

CHARTER TRUST FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Meeting** of the **Charter Trust for the City of Durham** held in the Main Hall - Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 12.00 Noon

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor Les Thomson (in the Chair) and Councillors G Holland, K Holroyd, A Hopgood, D J Southwell, D Stoker, M Wilkes, J Wilkinson, M Wood and C Woods

1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blakey, Chaplow, Cordon, Martin, Morgan, Plews, Simmons, Turnbull and Williams.

2 Recording of Proceedings.

Resolved:

That the Charter Trustees consent to the taking of photographs during the Meeting.

3 Election of Mayor.

Councillor Southwell moved and Councillor Holroyd seconded:-

“That Councillor John Wilkinson, 10 Priestburn Close, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9NF, be and is hereby appointed Mayor of the City for the ensuing Municipal Year”.

The Motion on being put, was Carried and it was Resolved Accordingly.

4 Appointment of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Wilkes moved and Councillor Southwell seconded:-

“That Councillor Hopgood, 3 Carlisle Road, Newton Hall, Durham, DH1 5XE, be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City for the ensuing Municipal Year”.

On the Motion being put, Councillor Hopgood was declared duly appointed as Deputy Mayor.

The Meeting adjourned at 12.25 pm and resumed at 12.35 pm.

5 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor.

After being robed and invested with the Chain of Office and Seal, Councillor John Wilkinson made and delivered to the Clerk the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor, occupied the Chair and addressed the Charter Trustees.

6 Past Mayor and Mayoress Jewels.

The Mayor presented to Councillor Thomson and Mrs Thomson the past Mayor and Mayoress Jewels as souvenirs to commemorate their year of office.

7 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor.

On the motion of Councillor Holland it was:-

Resolved: That the Charter Trustees tenders to Councillor Thomson and Mrs Thomson it's sincere thanks for the courteous, efficient and admirable manner in which they have discharged the important and exacting duties of the Office of Mayor and Mayoress since May 2011.

8 Address by the Retiring Mayor.

Councillor Thomson thanked Councillor Holland for his kind words. He also expressed his appreciation to Staff, the Chauffeur and the Bodyguard for the courtesy they had shown and the assistance which had been given to make his Year of Office a success.

9 Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 April 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

10 Mayor's Announcements.

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Evensong would be held on 17 June 2012 at 3.30 pm at Durham Cathedral.

Invites would be issued shortly and Trustees and Aldermen were kindly asked to attend.

The Mayor talked about his Charity Appeal which was Heel and Toe and Blind Life in Durham.

11 Appointment of the following Officers:-

Resolved:

That the following Officers be appointed:-

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| (a) | Pant Master | Mr D Marrs |
| (b) | Billet Master | Assistant Chief Superintendent Ivan Wood, Durham Constabulary |
| (c) | Macebearer | Mr Petre |
| (d) | Swordbearer | Mr Baker |

(e)	Deputy Bearer	Mr Bilton
(f)	Assistant Deputy Bearer	Vacant
(g)	Honorary Judicial Recorder	His Honour Judge Christopher Prince
(h)	Recorder	Mrs C Greenlay
(i)	Chaplain	Dean of Durham

12 Meetings of the Charter Trust for the City of Durham.

The Clerk advised Members of the dates for future meeting of the Charter Trust for the City of Durham for the municipal year 2012/13.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

13 To Swear in Members of the Mayor's Bodyguard.

The Charter Trust for the City of Durham had received two resignations being Mr Fleetham, the Swordbearer and Mr Lindlsey, Member of the Bodyguard, both resignations were due to ill health. The former Mayor had written to both gentlemen thanking them for their services to the Mayoralty and the Mayor asked for it to be placed on record the Trustees sincere thanks and best wishes for the future.

Due to the above resignations, Mr A Ribchester and Mr H Evans, were duly sworn in as Members of the Mayor's Bodyguard.

Members and Officers warmly applauded.

14 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals.

The Mayor presented Mayoral Service Medals to Mr Patience, Mr Petre and Mr Fleetham (Mr Watson collected the pin on behalf of Mr Fleetham), Members of the Bodyguard, in recognition of their service to successive Mayors.

Members and Officers warmly applauded.

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