

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of
The Annual Meeting
of Ledbury Town Council
held on Thursday 9th May 2013**

PRESENT: Councillors: R Barnes P Bettington
A Conway A Crowe
M Eager L Fieldhouse
K Francis E Harvey
C Jupp C Ridler
J Roberts M Roberts
P Watts T Widdows
P Winter R Yeoman

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Karen Mitchell Clerk to the Council
Ms D Baldwin Deputy Clerk to the Council
Mrs R Blandford Clerical Officer
Mrs B Stump Junior Clerical Officer

1 Member of the press
5 Members of the public

C.1 - 05.13 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2013/14

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That Councillor T Widdows be elected as Town Mayor for 2013/14.

VOTING: Unanimous

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

C.2 - 05.13 TOWN MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Councillor Widdows gave an address of thanks for his election and set out his thoughts and aims for the year ahead.

C.3 - 05.13 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2013/14

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That Councillor R Barnes be elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2013/14.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.4 - 05.13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors A Bradford and C Stallard Daniels

C.5 - 05.13 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C.6 - 05.13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April, 2013, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.7 - 05.13 REPORT FROM THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor P Bettington circulated a written report on his activities since the last Full Council meeting.

C.8 - 05.13 VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE 2012/13 TOWN MAYOR

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

Councillor Bettington was presented with his Past Mayor's badge and the retiring Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers. The Mayoress' silver chain and pendant was handed over to the incoming Mayoress, Mrs Sarah Widdows.

C.9 - 05.13 REVIEW OF COMMITTEES & FUNCTIONS

Councillor Harvey queried various aspects of Committee functions, particularly that of economic development activity under the Planning & Economic Development Committee and suggested that matters such as Tourism, Town Transport and Charter Market might be better placed under this Committee.

RESOLVED: That confirmation of Committees and their functions be reviewed at the next Full Council meeting.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.10 - 05.13 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That Councillors serve on the following Committees:

Environment and Leisure

R Barnes	P Bettington
A Bradford	A Conway
A Crowe	M Eager
L Fieldhouse	K Francis
C Jupp	C Ridler
J Roberts	C Stallard Daniels
P Watts	T Widdows
P Winter	R Yeoman

Finance and General Purposes

R Barnes	P Bettington
A Bradford	M Eager
K Francis	E Harvey
C Jupp	M Roberts
P Watts	T Widdows
P Winter	R Yeoman

Planning and Economic Development

R Barnes	A Bradford
A Conway	A Crowe
M Eager	L Fieldhouse
K Francis	E Harvey
C Ridler	J Roberts
M Roberts	C Stallard Daniels
T Widdows	

VOTING: Unanimous

C.11 - 05.13 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That having been reviewed, Standing Orders as presented, be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.12 - 05.13 TO ADOPT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members were previously circulated with copies of the current financial arrangements.

RESOLVED: That having been reviewed, the Financial Arrangements as presented, be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.13 - 05.13 REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were circulated with a list of the appointments made at the last annual meeting, together with any subsequent changes.

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

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| 1. Access Group | K Francis, Allen Conway |
| 2. Age Concern | M Roberts |
| 3. Safer Ledbury | A Crowe, K Francis, C Jupp |
| 4. Barrett Browning Trust | Town Mayor, K Francis |
| 5. Community Choir | Town Mayor |
| 6. Emma Russell Foundation | C Stallard Daniels, P Winter |
| 7. Ledbury Fairtrade Town Steering Group | L Fieldhouse, E Harvey, M Roberts |
| 8. Greenspaces Liaison Group | A Conway, A Crowe, M Eager, L Fieldhouse, K Francis |
| 9. Halo Leisure Forum | A Conway, C Jupp or P Winter |
| 10. HALC (East Herefordshire Group) | K Francis, T Widdows |
| 11. Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (Exec Ctte) | K Francis, T Widdows (substitute) |
| 12. Herefordshire Market Towns Core Ctte. | C Ridler |
| 13. Herefordshire Market Towns Forum | A Conway, C Jupp, C Ridler (plus Clerk) |
| 14. Ledbury Carnival Association | A Conway, C Jupp, J Roberts |
| 15. Ledbury Community Association | A Bradford, M Eager, C Jupp, C Ridler |
| 16. Ledbury Consolidated Charities | P Bettington, C Stallard Daniels |
| 17. Ledbury in Bloom | Town Mayor, A Crowe, C Jupp, J Roberts |
| 18. Ledbury Strömstad Twinning Assoc. | Town Mayor, L Fieldhouse, M Roberts |
| 19. Ledbury Food Group | M Roberts |

VOTING: Unanimous

C.14 - 05.13 CYCLE OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the cycle of meetings for 2013/14, be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman Date