

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2003, AT 7.30PM.

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, C.Williams, M.Williams.
Also present outgoing Mayor N.Walsh.*

145. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

146. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

147. OUTGOING MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The outgoing Mayor Norman Walsh gave an address in which he praised all the organisations and individuals working for the good of the Community. He thanked fellow Councillors and the Council staff for their support and wished the new Council a successful future.

148. 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 for the ensuing year.

149. 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 new Mayor gave a short address thanking the Council for its support and in anticipation of a busy successful year.

150. 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 for the ensuing year.

151. 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.

152. STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to making amendments to Standing Orders in respect of:

- *Normal time for meetings – proposed to change to 7.00pm.*
- *Day for meetings of the Council and its Standing Committees – proposed to change to Tuesdays.*
- *Standing Committees proposed to be as follows:*
 - *Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing*
 - *Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure*
- *A Council Leader and Deputy Leader position was proposed.*

There was a discussion regarding the reasons for the proposed changes and a recorded vote was requested by Cllr. Best in which it was: **RESOLVED: That these changes to Standing Orders be approved and that the Clerk and Chair make the necessary amendments and bring them back to the next full Council for ratification.**

In the recorded vote: **FOR:** Cllrs. Brookes, Dallas, Fellowes, Holt-Taylor, Martin, Martland, Walker, C. Williams and M. Williams.
AGAINST: Cllrs. Best, Cresswell, Lees, Oldknow and Richardson.

153 TO ELECT THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Nominations for the 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 the 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.

154. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

154.1 It was proposed that the Council Standing Committees be reduced from three to two but meeting on a regular monthly basis.

RESOLVED: That the following standing committees operate for the ensuing year:

- a. **POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND STAFFING**
- b. **PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AMENITIES AND LEISURE**

154.2 The membership of the standing committees was discussed and it was proposed that they should comprise eight members plus the Chair. There was opposition.

Some members spoke against this proposal on the basis that Councillors should have the freedom to participate in all the work of the Council. A recorded vote was requested by Cllr. Best and it was:

RESOLVED: That a standing committee be made up of eight councillors plus the Chair.

In the recorded vote: **FOR:** Cllrs. Brookes, Dallas, Fellowes, Holt-Taylor, Martin, Martland, Walker, C. Williams and M. Williams.

AGAINST: Cllrs. Best, Cresswell, Lees, Oldknow and Richardson.

154.3 The make-up of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee was then discussed and a recorded vote was requested from Cllr. Best. It was **RESOLVED: That the makeup of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee would be**

Chair Cllr. R. Walker

Vice Chair Cllr. M. Holt-Taylor

Cllr. C. Williams

Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. A. Brookes

Cllr. D. Martin

Cllr. R. Lees

Cllr. M. Oldknow

The final place to be for the Councillor filling the current vacancy.

In the recorded vote: **FOR:** Cllrs. Brookes, Dallas, Fellowes, Holt-Taylor, Martin, Martland, Walker, C. Williams and M. Williams.

AGAINST: Cllrs. Best, Cresswell, Lees, Oldknow and Richardson.

154.4 The make up of the Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure Committee was then discussed. A recorded vote was requested by Cllr. Richardson. It was **RESOLVED: That the makeup of the Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure Committee would be:**

Chair Cllr. V. Fellowes

Vice Chair Cllr. F. Dallas

Cllr. C. Williams

Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. D. Martin

Cllr. M. Holt-Taylor

Cllr. P. Best

Cllr. J. Cresswell

Cllr. P. Richardson

In the recorded vote: **FOR:** Cllrs. Brookes, Dallas, Fellowes, Holt-Taylor, Martin, Martland, Walker, C. Williams and M. Williams.

AGAINST: Cllrs. Best, Cresswell, Lees, Oldknow and Richardson.

155. REPRESENTATIVES ON 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.Brookes (Cllr.M.Williams substitute the Clerk)
- g) CCTV Management Committee. Cllr.Martin, Cllr. Filling vacancy.
- h) CCTV Ethics Committee. Cllr. Martland, Cllr. Oldknow.
- i) Moorends Community Partnership. Cllr. Martin, Cllr. C.Williams.
- j) Thorne Development Partnership. Cllr. Martin, Cllr.Martland.
- k) CISWO Working Group. Cllr. Fellowes.
- l) Thorne Training Centre Liaison Committee.Cllr. Martland (Cllr. Holt-Taylor substitute the Clerk)
- m) Thorne Moorends Regeneration Partnership. Cllr. Fellowes.
- n) Association of Larger Local Councils. Cllr. Brookes, Cllr. M.Williams.

156. COUNCIL VACANCY

Consideration was given to filling the vacancy which was declared on 6th May 2003 following the resignation of Ms. A. J. Wilson.

RESOLVED: That, if after 14 working days an election has not been claimed by ten electors, the Council proposed to co-opt Mr N. Walsh, the former Mayor.

End of meeting