

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of The Annual Meeting of Ledbury Town Council held on Thursday 14th May 2015

PRESENT: Councillors: D Baker R Barnes
 P Bettington A Crowe
 M Eager M Eakin
 E Fieldhouse K Francis
 A Harrison E Harvey
 A Manns M Mackness
 N Morris J Roberts
 N Roberts A Warmington
 S J Widdows R Yeoman

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Karen Mitchell Clerk to the Council
 Mrs M Bradman Deputy Clerk to the Council
 21 Members of the public; 1 Member of the press

Prior to opening the meeting, The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, congratulated all Councillors on their election to Ledbury Town Council.

He advised that the Value of the month was Positivity.

The meeting observed a short silence in remembrance of Mr Brian Croker who had served as a Ledbury Town Councillor in the 1970's and 80's and as Town Mayor in 1979 and 1985.

C.1 - 05.15 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2015/16

There were two nominations for Town Mayor:-
Councillor R Yeoman and Councillor A Crowe.
A named vote was taken

VOTING: Councillor R Yeoman (8)

D Baker R Barnes
P Bettington M Eager
K Francis J Roberts
N Roberts R Yeoman

Councillor A Crowe (10)

A Crowe M Eakin
E Fieldhouse A Harrison
E Harvey M Mackness
A Manns N Morris
A Warmington S J Widdows

**RESOLVED: That Councillor A Crowe be elected
as Town Mayor for 2015/16.**

Councillor Crowe declared her Acceptance of Office of Town Mayor and signed the Declaration, witnessed by the Clerk to the Council.

Councillor Crowe gave thanks for her election and set out her thoughts and aims for the year ahead.

In response to a request from Councillor K Francis, the Town Mayor agreed to write to former Town Councillor Mr Tony Bradford, to thank him for his many years service to the Town Council.

C.2 - 05.15 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2015/16

There were two nominations for Deputy Town Mayor.
Councillor K Francis and Councillor S J Widdows.

A named vote was taken.

VOTING:

Councillor K Francis (8)

D Baker	R Barnes
P Bettington	M Eager
K Francis	J Roberts
N Roberts	R Yeoman

Councillor S J Widdows (9)

A Crowe	M Eakin
E Fieldhouse	A Harrison
E Harvey	M Mackness
N Morris	A Warmington
S J Widdows	

Abstentions (1)

A Manns

RESOLVED: That Councillor S J Widdows be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for 2015/16.

C.3 - 05.15 APOLOGIES

None; All members were present.

C.4 - 05.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting.

Councillors were reminded to return their completed Notice of Registrable Interests forms to the office in order for them to be returned to Herefordshire Council within the required 28 days.

C.5 - 05.15 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.6 - 05.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident advised the meeting that a new Community Action Group had been set up in the town and gave details of its aims and objectives. The first meeting is to be held on 18th May, 2015.

C.7 - 05.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April, 2015, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.8 - 05.15 VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE 2014/15 TOWN MAYOR

On behalf of the Town Council, Councillor Phillip Bettington gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor R Barnes.

Councillor Barnes was presented with his Past Mayor's badge and the retiring Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers.

C.9 - 05.15 INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2015/16.

RESOLVED: That quotations be sought for an internal auditor for 2015/16.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.10 - 05.15 REVIEW OF COMMITTEES & FUNCTIONS

Members reviewed the Council's Committees and functions thereof.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council operate:-

Three main committees:-

- **Economic Development & Planning**
- **Environment & Leisure**
- **Finance & General Purposes**

Plus a Standing Committee for administrative matters.

And, that the functions of each committee, be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.11 - 05.15 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That, pending future consideration of possible changes to the committee system, Councillors serve on the following committees:

Economic Development and Planning

R Barnes	A Crowe
M Eager	M Eakin
E Fieldhouse	K Francis
A Harrison	E Harvey
A Manns	M Mackness
N Morris	J Roberts
N Roberts	A Warmington
S J Widdows	

Environment and Leisure

D Baker	R Barnes
P Bettington	A Crowe
M Eager	M Eakin
E Fieldhouse	K Francis
A Harrison	E Harvey
A Manns	N Morris
J Roberts	N Roberts
S J Widdows	R Yeoman

Finance and General Purposes

D Baker	R Barnes
P Bettington	A Crowe
M Eager	A Harrison
E Harvey	A Manns
M Mackness	N Morris
A Warmington	S J Widdows
R Yeoman	

VOTING: Unanimous

C.12 - 05.15 REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members reviewed the Council's representation on Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED: That members serve on Outside Bodies, as follows:-

1. Access Group
2. Age UK

M Eakin, K Francis, A Manns
A Manns

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| 3. Community Choir | Town Mayor |
| 4. Emma Russell Foundation | N Morris |
| 5. Ledbury Fairtrade Town Steering Group | M Eakin, E Harvey |
| 6. Greenspaces Liaison Group | D Baker, P Bettington, A Crowe, M Eager, E Fieldhouse, K Francis, E Harvey, SJ Widdows. |
| 7. HALC (East Herefordshire Group) | R Barnes, P Bettington, K Francis |
| 8. Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (Exec Ctte) | K Francis (P Bettington - substitute) |
| 9. Herefordshire Market Towns Core Ctte. | K Francis |
| 10. Herefordshire Market Towns Forum | R Barnes, K Francis, M Mackness (plus Clerk) |
| 11. Ledbury Carnival Association | D Baker, A Manns |
| 12. Ledbury Community Association | R Barnes, P Bettington, M Eager, E Fieldhouse, N Morris |
| 13. Ledbury Consolidated Charities | D Baker, P Bettington |
| 14. Ledbury in Bloom | Town Mayor, E Fieldhouse, SJ Widdows |
| 15. Ledbury Strömstad Twinning Assoc. | Town Mayor, D Baker, A Harrison |
| 16. Ledbury Food Group | M Mackness, A Warmington |
| 17. Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Group | E Harvey (A Crowe – substitute) |
| 18. Food Bank | <i>K Francis and A Conway elected as Trustees in 2014. Clerk to ascertain current representative requirements; Councillors Eakin, Fieldhouse, Mackness and Manns expressed an interest in serving as representatives.</i> |
| 19. Ledbury Places | R Barnes, M Eager |

VOTING: Unanimous

C.13 - 05.15 CYCLE OF MEETINGS

The date of the Economic Development & Planning meeting scheduled for the 17th December 2015, was moved to the 10th December, 2015.

RESOLVED: That the 2015/16 cycle of meetings, as amended, be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Chairman Date