

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 27 May 2015 at 12.00 pm

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor J Robinson (in the Chair) and Councillors J Armstrong, D Bell, J Blakey, J Chaplow, P Conway, K Corrigan, N Foster, O Gunn, G Holland, B Kellett, B Moir, M Nicholls and M Williams

The Mayor welcomed guests to the Annual Meeting of the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham. He advised that item 17, Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals would follow on from Item 14 on the agenda.

1 Prayers

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

The Mayor formally reported the death of Mr Bryan Petre, former Macebearer and Honorary Member of the Mayor's Bodyguard and the recently appointed Vice-Chairman of Durham County Council, Councillor Robin Todd. Trustees stood for a moments silence as a mark of respect.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Freeman, Hopgood, Martin and Turnbull.

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 M Williams moved and Councillor N Foster seconded that Councillor Jan Blakey, be appointed Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Jan Blakey be duly appointed as Mayor of the City of Durham for the ensuing Municipal Year 2015/16.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

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

Councillor P Conway moved and Councillor J Blakey 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 2015/16.

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 Jan Blakey 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 Councillor Robinson, his wife Maxine Robinson, Charter Trustees, her husband, Alan and the people of Coxhoe for their support and conveyed what an honour and a privilege it was to be elected to the Office of Mayor for the City of Durham for the ensuing year.

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

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

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

9 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Councillor J Armstrong thanked the Retiring Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Consort for fulfilling their commitment to their roles and for being outstanding ambassadors for the City of Durham.

10 Address by the Retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor thanked the Lord Lieutenant, Past Mayors and Mayoresses, Trustees, Alderman, Parish Council's, Vice Dean, Officers, Town Hall Staff and the Chauffeur for all their support during their year in office.

Councillor Robinson recalled a year filled with many highlights including attending sports days, dinners, art exhibitions, photography exhibitions, concerts, theatre, university colleges all highlighting the talents of the city.

He thanked his chosen charity, Finchale College, for their services to the City and all the businesses that bring so much to the City's economy and wished the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor a wonderful year ahead.

11 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

12 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

13 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Evensong would be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 21 June at 3.30pm.

She also announced that her charity for the coming year would be Durham Trinity School and Sports College and asked Trustees and Aldermen for help in supporting the Mayoralty and her chosen charity.

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

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

15 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals

The Clerk to the Charter Trustees announced that Mr Tony Cowen qualified for the 5 year service medal. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting, therefore would receive his medal at a later date.

The Mayor presented a long service award to Mr Peter Chadwick in recognition of the loyal and voluntary service he had given to the Mayors of Durham for the last 5 years.

16 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 Ivan Wood, 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 Greenlay)
- Mayor's Chaplain (The Dean of Durham)

17 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 2015/16 (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.