

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON
MONDAY 16th May 2016 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairmen: Cllr Mrs R Horsman-Johnson for the first part of Item 1, and subsequently Cllr Mrs S Horsman

Cllrs: M Beanland, L A Clarke, Mrs S J Gilmore, C Gorst, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart, G Smith and Mrs N Wylie

1. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor (separate programme)

Cllr Mrs Saunders proposed Cllr Mrs Horsman as Mayor. Cllr Mrs Saunders stated that Cllr Mrs Horsman has served on the Council for a number of years and has previously served as Mayor. Cllr Mrs Horsman is well known to the public and will undertake her duties in a professional friendly manner in promoting the work of the Town Council. Cllr King endorsed the comments and seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs Horsman is elected as Mayor of Poynton Town Council (NC)

Cllr Beanland proposed Cllr Mrs Gilmore as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Beanland stated that Cllr Mrs Gilmore is a valued member of the Town Council who has approached the work of the Town Council with vigour.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs Gilmore is elected as Deputy Mayor of Poynton Town Council (NC)

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs L Berry, I Hollingworth, T Holbrook, H Murray and T Lorde.

3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllrs Clarke, Podmore, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs Saunders declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 13 as account holders at the NatWest Bank.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th March 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th March 2016 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

5. Immediate Past Mayor's Announcements

The immediate past Mayor referred to the record of her official engagements from 20th March to 14th May 2016. Full illustrated details of these are available from the Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Horsman-Johnson also made a statement of thanks to Members as follows:

"It has been a privilege to be Poynton's 7th Town Mayor. Over the past twelve months I have met past friends, current friends and new friends that have yet to stand.

64 events this year, comprising of musical, educational and historical, all around the Cheshire area. I will not go through my recent events as you should have had them in your pack to read, including the few that I have crammed in before I finish.

I would like to thank my husband for all the help, support and encouragement he has given me over the two years for without him I would not be the person I have become today. Thank you also goes to you Madam Mayor for stepping in when I was unable to split myself in half or on holiday. Thank you to the Civic Hall staff and the Town Clerk for their help and support throughout the past 24 months. Lastly, thank you to fellow Councillors who have helped, supported and contributed to my charities over my term of office.

Over the two years I have been able to think on my feet when asked to make a speech on the spot as well as prepare speeches in advance. I have to say I am not one for writing but this has been an experience and reminds me of what I have been up to.

To finish off with, I wish every success to you Madam Mayor in your forth coming year, and ask only this that your charity for this year is Ollie's Army/ Batten Disease to support two Poynton children who suffer with this and fulfil my promise to their grandfather. I hope that I have achieved, supported and carried out every inch of what a Mayor means to Poynton and her residents and now will be taking a two week break to rejuvenate those batteries. I will still be your standard bearer and may be one day will be your Mayor again.

Thank you all again for this honour."

A vote of thanks to the immediate past Mayor was proposed.

RESOLVED: That the immediate past Mayor's announcements are received. That a vote of thanks for the immediate past Mayor, Cllr Mrs Horsman-Johnson, is approved (NC)

6. Appointment of representatives to outside bodies for 2016/17

The following appointments of representatives to outside bodies for 2016/17 were proposed:

- a) Air Training Corps (ATC)
Cllr Hollingworth
- b) Almshouses Trust
Cllr Gorst
- c) Coppice Road Allotments
Cllr Murray
- d) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Cllr Podmore
- e) Projects 4 Poynton
Cllr Beanland
- f) Poynton in Bloom (PIB)
Cllrs Horsman and Horsman-Johnson
- g) Poynton Partnerships
Cllr King
- h) Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP)
Cllrs Beanland and Mrs Gilmore

RESOLVED: That the appointment of representatives to outside bodies for 2016/17 as stated are approved (NC)

7. Appointment of Standing Committees for 2016/2017

See list attached.

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Standing Committees for 2016/2017 is approved (NC)

8. Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Standing Committees for 2016/2017

Community, Order and Public Safety Committee (COPS)

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Vice-Chairman: Cllr G King

Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee (FIED)

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Sewart

Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP)

Chairman: Cllr C Gorst

Vice-Chairman: Cllr M Beanland

Planning and Environment Committee (P&E)

Chairman: Cllr L A Clarke

Vice-Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Management and Establishment Committee (M&E)

Chairman: Cllr I Hollingworth

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs N Wylie

RESOLVED: That the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Standing Committees for 2016/2017 is approved (NC)

It was proposed that Item 12 is taken as the next agenda item.

RESOLVED: That Item 12 is taken as the next agenda item (NC)

9. Consider and approve the twinning link between Poynton and Haybes, France

Mrs Warrington and Mr Adams spoke to the Town Council on developing the twinning link between Poynton and Haybes, France. Mr Adams explained that there was an exploratory visit by representatives of the Twinning Association of Poynton to Haybes, France. Haybes has strong historical links to the North West of England going back to the First World War. Haybes was destroyed during the war and Stockport through fundraising events assisted in the rebuild of Haybes. Manchester also assisted at the time. Haybes is accessible to residents of Poynton in terms of its geography and language.

During the exploratory visit, the representatives, at their own expense, spent four days in Haybes. The representatives were treated with great generosity and hospitality. The Mayor of Haybes was personally involved throughout the visit. Representatives of Haybes are due to visit Poynton from 4th to 7th July 2016. Haybes Council is in the process of rebuilding their economy and promoting tourism. There are a number of benefits in twinning with Haybes including benefit for residents and young people. It was also noted that Haybes was recommended by residents of Poynton. Mrs Warrington and Mr Adams requested the support of the Town Council in the hospitality offered to the representatives of Haybes in their reciprocal visit to Poynton in July 2016.

Councillors welcomed the development of links between the two communities and agreed in principle to support the venture.

It was proposed that Mrs Warrington and Mr Adams compile a proposal to be considered at the next F&GP committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council support the venture to link Poynton with Haybes, France. That funding for the Twinning Association is an agenda item at the next F&GP committee meeting.

10. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees

The following minutes of committees were received and adopted:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 1st February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 8th February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 15th February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 15th February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 22nd February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (12 for, 1 abstention)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 22nd February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 29th February 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

Page 188 – It was proposed that the minutes are amended to read, former Vernon Infant School site. The Clerk will follow up with Sgt Brazendale to assess the situation with the former Vernon Infant School as noted in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 7th March 2016 subject to the stated amendment and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council. That the Clerk follow up with Sgt Brazendale to assess the

situation with the former Vernon Infant School as noted in the minutes (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 14th March 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 21st March 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 21st March 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

It was proposed that Items 69 and 71 in Part B are moved to the Part A meeting minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 29th March 2016 are referred back to the committee to consider the amendment to the Part B minutes (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 4th April 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (12 for, 1 abstention)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 26th April 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

11. Financial Statements/Annual Return for 2015/16

It was proposed that the agenda items (a) to (d) are deferred to an extraordinary F&GP committee meeting and an extraordinary Full Town Council meeting.

- a) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return for 2015/16.
- b) To approve the Financial Statements for 2015/16 (as recommended by F&GP on 16th May 2016), and give approval for the Mayor to sign them.
- c) To approve and sign the Accounting Statement in the Annual Return for 2015/16.
- d) To approve and sign the Asset Register.

e) Approve the re-appointment of JDH Public Sector Services as Internal Auditors

RESOLVED: That agenda items (a) to (d) are deferred to an extraordinary F&GP committee meeting and an extraordinary Full Town Council

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

12. Consider and approve the Town Council Calendar of Meetings for 2016/2017

RESOLVED: That the Town Council Calendar of Meetings for 2016/2017 is referred to receive and approve at the extraordinary Full Town Council meeting (NC)

13. Consider the future of Poynton's branch of the National Westminster Bank

A member noted that residents prefer to bank locally and many residents do not feel comfortable using internet banking. In addition, communal terminal banking is insecure and there is also the issue of travel for residents. A local petition against closure of the Poynton NatWest Bank has been compiled by Mr Lambert of Mates and has so far gained 1100 signatures. It was proposed that the Town Council should support the local community on this issue and write to the bank to reconsider closure of the Poynton branch and express the Town Council's concern.

The Town Council agreed to support the concerns of residents and local businesses and will write to the National Westminster Bank to express their concerns of the impact of the bank closure on residents and local business. A copy of the correspondence will be sent to Mr David Rutley MP to request his support on the issue and the Town Council will liaise with Mr Lambert of Mates regarding the submission of his petition and any future dealings with the NatWest Bank.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council write to the National Westminster Bank to express their concerns of the impact of the closure of the bank on residents and local business. That the correspondence is copied to Mr David Rutley MP to request his support. That the Town Council liaise with Mr Lambert of Mates regarding the submission of his petition and any future dealings with the NatWest (NC)

The meeting concluded: 9.15pm