

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Annual Meeting of the Town Council 17 May 2010 at 7.00pm at Manor Close Community Centre

Present:

Councillors J Coughlan (Chair), G De Barr, S Brown, M Dickinson, A Gunton and L Mudd.

Also present:

1 member of the public and 1 member of the press

1 Election of the Town Mayor

The Town Council resolved to elect Councillor J Coughlan Town Mayor for the year 2010-11¹.

2 Declaration of Office

The Town Mayor made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before Members of the Town Council and the Town Clerk.

3 Town Mayor's Annual Allowance²

The Town Council noted and confirmed the Town Mayor's personal allowance as £500.00 for 2010-2011.

4 Apologies for absence

Councillors J Cossins and M Donald

5 Report on Mayoral engagements since the April meeting

Councillor Coughlan gave a verbal report on his year in office. On the retirement of Mrs Doubtfire, the Town Clerk, last July, Councillor Coughlan paid tribute to the hard work she had put in for the Council and said that she would be sadly missed. He welcomed Victoria Ellis as the new Town Clerk and more recently her assistant, Catherine Eve. Councillor Coughlan said it had been a difficult year but Kirkbymoorside is well represented by the current Members who all know the community well and act to the best of their ability. He thanked Councillor De Barr as Deputy Mayor for her wise counsel and all councillors for their continued support. Councillor Coughlan said that he looks forward to the Town Council elections in May 2011. He also commented on the very useful questions and answers session held with the Deputy Chief Officer of the Yorkshire Councils Association, Ms Sheena Spence.

Councillor Gunton arrived during this agenda item.

¹ Local Government Act 1972, S's 15 and 34

² Minute 132 i, page 53, Ordinary Meeting 21 December 2009

6 Vote of Thanks

Councillor De Barr expressed her thanks to Councillor Coughlan on behalf of the council. She said that this has been a year of change. She praised Councillor Coughlan for achieving a greater engagement with the community but spoke of changes ahead in the next 12 months. She wished him well for his next year in office.

7 Election of Deputy Town Mayor

The Town Council elected Councillor De Barr as Deputy Town Mayor for 2010-11.

8 Appointment of Members to Committees and duties

a) Internal Control - Councillors Audit³

Membership (2): Councillors Coughlan and Donald

b) Planning Committee

Membership (9): All Members of the Council

c) Manor Vale Management Committee

Membership (3 Councillors, 12 in total):

The Mayor and Deputy are ex officio members together with Councillor Dickinson.

d) Strategy Committee⁴

Membership (4): The Mayor and Deputy are ex officio members together with Councillors Brown and Councillor Gunton.

e) Staffing Committee^{5, 6}

The Committee meets when necessary.

Membership (3): The Mayor and Deputy are ex officio members together with Councillor Donald.

f) Cemetery Duties

(i) In the absence of the Clerk or Assistant to the Clerk to mark a grave in the event of a funeral, Councillor Mudd will remain as the Council's representative.

(ii) Councillor Mudd will continue the responsibility of taking the bins from the cemetery on a Monday to the Church gates for emptying.

³ Not to be confused with the Internal Audit (which investigates the Council's financial activities and reports to the External Auditor).

⁴ Minute 143, pg44 20/4/09

⁵ Minute 136 b), pg41 20/4/09

⁶ Minutes 85b, page 33, Ordinary Meeting 19 October 2009.

9 Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no reports.

10 Appointments to Outside Bodies

a) Fairtrade Foundation

Currently this Group is not active. No representative was selected.

b) Five Towns Meeting

Membership (2): Councillors Coughlan and De Barr.

c) John Stockton Trust Foundation

Membership (1): Councillor Dickinson

d) North Ryedale Public Transport Group

Councillor Coughlan thanked Ms Helen Gundry for her support as a representative for the Council in 2009/10.

Membership (1): Councillor J Cossins

e) Police – Kirkbymoorside Community Consultation Group

This Group meets once every 3 months in various locations in the northern area of the District. The Town Council resolved to modify the Membership and not appoint an additional Member.

Membership (2): Councillor Coughlan and one Vacancy

f) Sportsfield Committee

Membership (1): Councillor Brown

g) Yorkshire Local Councils Association - Ryedale Branch

Membership (1): Councillor De Barr

h) Play Areas Association

Membership (1): Councillor Gunton will not stand as the formal representative but will report back to Council.

i) Kirkbymoorside Environment Group

Membership (1): Councillor Coughlan

11 To Receive the Schedule of Meetings for 2010-2011 (Appendix 1)

Councillors received a full list of the Ordinary Meetings and Planning Committee Meetings.⁷

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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Chairman

⁷ Minute 206, page 83, Ordinary Meeting 19 April 2010