MINUTES of the CIVIC MEETING of the SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL held at the Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote on 24th May 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Hall (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Billings, Mrs Brown, Ford, Grant, Harrison, Hewlett, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dr Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Mrs Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins

CC/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, MacPherson, Murray, Smith (Conservative Group), Councillor Dunn (Labour Group) and Councillor Tipping (Independent / Non-Grouped Member)

Councillors Ford and Roberts joined the Meeting at 6.05pm.

CC/2 **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Stanton be elected as Chairman of the Council for the 2018/19 local government year.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Stanton be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Stanton then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman, thanking the Members for the honour conferred upon him).

Councillor Harrison joined the Meeting at 6.10pm.

CC/3 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Muller be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2018/19 local government year.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Muller be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Muller then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman and thanked Members for the honour conferred upon him).

CC/4 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman named the Air Ambulance as the Chairman's Charity for the ensuing year.

CC/5 BETTY SHIPTON AND ELIZABETH FROGGATT (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL RECIPIENTS)

The Chief Executive introduced the two British Empire Medal recipients present, applauded by all present.

CC/6 <u>KEVIN FEGAN (PLAYWRIGHT AND POET) – DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, MEMORIAL GARDEN</u>

The Chief Executive introduced Kevin Fegan, who read his poem 'Memorial Garden', widely appreciated by all in the Town Hall.

CC/7 LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The Chairman presented long service awards to Tanya Higgins and Andrew Thornley, both of whom had completed 20 years' service as at 31st March 2018.

It was noted that an award had also been made to Gaynor Bennett for 20 years' service, unable to attend the meeting.

The Meeting terminated at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR M STANTON

CHAIRMAN