

CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Main Hall, Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday 28 May 2014 at 12.00 pm

Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Blakey (in the Chair) and Councillors J Armstrong, J Chaplow, P Conway, N Foster, K Corrigan, S Guy, G Holland, N Martin, M Nicholls, M Plews, J Robinson, P Taylor and J Turnbull

1 Prayers

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

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Charlton, D Bell, D Freeman, A Hopgood, B Moir, R Ormerod, M Simmons, D Stoker and M Williams.

3 Recording of Proceedings

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

4 Election of Mayor

The Deputy Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Mayor.

Councillor J Armstrong moved and Councillor N Foster seconded that Councillor John Robinson, be appointed Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Resolved:

That Councillor John Robinson be duly appointed as Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2014/15.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Councillor S Guy moved and Councillor K Corrigan seconded that Councillor Patrick Conway, be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Patrick Conway be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor for the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2014/15.

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

6 The newly elected Mayor to receive the Seal and make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor

Councillor John Robinson 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 trustees, officers, the bodyguard and his wife, Maxine for their support and was honoured to be elected to the Office of Mayor for the City of Durham for the ensuing year.

He looked forward to the forthcoming year and assured that he would fulfil the role to the best of his ability, in which he would undertake the duties required to enhance the links between the City, Cathedral, University and also maintain the long standing links with the organisations within the City and foster relations with charities, voluntary organisations, businesses and members of the public.

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Pauline Charlton for her service to the Office of Mayor. He read out a message from Councillor Pauline Charlton and asked that his personal thanks for her help and advice she had given him throughout the year be place on record.

8 Mayor to call on retiring Mayor/Consort to receive the Past Mayor/Consort Jewels

The Clerk advised that due to the retiring Mayor Councillor Pauline Charlton and Consort Miss Susan Charlton being unable to attend the meeting, the Past Mayor/Consort Jewels would be presented at a later date.

9 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Councillor J Armstrong thanked Councillor Pauline Charlton and Councillor Jan Blakey for fulfilling their commitment to their roles and for being outstanding ambassadors for the City of Durham.

10 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

11 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Evensong would be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 22 June at 3.30pm.

He also announced that his charity for the coming year would be Finchale Training College and asked Trustees and Aldermen for help in supporting the Mayoralty and his chosen charity.

12 Appointment of the following Officers:-

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

Resolved:

That the following Officers be appointed:-

- Pant Master (Miss S Spence)
- Billet Master (Chief Superintendent Ivan Wood, Durham Constabulary)
- Macebearer (Mr D Baker)
- Swordbearer (Mr S Lincoln)
- Deputy Bearer (Mr F Bilton)
- Assistant Deputy Bearer (Mr W Gray)
- Honorary Judicial Recorder (His Honour Judge Christopher Prince)
- Recorder (Mrs C Greenlay)
- Mayor's Chaplain (The Dean of Durham)

13 Meetings of the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham

The Clerk advised Trustees of dates for future meetings of the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham for the municipal year 2014/15 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

14 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals

The Mayor presented long service awards in recognition of services to Mr F Grant (25 years), Mr W Gray (20 years), Mr D Baker (20 years) Mr S Lincoln (10 years). Mr R G Dixon was unable to attend the meeting and would be presented with his award at a later date.