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**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF**  
**KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH**  
**ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2007**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor (Councillor P Guest) in the Chair

Councillors: : R Archibald, B Asquith, J Brankin, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, P Godsell, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, L Powell, P Pye, A Willoughby, C Willoughby, L Yorke – Davies.

**1 ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY CUP AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid tribute to former Mayor Ronnie Mather, who died recently. A special welcome was given to Diana Wallis (MEP) and Phil Willis (MP).

The Mayor presented his award of the Community Cup to Councillor Andrew Willoughby, in recognition and appreciation of his hard work and contribution to various Societies and Groups in the town.

The Mayor also presented the Environmental Award to the pupils of St Mary's School for their fantastic achievement in turning some waste ground into a woodland classroom.

**2 ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor R Hall.

Apologies were also received from the Mayor & Mayoress of Ripon (Deputies attended in their stead), Mr and Mrs G Moore, County Councillor & Mrs R Hall, District Councillor Mrs A Jones, Inspector A Chapman, Mrs A Farmer (Civic Society), Mr C Wake (Silver Band), Mr & Mrs Hetherington (Soroptomists), Mr M Firth (Renaissance Knaresborough), Mr P Darley (Royal British Legion) and Ms M Ingleton.

**3 ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2007/2008**

Councillor C Willoughby proposed, Councillor M Clemmitt seconded.  
The Mayor vacated the chair, Deputy Mayor Councillor J Hawkins took the chair for this item.

**RESOLVED:** That Peter Reginald Guest be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.  
*(unanimously)*

*The Town Mayor Councillor Peter Reginald Guest resumed the Chair.*

**4 ITEM 4 – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Peter Guest signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Town Mayor and thanked Members for his appointment. With his Mayoress, Mrs Lesley Guest, he pledged to represent the people of Knaresborough to the best of his ability.

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**5 ITEM 5 – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor submitted the name of Councillor Jean Lesley Burdett for election as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year (motion seconded by Councillor L Powell)

**RESOLVED:** That for the ensuing year Councillor Jean Lesley Burdett be elected Deputy Town Mayor.

Councillor Burdett thanked Members for her appointment. With her Deputy, Councillor Lynne Yorke-Davies, she looked forward to representing the Council in the next twelve months.

**6 ITEM 6 – TOWN MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS**

**a) Charities**

The Town Mayor announced that his chosen Charity would be:

- i) COGS (Churches on Gracious Street) – financial assistance is still needed to build the new community hall, Mayoral amount raised so far is £5,000).

(The Mayor also mentioned that volunteers are needed to help in the refurbishment of Bebra Gardens)

**b) Civic Service**

The date of the Mayor’s Civic Service would be announced shortly.

**c) Mayor’s Chaplain**

The Town Mayor’s Chaplain would continue to be Reverend David Ely of Gracious Street Methodist Church.

**7 ITEM 7 – APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That for the Mayoral year 2007/2008 the Members and representatives be appointed to the Committees, Working Groups and external organisations as identified in Appendix A to the Order of Proceedings (as amended).

**8 ITEM 8 – GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED:** That the items referred to at Appendix B to the Order of Proceedings and the action taken thereon be noted.

**The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm**