

MINUTES

Of The
Annual Dronfield Town Meeting
held on

Tuesday 18th May 2015

Presented to

DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

On

Monday 1st June 2015

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT THE CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD

ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2015

Present:

Councillors: G Baxter, L Blanshard, T Collins, B Copley, A Dale, M Emmens, A Foster, M Foster, S Green, G Griffin-Chappel, R Hall, G Hopkinson, E Pasley, A Powell, C Smith, R Smith, K Tait, R Welton and P Wright.

In Attendance:

10 members of the public and press and K Bradshaw Clerk to the Council,

1. Election of Town Mayor

Councillor L Blanshard was nominated and seconded to be appointed to the position of Town Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016. No further nominations were received.

01/15-16 RESOLVED

That Councillor L Blanshard be duly elected to the position of Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016.

Mayor Councillor Blanshard then took the Mayoral seat and was invested with the chain of office.

The Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Blanshard then took the position of Chair and was invested with the chain of office. She then made the following declaration:

"I, Elizabeth Blanshard, having been elected to the Office of Town Mayor and Chairman of Dronfield Town Council hereby declare that I take this office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability. I undertake to be guided by the National Code of Local Government Conduct in the performance of my functions in that Office".

The declaration was witnessed and dated by the Proper Officer of the Council.

The Mayor's Address to the Council upon Appointment

Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor

Members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the Council, to thank Councillor Sue Allsop. Sue stood up to the plate again which is no means task, like Olympics we need to sleep in the afternoon and has done a fantastic job as Mayor for the past year. I would like to thank her, on behalf of all members of the Town Council for all her hard work.

Sue was presented with a Past Mayor's Badge and a box containing mementos of her year in office.

The Retiring Mayor's Response

Madam Mayor, members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, thank you Liz for your kind words. I must say I do seem to be getting a feeling of deja-vu -- yet again!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my second year in office as Mayor of Dronfield, though, at times, it has been quite hard work.

One of the duties of the Mayor is, of course, to raise money for The Mayor's Charity Fund, and this year I am delighted to report that £7800 is waiting to be distributed to various charities. This will take place on June 8th in The Council Chamber at 7 pm.

This sum of money would not be possible without a great deal of support and I would like to thank everyone who has provided that support, particularly my Consort, John, my son , Robert and daughter, Sara-Jane.

So Liz, it's over to you, again. At least this time you know what to expect, and I wish you a happy and successful year as Dronfield Town Mayor.

2. Election of Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor A Foster was nominated and seconded to be appointed to the position of Deputy Town Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016. No further nominations were received.

02/15-16 RESOLVED

That Councillor A Foster be duly elected to the position of Deputy Town Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the Civic Year 2014/2015.

Councillor A Foster then took the position of Vice Chair and was presented with the chain of office.

2. Apologies for Absence

3/15-16 RESOLVED

There were no apologies for absence as all members were present.

4.1 The Leader of the Council

Councillor A Foster was nominated and seconded to be appointed to the position of Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016. No further nominations were received.

04/15-16 RESOLVED

That Councillor A Foster be duly elected to the position of The Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016.

4.2 The Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillor L Blanshard was nominated and seconded to be appointed to the position of The Deputy Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016. No further nominations were received.

05/15-16 RESOLVED

That Councillor L Blanshard be duly elected to the position of The Deputy Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2015/2016.

5. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members considered a schedule of elected members who sit and represent the Council on various outside bodies.

06/15-16 RESOLVED

That the list of members representing the Council on various outside bodies (as per the attached listing Appendix 1) be received and noted.

6. Cycle of Meetings for Council

Members considered a proposed cycle of the dates and times of Council Meetings throughout the forthcoming Civic Year and it was moved that the Annual Town meeting be held at 8.00pm after the Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

07/15-16 RESOLVED

That the cycle of ordinary meetings for the Civic Year 2015/2016 (as per the attached listing Appendix 2) be approved with the Annual Town Meeting being held at 8.00pm on Monday 16th May 2016.

7. General Power of Competence

The Council meets the qualification criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence in that all the members have been elected and the Clerk to the Council holds the necessary qualifications.

08/15-16 RESOLVED

That Dronfield Town Council adopts the General Power of Competence.

8. Appointment of Internal Auditor

DALC has published a list of recommended Internal Auditors

09/15-16 RESOLVED

That Mr John Marriott, a DALC recommended Internal Auditor, be appointed Internal Auditor to the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman

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Date

Dronfield Woodhouse Sport and Social Club: Roger Hall

Dronfield Town Twinning: Tim Collins & Liz Blanshard

Dronfield and District Joint Burial Committee: Liz Blanshard, Alex Dale, Gary Griffin-Chapel, Philip Wright, Graham Baxter, Christine Smith, Sandra Green & John Whiteley

Dronfield Disabled Club: Angelique Foster

Dronfield Old People Welfare: Angelique Foster

Dronfield Henry Fanshawe Education Foundation: Richard Welton, Eric Pasley, Gary Griffin-Chapel and Rosie Smith

Dronfield 2000 Rotary Walk: Kevin Tait

Dronfield Pioneer Health & Housing Society: Graham Baxter

ATC Civilian: Roger Hall

DALC Executive Committee: Alex Dale

Footpaths & Bridleways Society: Tim Collins

Dronfield in Bloom: Michelle Emmens & Wendy Temple

Peel Centre Management Committee: Liz Blanshard

Coal Aston Bowls Pavilion: Alex Dale, Gary Griffin-Chapel

Lea Brook Valley Management: Mark Foster

Dronfield Town Football Club: Roger Hall

Coal Aston Cricket Club: Tim Collins, Gary Griffin-Chapel

Dronfield Children Centre: Roger Hall

Dronfield Civic Society Awards Panel: Liz Blanshard

Dronfield Relief in Need Charity: Angelique Foster, Richard Welton, Liz Blanshard & Christine Smith

Thomas Taylor Charity: Graham Baxter, Rosie Smith Sandra Green and John Whiteley

DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF
FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS
FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2015/2016

2015

Monday 1st June	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 6th July	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 7th September	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 5th October	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 2nd November	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 7th December	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm

2016

Monday 4th January	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 1st February	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 7th March	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 4th April	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 3rd May	Council Chamber, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 16 th May	Annual Council Meeting Main Hall, Dronfield Civic Hall	7.30pm
Monday 16 th May	Town Electors Meeting Main Hall, Dronfield Civic Hall	8.00pm