

MAIN SUBJECTS COVERED: Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor/ Appointment of Town Council representatives to Outside Bodies/ Appointment of Standing Committees and their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen/ Adoption of Standing Committee records/ Audit Procedures for 2011/12 Accounts/ Meetings schedule for 2013/14/ Town Council Complaints Procedure/ Cheshire East Leisure Options consultation/ General Power of Competence

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman, then, following election, Cllr G Bartos

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, C Gorst, I Hollingworth, P Hoyland, Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, M C G Sewart, A Smith, G Smith

1. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Cllr Clarke proposed Cllr Bartos for election as the Mayor of Poynton for 2013/14. He praised the excellent work of Cllr Bartos who has been a Councillor for many years and had also held the post of Mayor previously. Cllr Clarke felt that Cllr Bartos very much developed and set the high standard for the Mayoralty. Cllr Hoyland seconded the proposal and agreed with the views expressed.

RESOLVED: That Cllr G Bartos is appointed as the new Mayor of Poynton for 2013/14 (NC)

Cllr Bartos signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk and members of the Town Council, which the Clerk then countersigned. Subsequent to the meeting the Mayor asked the Clerk to circulate to members a statement on his taking office (attached).

Cllr Hoyland proposed Cllr King as Deputy Mayor of Poynton. He said that during his short time as Councillor he has become a respected and effective member who would make a great Deputy Mayor. Cllr Murray seconded the proposal, adding that Cllr King had previously been a Parish Chairman in another area, and so brought with him that experience.

RESOLVED: That Cllr G King is appointed as the new Deputy-Mayor of Poynton (NC)

Cllr M C G Sewart acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Mrs Horsman, and formally thanked her on behalf of the Town Council for a job very well done.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Ms R Horsman, G King, and R West

3. Absent

Cllr B Lewis

4. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None

5. Minutes of the previous Town Council meeting of 25th March 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th March 2013 be approved as an accurate record, and signed by the Mayor (NC)

6. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2013/14:

(List available from the Clerk)

RESOLVED: That the Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2013/14 is approved (NC)

7. Appointment of Standing Committees for 2012/2013

(List available from the Clerk)

RESOLVED: That the appointments for the Standing Committees for 2013/14 are approved (NC)

8. Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Standing Committees for 2012/2013

Facilities Infrastructure and Economic Development

Chairman – Cllr A Smith

Vice Chairman – Cllr G King

Crime Order and Public Safety

Chairman – Cllr Mrs J Saunders
Vice Chairman – Cllr Mrs J Sewart

Planning and Environment

Chairman – Cllr L A Clarke
Vice Chairman – Cllr R West

Finance and General Purposes

Chairman – Cllr C A Gorst
Vice Chairman – Cllr M Beanland

Management and Establishment

Chairman – Cllr P Hoyland
Vice Chairman – Cllr A Smith

RESOLVED: That the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Standing Committees for 2013/14 are approved as shown (NC)

9. Immediate Past Mayor's Announcements

The outgoing Mayor's announcements included attending a St George's Day service at St George's Church, the Bollington Mayor Making Ceremony and the Cheshire East Mayor's lunch at Tytherington Golf Club.

RESOLVED: That the Immediate Past Mayor's announcements are received (NC)

10. Minutes of Standing Committees:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th March 2013 are received and adopted (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 11th March 2013 are received and adopted (NC)

RESOLVED: That minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on the 18th March 2013, are received and adopted with the amendment to Item 82 (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 19th March 2013 are received and adopted (NC)

RESOLVED: That minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on the 15th April 2013 are received and adopted (NC)

11. Audit Procedures for 2011/2012 Accounts

a) Financial statements for the FY ended 31st March 2013

Cllr Gorst confirmed that the financial statements were considered in detail by the F&GP Committee on the 22nd April 2013, and recommended for approval by full Council.

RESOLVED: That the financial statements for the FY ended 31st March 2013 are approved (NC)

b) Accounting statements for the FY ended 31st March 2013

Cllr Gorst confirmed that the F&GP Committee meeting on the 22nd April 2013 considered the accounting statements for 2012/13 and recommended for approval by full Council.

RESOLVED: That the accounting statements for the FY ended 31st March 2013 are approved (NC)

c) Annual Governance Statement

Cllr Gorst said that the internal auditor visited the Town Council recently and was satisfied with the internal controls in place. Cllr Gorst recommended for approval the Annual Governance Statement for 2012/13.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement is approved (NC)

d) Asset Register

RESOLVED: That the Asset Register is approved (NC)

e) Re-appointment of JDH Public Sector Services

RESOLVED: That the re-appointment of JDH Public Sector Services as Internal Auditors is approved (NC)

12. Town Council Meetings' Schedule for 2013/14

The Clerk explained that there is a revised Meetings Schedule which now includes the first three M&E Committee meeting dates (Available from the Clerk)

RESOLVED: That the revised Town Council Meetings' Schedule for 2013/14 is received and approved (NC)

13. Town Council's Complaints Procedure

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's Complaints Procedure as reviewed and recommended by the Management and Establishment Committee at their meeting on 30th April 2013 is received and ratified (NC)

14. Cheshire East's 'Leisure Options' consultation

The Clerk explained that the Town Council were notified quite late on this consultation. The Clerk has circulated to members for interest the response from the Headteacher at Poynton High School because the Poynton Leisure Centre is a joint use facility. The Clerk confirmed that he had had agreement from Mark Wheelton of Cheshire East that the consultation deadline is extended to tomorrow. Cllr Mrs Saunders enquired about the definition of the "lifetime agreement". Cllr Gorst pointed out that according to the letter from the Headteacher at Poynton High School, the lifetime agreement runs until 2014. Cllr Mrs Saunders felt that some sort of joint use agreement is sorted out as soon as possible. Members agreed that the Leisure Centre is an important asset for the community and following discussion Cllr Murray suggested that Mark Wheelton be invited to attend a FIED or COPS meeting to explain the options in more detail. The Clerk suggested that since the CE Cabinet meeting is at the end of May, this issue could best be considered at the COPS meeting to be held on the 20th May 2013.

Cllr Gorst said it was important to state the strong support of the Town Council for the Poynton Leisure Centre in any initial response. Cllr Hoyland added to the proposal the authority for the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Saunders to meet with Mr Wheelton if he is unable to attend a Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That Mark Wheelton is invited to attend the COPS meeting on 20th May 2013, to brief members in detail on the future options for the leisure centres. That, as an alternative, the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Saunders meet with him (NC)

15. General Power of Competence

The Clerk had circulated a briefing paper outlining the General Power of Competence. Given that the number of Councillors elected at the last

ordinary election was equal to or exceeded two thirds of its total number of Councillors, and that the Clerk had recently passed the new General Power of Competence module in the CiLCA qualification, the Town Council satisfied the criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence. This is a wide-ranging power of first resort, and effectively grants the Council the same powers as those granted to an individual.

The Town Council needs to make a new resolution at every 'relevant' annual meeting of the Council (i.e. the annual meeting after the ordinary election that normally takes place every four years) to confirm that it still meets the criteria – provided that it does.

RESOLVED: That this Council meets the criteria for eligibility for the purposes of the General Power of Competence (NC)

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm