

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE ON TUESDAY 11TH MAY 2004 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, J. Cresswell, F.Dallas, V.Fellowes, M.Holt-Taylor, R.Lees, D.Martin, M. Oldknow, P.Richardson, R.Walker, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams

454. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. J.Martland – personal reasons.

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

455. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

456. OUTGOING MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The outgoing Mayor Cllr. Richard Walker addressed the Council and said that it had been an honour and privilege to be the Mayor. He had represented the Council on 43 separate occasions during the year and had promoted the Town far and wide. He was particularly proud of the improvements to the War Memorial and the Park and the improvements to the sporting facilities in Moorends. He supported the regeneration activity that was taking place including Thorne Academy. He thanked all the Councillors for their support over the year.

457. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr. Richard Walker was proposed and seconded for the post of Town Mayor for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Walker be appointed Town Mayor.

458. TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The declaration was duly signed by Cllr. Walker and witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Mayor thanked the Council for its support and said he anticipated a busy and successful year.

459. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations were invited for the position of Deputy Mayor and Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Holt-Taylor be appointed as Deputy Mayor.

460. TO RECEIVE THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The declaration was duly signed by Cllr. Holt-Taylor and witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for its support and said that she intended to continue the good work done in the previous year.

461. TO ELECT THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Nominations for position of Leader of the Council were invited and Cllr. M.Williams was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. M.Williams be appointed as Leader of the Council.

Nominations for position of Deputy Leader of the Council were invited and Cllr. C.Williams was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. C.Williams be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council.

462. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That the following Standing Committees operate for the ensuing year:

- a. POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND STAFFING – Chair Cllr. R.Walker, Vice Chair Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor.**
- b. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, AMENITIES AND LEISURE – Cllr. V.Fellowes, Vice Chair Cllr. J.Martland.**

And that all Councillors should be members of the standing committees, Standing Order 40 being amended accordingly.

463. REPRESENTATIVES OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED: That the following nominations to external organisations be made:

- a) Yorkshire and National Association of Local Councils. Cllr. Walker, Cllr. Fellowes, Clerk.
- b) Thorne Old People's Welfare Committee. Cllr. Walker, Cllr. Martland.
- c) Brookes Trust. Cllr. Walker, Cllr.Dallas.
- d) Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr. Holt-Taylor, Cllr. Martland.
- e) Thorne and District Anglers Association. Cllr. Fellowes, Cllr. Best.
- f) DMBC Parish Councils Joint Consultative Committee. Cllr. Walker plus the Clerk.
- g) CCTV Management Committee. Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Walsh, Cllr. Best, Cllr. Richardson.
- h) CCTV Ethics Committee. Cllr. Martland, Cllr. Oldknow.
- i) CISWO Working Group. Cllr. M.Williams, Cllr. Oldknow.
- j) Thorne Moorends Regeneration Partnership. Cllr. Fellowes.
- k) Association of Larger Local Councils. Cllr. Brookes, Cllr. M.Williams.
- l) Farmers Market Committee. Cllrs. Walker, Cllr. Best, Cllr. Fellowes, Cllr. Martland, Cllr. Holt-Taylor.

Regarding the Dixons Training Centre Liaison Group, a meeting would be held with the Company to discuss amongst other things increasing the public use of the Training Centre.

End of meeting.