

MINUTES of the CIVIC MEETING
of the SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote
on 30th May 2013
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Bale (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Hood (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, Jones, Lemmon, Murray, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Mrs. Watson, Watson and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Chahal, Dunn, Frost, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Mead, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Brown (Conservative Group) and Councillor Mulgrew (Labour Group).

CC/1. **CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL ORDER OF MERIT AWARD**

The Chairman of the Council presented the Council's first Order of Merit by way of a certificate, to Flight Lieutenant Robert Moore of 1211 (Swadlincote) Squadron Air Training Corps.

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

It was proposed, seconded and,

RESOLVED:-

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

(Councillor Mrs. Hood then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and presided, thanking the Members for the honour conferred upon her. She announced that Mr. Frank Hood would act as her Consort during her term of office).

CC/3. **RETIRING CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

In accordance with adopted practice, the Chairman of the Council presented insignia to Councillor Bale and his Consort, Mrs. June Bale. She paid tribute to the manner in which they had performed their duties over the past year and

this was endorsed by Members of the Council. Councillor Bale responded, thanking Members and Officers for their support during his year in office. He presented the Chairman with an embroidered drape bearing the Council's Coat of Arms for use on civic occasions as his gift to the Council to commemorate his year in office.

CC/4. **ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed, and seconded Councillor Murray be elected.

It was further proposed, and seconded Councillor Bambrick be elected, and

RESOLVED:-

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

(Councillor Murray then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman and thanked Members for the honour conferred upon him. He announced that Sandra Murray would act as his Consort during his term of office).

(Note: Councillors, retrospectively, at a meeting of Council on 4th July 2013, confirmed the numbers of Councillors voting in relation to this item should be recorded as follows; Conservative Councillors – 18; Labour Councillors – 16).

CC/5. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman invited the Chief Executive to talk about young athlete/swimmer Lewis White.

The Chief Executive informed those present it was Neil Betteridge's last meeting and thanked him for his long service to the Council.

CC/6. **PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

The Chairman presented a long service awards to Lee Carter and Steve Shepherd, who had completed 20 years service as at 31st March 2013. It was noted that awards had also been made to Carl Marshall and Paul Evans, who were unable to attend.

MRS. A HOOD

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.40 p.m.