

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 Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 12.00 pm

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor J Lethbridge (in the Chair) and Councillors D Bell, J Blakey, L Brown, J Chaplow, K Corrigan, S Dunn, D Freeman, D Hall, A Hopgood, L Hovvels, B Kellett, C Marshall, M McKeon, M Simmons, A Simpson, F Tinsley and M Wilson

1 Prayers

Prayers were said by the Vice-Dean, Canon Michael Hampel.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Ormerod, E Scott, P Taylor and J Turnbull.

3 Recording of Proceedings

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

4 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals

The Mayor presented long service awards to members of the Mayor's Bodyguard, Mr David Baker (25 years), Mr Billy Gray (25 years), Mr Stan Lincoln (15 years) and Mr Tom Dixon (5 years) in recognition of the loyal and voluntary service they had given to the Mayors of Durham.

5 Election of Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2019/20.

Councillor Tinsley moved and Councillor Wilson seconded that Councillor Katie Corrigan, be appointed Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Katie Corrigan be duly appointed as Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2019/20.

6 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2019/20.

Councillor C Marshall moved and Councillor Kellett seconded that Councillor Lucy Hovvels, be appointed Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Lucy Hovvels be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2019/20.

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor K Corrigan in the Chair

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

Councillor Corrigan received the Seal and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of Durham which she then signed.

8 Mayor's Acceptance Speech

The Mayor conveyed what an honour it was to be the youngest person elected to the prestigious position of Mayor of Durham since 1602. She thanked Councillor Lucy Hovvels, Deputy Mayor, Dr Bill Moir and Councillor Laing as Consorts and the Mayor's Bodyguard for their support in undertaking the duties to maintain the long standing links with the people and organisations within the City.

The Mayor announced that her chosen charity during her term of office would be the Cheesy Waffles project which supports young people in Durham City to achieve their potential. She referred to the contribution young people make to the City of Durham and invited 2 Cadets from the Durham City Air Squadron 234 to accompany the Mayor on ceremonial occasions.

The Mayor was honoured to accept the position of Worshipful Mayor of Durham and looked forward to working with all Charter Trustees, the Deputy Mayor and Mayor's Bodyguard in the forthcoming year.

9 Mayor to call on Retiring Mayor/Mayoress to receive the Past Mayor/Mayoress Jewels

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

10 Address by the Retiring Mayor

Councillor Lethbridge thanked Charter Trustees, the Mayors Bodyguard, the Deputy Mayor, Town Hall staff, Member Support, the Clerk to Charter Trustees, the Mayors PA and his family and friends for their support during his year in office and to those who helped raise over £16,500 for his chosen charity, the Royal British Legion.

He recalled his many highlights during his year in office and expressed appreciation for the honour of being the Mayor Durham and wished the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor a wonderful year ahead.

11 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor/Mayoress and Deputy Mayor

Councillor McKeon offered the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor/Mayoress Councillor Lethbridge and Mrs Lethbridge and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jean Chaplow who took on the roles with grace, dignity and pride and maintained the high standards the position required.

She congratulated them on the support they had given to the Armed Forces and their tireless efforts in relation to their chosen charity, the Royal British Legion.

On behalf of Charter Trustees she thanked them for their service and wished them well on future endeavours.

12 Mayor to call on Retiring Deputy Mayor to receive the Past Deputy Mayor Jewels

The Mayor presented Councillor Jean Chaplow the past Deputy Mayor Jewels as a souvenir to commemorate her term of office.

13 Presentation of Past Mayor for 2017/18 to receive the Past Mayor Jewels

The Mayor presented Councillor Kellett with the past Mayor Jewels as souvenirs to commemorate his term of office for 2017/18.

14 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

15 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Evensong would be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 16 June 2019 at 3.30pm and asked Trustees and Aldermen to attend and show support for the Mayoralty.

The Mayor's chosen charity during her term of office would be the Cheesy Waffles project and the Mayor's Rosettes for 2019/20 were the colours for Durham St Leonard's School.

17 Appointment of Officers

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

The Clerk informed Trustees that he had received the resignation of the Pant Master and a new appointment be confirmed at a future meeting.

Resolved:

That the following Officers be appointed:-

- Pant Master (to be appointed at a future meeting)
- Billet Master (Superintendent Chris Curtis, Durham Constabulary)
- Macebearer (Mr David Baker)

- Swordbearer (Mr Stan Lincoln)
- Deputy Bearer (Mr Frank Bilton)
- Assistant Bearer (Mr David Watson)
- Honorary Judicial Recorder (His Honour Judge Christopher Prince)
- Recorder (Mrs Clare Greenlay)
- 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 2019/20 (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.