

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

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

Councillors: R Archibald, B Asquith, J Batt, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, B Holbrook, R Hall, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, L Lever, L Powell, J Walton, A Willoughby, C Willoughby

C09/104 **ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD AND COMMUNITY CUP**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Sid Bradley, the former Town Crier of Knaresborough, who died on Saturday 9th May aged 95 years.

The Mayor's first award, the Community Cup, was presented to Mr Gordon Renton for his hard work during the year in connection with Renaissance Knaresborough.

Her second award, the Environmental Award, was presented to Knaresborough in Bloom for their valuable contribution to the community in brightening up the Town. Councillor C Willoughby accepted the award on their behalf.

Both recipients thanked the Mayor for their awards.

C09/105 **ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES FOR INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEETING**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from The Town Clerk.

Apologies were also received from Mr and Mrs G Moore, the Mayor & Mayoress of Ripon, Mr Phil Willis (MP), Ms C Kelley, Squadron Leader M Lumsdon (RAF Menwith Hill) and Mr P Darley.

C09/106 **ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2009/2010**

Councillor K Hawkins proposed, Councillor J Batt seconded and it was

RESOLVED: That Mavis Clemmitt be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.
(unanimous)

Councillor K Hawkins read out a congratulatory message from Horst Groß, Mayor of Knaresborough's twin town Bebra, Germany.

The new Town Mayor Councillor Mavis Clemmitt in the Chair henceforth.

C09/107 **ITEM 4 – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Mavis Clemmitt signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Town Mayor and thanked Members for her appointment. With her Mayoress, Councillor Jean Burdett, she pledged to work in the best interests of Knaresborough and its residents.

C09/108 **ITEM 5 – VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor Lynne Lever proposed, Councillor June Hawkins seconded and it was

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the Members of the Council be accorded to Councillor Pam Godsell (outgoing Mayor) and Mr Robert Godsell (outgoing Consort) for their services during the year 2008/09.

(unanimous)

Councillor Pam Godsell replied thanking her family and all Councillors for their support over the last year.

C09/109 **ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Town Mayor submitted the name of Councillor Richard Hall for election as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year (motion seconded by Councillor Christine Willoughby), and it was

RESOLVED: That for the ensuing year Councillor Richard Hall be elected Deputy Town Mayor.

(unanimous)

Councillor Hall thanked Members for his appointment. With the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Rachael Hall, he looked forward to representing the Council in the next twelve months.

C09/110 **ITEM 7 – TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

a) Mayor's Chaplain

The Town Mayor announced that Reverend Gail Hunt of Gracious Street Methodist Church had agreed to act as Mayor's Chaplain.

b) Mayor's Charity

The Town Mayor announced that her chosen Charity would be COGS – Centre on Gracious Street.

c) Mayor's Civic Service

The Civic Service would be held on Sunday 21 June 2009 at Gracious Street Methodist Church as part of the 10am service.

C09/111 **ITEM 8 – APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED: That for the Mayoral year 2009/2010 the Members and representatives be appointed to the Committees, Working Groups and external organisations as identified in Appendix A to the Order of Proceedings (*unanimous*)

C09/112 **ITEM 9 – GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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

C09/113 **ITEM 10 – KTC'S MAYOR'S FUND-RAISING ACCOUNT**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mavis Clemmitt replace Councillor Pam Godsell as signatory to the above account for the ensuing year (i.e. to 14 May 2010) and that the Clerk (Nicola Smith) and Deputy Clerk (Valerie Maxwell) be retained as authorised signatories for the ensuing year.

(unanimous)

C09/114 **ITEM 11 – PRESENTATION BY DR ARNOLD KELLETT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF A PAINTING OF BLIND JACK BY THE ARTIST BARRINGTON BRAMLEY**

Dr Arnold Kellett presented an oil painting by Barrington Bramley, based on the drawing from life by J R Smith (1795), and made at the request of Dr. Kellett for the cover of his book on Blind Jack (2008). The Town Mayor thanked Dr Kellett and Mr Barrington Bramley on behalf of the Town Council and committed to find a worthy place in Knaresborough House to hang the painting.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm