

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting** of the Blackrod Town Council held in the Council Chamber Blackrod Library/Council Services on Monday 14th May 2018

Present:- Councillor Mr Scott Batchelor (**Chairman**)

Cllr Mr G Farrington
Cllr Mr M Hollick
Cllr Mr J Price
Cllr A Bury (Snr)
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Cllr Mrs Seddon
Cllr Mrs Warburton
Cllr Mrs Gaskell

Also Present: Mrs S Lowis (**Town Clerk**) Mr Stephen Pickup Ward Councillor, and 55 invited Guests and members of the public

The meeting opened with prayers.

The Chairman, retiring Mayor, Mrs I Seddon welcomed members and guests to the Meeting

Prior to the meeting commencing in full, the retiring Town Mayor Councillor Mrs Seddon presented cheques to representatives from her nominated charities, who each responded with a note of thanks.

The Annual Meeting commenced.

1.Apologies for absence

No apologies were required.

2.To Confirm the Town Mayor/Chairman for 2018/2019

Councillors confirmed the nominations for the office of Town Mayor and

It was moved by Councillor Mr Graham Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mr John Price and a unanimous vote taken and

Resolved:- that Councillor Mr Scott Batchelor be elected Town Mayor of Blackrod for 2018/2019.

Councillor Mr Scott Batchelor made and signed the Declaration of Office before the Town Clerk, the Proper Officer of the Council and those present.

The new Mayor, Councillor Scott Batchelor, was thereupon invested with the Chain of Office, by the retiring Mayor and addressed the Meeting thanking fellow Councillors for the confidence they had placed in him.

3. Deputy Mayor/ Deputy Chairman 2018/2019

Councillors confirmed nominations made for the office of Deputy Mayor/ Deputy Chairman and it was moved by Councillor Farrington and seconded by Councillor Hollick and a unanimous vote taken and

Resolved:- that Councillor Mr John Price be elected Deputy Town Mayor/ Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year and received his chain of office.

4. Vote of Thanks

It was moved by Councillor Batchelor and seconded by Councillor Mr Bury(Snr) and

Resolved:- that a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs Isabel Seddon.

Councillor Mrs Seddon was presented with a Past Mayors Medal. The retiring Mayor, then addressed the meeting and thanked all those who had supported her and the role of Mayor during the last 12 months as well as fellow council members and residents.. Councillor Mrs Seddon stated that it had been an honour to serve as Mayor and also expressed her best wishes for the incoming Town Mayor as he begins his year of office.

Councillors and invited guests gave the retiring Mayor Councillor Mrs Seddon a resounding round of applause as she left the Chair of Office and took a seat within the Council Chamber as a member of the Town Council.

5. Mayor's Consort for 2018/2019.

The newly elected Town Mayor informed the meeting that his wife Mrs Karen Batchelor would take up the position of Mayoress Consort to the Town Mayor of Blackrod for the coming year and invested her with the chain of office.

6. Mayor's Chaplain

It was moved by Councillor Mr Price and supported by Councillor Mr Hollick and

Resolved:

That the Town Clerk confirm that the position of Mayor's Chaplain would again be shared by the Clergy from the three Churches in Blackrod, St Katharines C of E, Our

Lady's RC and Blackrod Methodist. **The date of the Civic Service will be on Sunday 17th June at Blackrod Methodist Church at 10.15am.** Representatives from the above churches were present for the confirmation of Mayor's Chaplain.

7. Meetings of the Town Council 2018/2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mr Hollick and

Resolved:-

that the Meetings of the Town Council for 2018/2019 be held in accordance with the list of suggested dates as previously circulated to Members, it being noted that the date of the Annual Meeting 2019 and the Annual Parish Assembly 2019 would be confirmed at a later date.

8. List of Attendances 2017/2018

Resolved:- that the list of attendances previously circulated to members be received.

9. Appointment of Committees/Working Groups/Representatives on Outside Bodies

It was moved by Councillor Mr G Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mr Price and

Resolved:- that this item be deferred until the first meeting of the Council to be held on June 4th 2018

10. Standing Orders Financial Regulations & Parish Councils Code of Conduct

It was moved by Councillor Mr G Farrington and seconded by Councillor Mrs Seddon and

Resolved:-

- 1. That the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct be approved in accordance with regulatory practice.**

At the close of the Meeting, the new Town Mayor invited Members, Members Wives/husbands/partners and guests to join him in a celebratory drink and light refreshments.

Signed Chairman.....Date.....