

**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF**  
**KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH**  
**ON FRIDAY 16 MAY 2008**

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

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

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

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

His first award, the Environmental Award, was presented to Jo Walton for her initiative in producing environmentally-friendly shopping bags which were available throughout the Town for the public to purchase as a replacement for plastic bags

The Mayor's second award, the Community Cup, was presented to Mark Firth for his many contributions to the community but in particular for his work in connection with the Renaissance Knaresborough "Town Windows" project. Both recipients thanked the Mayor for their awards.

**394 ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors June and Kevin Hawkins.

Apologies were also received from Mr and Mrs G Moore, Dr and Mrs A Kellett, the Mayor & Mayoress of Harrogate (the Deputy Mayor attended in their stead), District Councillor Mrs A Jones, Mrs A Farmer and Mrs S Head (Civic Society), Mr C Wake (Silver Band), Mr C Sugden (King James's School) and Squadron Leader M Lumsden (RAF Menwith Hill - Major C Lemar attended in his stead).

**395 ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2008/2009**

Councillor L Yorke-Davies proposed, Councillor M Clemmitt seconded and it was

**RESOLVED:** That Pamela Godsell be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. (*unanimous*)

*The new Town Mayor Councillor Pamela Godsell) in the Chair henceforth.*

**396 ITEM 4 – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Pamela Godsell signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Town Mayor and thanked Members for her appointment. With her Consort, Mr Robert Godsell, she pledged to represent the people of Knaresborough to the best of her ability.

**397 ITEM 5 – VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor Christine Willoughby proposed, Councillor Robert Archibald seconded and it was

**RESOLVED:** That the best thanks of the Members of the Council be accorded to Councillor Peter Guest (outgoing Mayor) and Mrs Lesley Guest (outgoing Mayoress) for their services during the years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Councillor Guest replied thanking his Mayoress, his Deputies, fellow Councillors, the Clerk and her staff and the public and Press for their support and co-operation during the past two years. He also thanked the Town Crier Miss Nancy Buckle, his Chaplain Reverend David Ely, and special thanks were conveyed to Penny Carpenter of Knaresborough in Bloom for the lovely flower displays.

He had enjoyed attending many events during his time in office and had raised approximately £8,000 over the two years towards his chosen Charity, the Centre on Gracious Street.

**398 ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

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

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

Councillor Clemmitt thanked Members for her appointment. With the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Brenda Dixon, she looked forward to representing the Council in the next twelve months.

**399 ITEM 7 – TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

a) Mayor's Chaplain

The Town Mayor's Chaplain would continue to be Reverend David Ely of Gracious Street Methodist Church although it was noted that he would be moving to pastures new in September.

b) Mayor's Charity

The Town Mayor announced that her chosen Charity would be the Frazer Theatre.

c) Mayor's Civic Service

The Civic Service would be held on Sunday 29 June 2008 at Gracious Street Methodist Church.

**400 ITEM 8 – APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That for the Mayoral year 2008/2009 the Members and representatives be appointed to the Committees, Working Groups and external organisations as identified in Appendix A to the Order of Proceedings.

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401 **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.

402 **ITEM 10 – KTC'S MAYOR'S FUND-RAISING ACCOUNT**

*RESOLVED:* That Councillor Pamela Godsell replace Councillor Peter Guest as signatory to the above account for the ensuing year (i.e. to 15 May 2009) and that the Clerk (Nicola Kuehn) and Deputy Clerk (Valerie Maxwell) be retained as authorised signatories for the ensuing year.

403 **ITEM 11 – PRESENTATION OF LONG-SERVICE AWARDS**

The Mayor presented long-service awards to Councillor Richard Hall (11 years) and Mr John Anthony Smith (16 years).

**The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**