people, what an experience she had found it and it had left her with total admiration for the way people cope in difficult circumstances. Admiration too for the sponsored walkers from the Stroke Association who completed a walk along the prom with tremendous courage last week.

Finally, she thanked all the councillors and staff who have supported her during her time as Mayor and she wished Cllr Bower and the Council a successful year ahead.

5 Committee Membership

Membership of Standing Committees for the ensuing year was agreed to be:-

General Purposes Committee

All Councillors present.

Finance Committee

All present with the exception of Cllr Parton who chose not to be a member of this committee.

Town Hall Management Committee

All Councillors present with the exception of Cllr B Devlin who chose not to be a member of this committee.

Quality Council

All Councillors present with the exception of Cllr T Light who chose not to be a member of this committee.

6. E-planning

It was agreed that the membership would be Cllrs Earnshaw J Maiden, A Murray, E Clutton, D Harrington, S Ellis, B Devlin, D Parton and T Light.

Cllr Maiden voted Cllr Murray as Chairman of E-Planning and was seconded by Cllr Boardman. Cllr Earnshaw was voted Chairman of E-Planning by Cllr Clutton and seconded by Cllr Devlin.

RESOLVED (10 votes to 3) Cllr C Earnshaw be elected as Chairman of the E-planning Committee.

7. Joint Management of the Green

Cllrs J Maiden, C Bower and A Murray were elected to be the Town Council's representatives on the Joint Management of the Green Committee.

8. Working Party Membership

It was unanimously agreed to combine the Heritage working party with the Neighbourhood Plan working party.

The following membership of working parties was :

Highways & Byways

Cllrs Murray, Devlin, Earnshaw, Light, Boardman and Parton.

Audit Watchdogs

Cllrs Smith, Light and Ruston.

Regeneration

Cllrs Maiden, Murray, Earnshaw, Davies, Harrington, Ellis and Parton.

Freedom of the Town & Town Twinning

Cllrs Maiden, G Smith, Devlin, Clutton, Harrington, Ellis and Town Clerk.

Heritage and Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Murray, Harrington, Parton, Maiden and Town Clerk.

Special Expenses

Cllrs Murray, Light, Boardman, Harrington, Ellis, Smith, Ruston, Clutton and Earnshaw

Community Centre

Cllrs Smith, Earnshaw, Davies, Ruston and Clutton.

Employment

Cllrs Smith, Devlin, Murray, Boardman, Ruston and Earnshaw.

TIC Management

Cllrs Smith, Davies, Clutton, Light, Boardman, Harrington, Ruston and Earnshaw.

Youth

Cllrs Clutton, Bower, Ellis, Davies and Parton.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be ex-officio members of all Working Parties.

9. Representatives

The following were agreed upon to act as HTC representatives:

Hunstanton Regeneration Project

Cllrs C Bower, A Murray & J Maiden

Anglia in Bloom

Cllrs C Earnshaw

Safer Neighbourhoods Action Plan

Cllr S Ellis

Civic Society

Cllr A Murray

Chamber of Trade

Cllr G Smith

Town Events

Cllr C Bower & S Ellis

Coastal Erosion

Cllr A Murray

Town Team

Cllrs J Maiden, E Clutton & C Bower

10. Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions to the following organisations were considered:

Norfolk County Association of Parish & Town Councils (NALC) approx £600

RESOLVED subscribe

Society of Local Council Clerks approx £190

RESOLVED subscribe

Campaign to Protect Rural England approx £30

RESOLVED no subscription

Norfolk Rural Community Council approx £20

RESOLVED no subscription

National Association Village Halls approx £15

RESOLVED subscribe

West Norfolk Voluntary & Community Action approx £55

RESOLVED subscribe

Norfolk Council for Voluntary Youth Services approx £30

RESOLVED no subscription

The meeting closed at 7.13 pm

