

BRIDGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE BURGESS ROOM TOWN HALL BRIDGWATER

PRESENT: Cllr SB Austen (Mayor of Bridgwater – in the Chair), Cllrs Ms M Brown, M Cresswell, AM Glassford, P Johnstone, Ms L Leavy, MJ Lerry, DP Loveridge, AJ Moore, Mrs PM Morley, Ms K Pearce, LP Redman, D Rodrigues, BD Smedley, J Turner (JP) and Ms S Wilson

All members present signed declarations of acceptance of office and received forms for completion of declarations of interest. New members received welcome packs.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting all stood in silence to the memory of Shaun O'Byrne a leading Labour Party member and supporter of the Town Council.

01/15 **WELCOME:**

The Mayor welcomed all members of the Council those who had been re-elected, and those elected to the Town Council for the first time. He expressed condolences to those who had stood and failed to gain re-election or election and the sentiments were endorsed by the Council.

02/15 **STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:**

Following the review conducted by the previous Council prior to adoption and consequent amendments the new Council received copies of updated Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls .

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls as presented be laid on the table for adoption at the next ordinary meeting.

03/15 **ANNUAL MEETING AND MAYOR MAKING - 15 MAY 2015:**

Members discussed detailed arrangements for the Mayor Making meeting given the notified absence of the current Mayor and Mayoress.

RESOLVED: That the Agenda and programme be prepared as now agreed.

04/15 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS 2015/16:**

Members considered the list of appointments for the Finance Committee, the Museum Sub-Committee and the Planning Panel and **RESOLVED:** the following:

FINANCE COMMITTEE (8 members) – Cllrs Glassford, Lerry, Moore, Ms Pearce, Smedley, Turner, Ms Wilson and either Cllr Cresswell or Johnson.

MUSEUM SUB COMMITTEE (3 members) – Cllrs Ms Brown, Ms Leavy, Loveridge and Rodrigues.

PLANNING PANEL (7 members) – Cllrs Ms Brown, Mrs Morley, Ms Leavy, Lerry, Redman, Smedley and either Cllr Cresswell or Johnson.

All other appointments – to be considered at the first ordinary meeting of the new Council, with exception of replacement cheque signatory = Cllrs Redman **AGREED.**

05/15 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS: RESOLVED:** That the dates be approved in accordance with the completed calendar as circulated to all members noting, in particular, the Annual Town Public Meeting on 28 May 2015 and first ordinary Meeting of the Town Council on 11 June 2015.

06/15 **MAYORAL VIEWPOINT –** The Mayor expressed his appreciation to all Members of Council for their support and co-operation throughout his term of office, and expressed the wish to see the healthy spirit in which the business of the Town Council had been conducted continue into the new term.

07/15 **MAYOR ELECT STATEMENT –** The Mayor Elect took the opportunity to present the outgoing Mayor with a gift album recording the many events and highlights of his term and a vote of thanks for the dedication he and the Mayoress had shown to the Town Council, the town and community activities.

On behalf of the Town Council he invited the Mayor to take back to Mrs Stella Austen best wishes for a full and speedy recovery from her recent incapacitation.

The meeting finished at 7.54pm

Signed.....Chairman