

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 Friday 9 June 2017 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors D Bell, J Blakey, J Chaplow, K Corrigan, S Dunn, D Hall, L Hovvels, B Kellett, C Marshall, M McKeon, F Tinsley, J Turnbull and M Wilson

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Clerk explained that there was a slight change in procedure as the Mayor was unable to attend the meeting and asked Charter Trustees for nominations to Chair the meeting.

Councillor Hovvels moved and Councillor Turnbull seconded that Councillor D Bell Chair the meeting.

Councillor D Bell in the Chair

1 Prayers

Prayers were said by Canon Rosalind Brown.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor Councillor E Bell and Councillors L Brown, D Freeman and E Scott.

3 Recording of Proceedings

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

4 Election of Mayor

The Chairman asked for nominations for the election of Mayor.

Councillor Tinsley moved and Councillor M Wilson seconded that Councillor Bill Kellett, be appointed Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Bill Kellett be duly appointed as Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2017/18.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

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

Councillor McKeon moved and Councillor Dunn seconded that Councillor Katie Corrigan, be appointed Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Katie Corrigan be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2017/18.

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

7 Mayor's Acceptance Speech

The Mayor conveyed what an honour and privilege it was to be elected to the role of Mayor of Durham for the ensuing year which would be the pinnacle of over 35 years associated with councils at various levels.

He thanked his family, friends and those who had provided advice and support to be able to achieve the position of Mayor of Durham and would repay those who had faith in him with commitment and dedication.

The Mayors chosen charity during his term of office would be the Great North Air Ambulance Service. Without the service they provide, his daughter may not be here today.

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

The Retiring Mayor and Consort unfortunately were unable to attend the meeting, therefore would receive their Jewels to commemorate their term of office at a later date.

9 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor offered the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Consort who had been dedicated in carrying out their duties with such grace and enthusiasm during a difficult year. He expressed how proud Councillor Eddie Bell was to be the City's Mayor and his involvement with the Cathedral and the Ceremonial Bodyguard had been highlights for him.

The Mayor congratulated them both on their tireless efforts in relation to their chosen charity, Veterans at Ease in which they had raised just over £10,000.

The Mayor offered the vote of thanks to the retiring Deputy Mayor, Dr Bill Moir and his Consort, Councillor Katie Corrigan for the support they had given to the retiring Mayor over the last year and was sure that as their roles reverse, Bill would enjoy supporting Katie just as much in her new role as Deputy Mayor.

10 Address by the Retiring Mayor

Unfortunately the retiring Mayor was unable to attend the meeting and asked Dr Bill Moir to read out a letter on his behalf. He thanked the Deputy Mayor, the Mayors Bodyguard, Town Hall Staff and the Mayors Secretary for their support during his year in office and everyone who helped raise over £10,000 for his chosen charity. He recalled a year filled with many highlights and memories and expressed what an honour and delight it had been to be Mayor of this historic City. He wished the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor a wonderful year ahead.

11 Mayor to call on Retiring Deputy Mayor/Consort to receive the Past Deputy Mayor/Consort Jewels

The Mayor presented Dr Bill Moir and Councillor Katie Corrigan the past Deputy Mayor and Consort Jewels as souvenirs to commemorate their term of office.

12 Address by Dr Bill Moir, Past Deputy Mayor

Dr Bill Moir reflected on a remarkable and exciting two years in which he supported Past Mayors Councillor Jan Blakey and Councillor Eddie Bell during their terms in office. He expressed what an honour it had been to represent the City of Durham and recalled one of many highlights which was the proudest day of his life when he addressed 150,000 people at Durham Miners Gala in 2016 and felt the spirit of his Great Grandfather who at the age of 9 worked down the mine at Tow Law. He asked that Charter Trustees join the Mayor in attending as many occasions as possible and looked forward to supporting Councillor Katie Corrigan in her role as Deputy Mayor.

13 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

14 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Evensong would be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 25 June 2017 at 3.30pm and asked Trustees and Aldermen for help in supporting the Mayoralty and his chosen charity.

16 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medal

The Mayor presented long service awards to Mr Alan Ribchester and Mr Harvey Evans in recognition of the loyal and voluntary service they had given to the Mayors of Durham for the last 5 years.

The Clerk announced that Mr Colin Lidster also qualified for the 5 year long service award, unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting, therefore would be presented with his awarded at a later date.

17 Retirement of Mr F Grant, member of the Bodyguard

The Mayor presented Mr Francis Grant with an Honorary Member of the Guard certificate in recognition of 28 years of loyal and voluntary service he had given to the Mayors of Durham.

18 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 Sharon Spence)
- Billet Master (Chief Superintendent Kerrin Wilson, 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 Pattinson)
- Mayor's Chaplain (The Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett)

19 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 2017/18 (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.