

CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Annual Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Main Hall, Town Hall, Durham, on Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 12.00 pm

Present: The Right Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Durham, Councillor Amanda Hopgood (in the Chair) and Councillors J Armstrong, D Bell, J Blakey, A Bonner, J Buckham, J Chaplow, P Charlton, P Conway, K Corrigan, N Foster, S Guy, D Hall, G Holland, N Martin, B Moir, M Nicholls, R Ormerod, M Plews, P Taylor, J Turnbull, M Wilkes and M Williams

1 Prayers

Prayers were said by Canon David Kennedy, Vice Dean of Durham.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Freeman, Simmons and Stoker.

3 Recording of Proceedings

Charter Trustees consented to the taking of photographs during the meeting.

4 Election of Mayor

The Deputy Mayor declared an interest as a nominee and asked for nominations to Chair this item on the agenda.

Councillor N Foster nominated and Councillor J Blakey seconded that Councillor D Bell Chair the item.

Councillor D Bell in the Chair

Councillor D Bell asked for nominations for the election of Mayor.

Councillor J Armstrong moved and Councillor M Williams seconded:-

“That Councillor Pauline Charlton, Oakwood Hall, Esperley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL13 5AL, be appointed Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year”.

Councillor G Holland moved and Councillor N Martin seconded:-

“That Councillor Amanda Hopgood, 3 Carlisle Road, Newton Hall, County Durham, DH1 5XE, be appointed Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year”.

Resolved:

That upon a vote being taken, Councillor Pauline Charlton was declared duly appointed as Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2013/14.

Councillor D Bell vacated the Chair.

Councillor A Hopgood, Deputy Mayor returned to the Chair

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Plews moved and Councillor Nicholls seconded:-

“That Councillor Jan Blakey, 13 Philip Avenue, Bowburn, County Durham, DH6 5EQ, be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year”.

Resolved:

That Councillor Jan Blakey be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2013/14.

The meeting adjourned for 5 minutes in order for the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be robed.

6 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor

Councillor Pauline Charlton received the Seal and delivered the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of the City of Durham.

7 Mayor's Acceptance Speech

The Mayor thanked everyone for their support and was honoured to accept the Office of Mayor for the City of Durham.

She looked forward to an interesting year and was delighted to have her daughter Susan as her consort.

8 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor

The Mayor thanked John and Cynthia Wilkinson for being excellent ambassadors for the City. Appreciation was also given to past Trustees for their hard work since the creation of the Charter Trustees.

9 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

10 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that her Charity for the coming year would be Treetops Children's Ward at Durham University Hospital.

11 Resignations

The Mayor announced two resignations from Mr Petre, Macebearer and Mr Lincoln, member of the Bodyguard. The former Deputy Mayor had written to Mr Petre thanking him for his 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 resignations, Mr Baker, the present Swordbearer, would move to the position of Macebearer and Mr Lincoln, previously a member of the Bodyguard, moved to the position of Swordbearer.

12 To swear in a Member of the Mayor's Bodyguard

Mr Duggan was duly sworn in as a member of the Mayor's Bodyguard and signed the Oath.

13 Appointment of Officers

Consideration was give to the appointment of Officers as listed on the agenda for the meeting.

Resolved:

That the following Officers be appointed:-

- Pant Master Mr D Marrs
- Billet Master Chief Superintendent Ivan Wood, Durham Constabulary

