

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 1 June 2016 at 12.00 pm

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, J Blakey (in the Chair) and Councillors B Moir, D Bell, E Bell, A Bonner, J Chaplow, K Corrigan, N Foster, G Holland, B Kellett, M Nicholls, M Plews, P Taylor and J Turnbull

1 Prayers

Prayers were said by Reverend Canon Dr David Kennedy, Acting Dean of Durham.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Conway, A Hopgood, N Martin and M Williams.

3 Recording of Proceedings

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

4 Election of Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Mayor.

Councillor N Foster moved and Councillor B Moir seconded that Councillor Edward Bell, be appointed Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Edward Bell be duly appointed as Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2016/17.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

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

Councillor J Blakey moved and Councillor N Foster seconded that Councillor Bill Moir, be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Bill Moir be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor for the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2016/17.

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 Edward Bell received the Seal and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of the City of Durham which he then signed.

7 Mayor's Acceptance Speech

The Mayor conveyed what an honour and a privilege it was to be elected to the prestigious role of Mayor for the City of Durham for the ensuing year.

He thanked his wife Jennifer, his family and staff for their support and expressed his gratitude to Councillor Jan Blakey, Councillor Bill Moir and Alan Blakey who had been instrumental to the role.

The Mayor looked forward to the forthcoming year and would undertake the duties required to enhance the links between the City, Cathedral, University and would continue to maintain the long standing links with the people and organisations within the City.

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

The Mayor presented Councillor Jan Blakey and Mr Alan Blakey the past Mayor and Consort Jewels as souvenirs to commemorate their year of office.

The Clerk advised that item 9 and 10 be reordered.

9 Address by the Retiring Mayor

The retiring Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor, Trustees, the Mayors Bodyguard, the Acting Dean, Member Support team and Town Hall Staff for all their support during her year in office and everyone who helped raise almost £20,000 for her chosen charity.

Councillor Blakey recalled a year filled with many highlights and memories and hoped she had done the city proud. She wished the new Mayor, his wife Jennifer and the Deputy Mayor a wonderful year ahead.

10 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor

Councillor Moir offered the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and in doing so read the list of women who had been Mayor since Alderman Rushford. It had often been suggested that Councillor Blakey was the 10th woman to be Mayor but in fact she was the 11th. The record now put straight Councillor Moir then paid tribute to all the hard work of Councillor and Mr Blakey thanking them on behalf of the children who had visited the Town Hall and been visited by the Mayor, the international and local visitors received by the Mayor, and extending grateful thanks from the people of Durham for her good humour, enthusiasm, availability and commitment in making her year in office most memorable.

11 Address by the Deputy Mayor

In accepting the role of Deputy Mayor, Councillor Moir pledged to serve the incoming Mayor and the people of the City of Durham. He reflected on his previous year of office and growing up in the City and looked forward to another year of service in the role.

12 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

13 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Evensong would be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 26 June at 3.30pm.

He also announced that due to reasons that would become clear later, his charity for the coming year would be revealed on the 2 June 2016 and asked Trustees and Aldermen for help in supporting the Mayoralty and his chosen charity.

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

Mr Tom Walker was formally sworn in as a member of the Mayor's Bodyguard and signed the Oath.

16 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medal

The Mayor presented a long service award to Mr Ron Clarkson and Mr Chris Fenwick in recognition of the loyal and voluntary service they had given to the Mayors of Durham for the last 10 years.

Mr Bob Clarkson was to be presented with a 20 years' service award, unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting, therefore would receive his medal at a later date.

The Outgoing Captain of the Mayors Bodyguard presented Mr Alan Blakey with a walking stick bearing the Bodyguards coat of arms as a souvenir of his year in office as the Mayors Consort.

17 Appointment of 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 Kerrin Smith, Durham Constabulary)
- Macebearer (Mr D Baker)
- Swordbearer (Mr S Lincoln)
- Deputy Bearer (Mr F Bilton)
- Assistant Bearer (Mr W Gray)
- Honorary Judicial Recorder (His Honour Judge Christopher Prince)
- Recorder (Mrs C Pattinson)
- Mayor's Chaplain (The Dean of Durham)

18 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 2016/17 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

The Mayor announced that there was no other business and invited all attending to refreshments.