

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

The Retiring Town Mayor (Councillor F. Granger) - In the Chair
The Retiring Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor R. Clark)

Councillors D.J. Axford
M.R. Cotton
C.A. Dennis
J.H. Dixon
M. Freeman
M. Lovegrove
R.A. Mann
D. Nebesnuick
J. Parkin
K.L.W. Perry
S.J. Reed
P.C.H. Rendle
J. Ruhmund
C.A.C. White
H. Worth

1. **PRAYERS**

The Council's Chaplain, Reverend Julyan Drew, offered prayers.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors R.M. Lawrence, J.F. Moreland and T.E. Williams

3. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2008/2009**

Councillor J.H. Dixon proposed that Councillor R.A. Mann be elected to fill the office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor R. Clark seconded the proposal.

There being no other nominations, the Town Clerk ascertained the views of the members by means of the Long Vote which entailed the names of the members of the Town Council being called in alphabetical order. The votes were recorded as follows:-

Councillor D.J. Axford	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor R. Clark	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor M.R. Cotton	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor C.A. Dennis	Abstained
Councillor J.H. Dixon	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor M. Freeman	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor F. Granger	Abstained

Councillor M. Lovegrove	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor R.A. Mann	Abstained
Councillor D.J. Nebesnuick	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor J. Parkin	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor K.L.W. Perry	Abstained
Councillor S.J. Reed	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor P.C.H. Rendle	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor J. Ruhrmund	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor C.A.C. White	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann
Councillor H. Worth	Voted for Councillor R.A. Mann

Councillor R.A. Mann was thereupon declared to have been elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

4. STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor R.A. Mann duly made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Town Mayor which was duly witnessed by the Town Clerk. The Mayor announced that his Mayoress would be Mrs. F. Mann.

5. RETIRING TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT ON HIS YEAR OF OFFICE

The Retiring Town Mayor, Councillor F. Granger, reported on his year of office, a copy of which appears as Appendix "E" to the minutes.

The Retiring Town Mayor thanked all those who had supported him through his year of office and concluded by thanking the Town Clerk and all staff for their support throughout the year.

6. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCILLOR F. GRANGER FOR HIS WORK DURING HIS YEAR OF OFFICE

Councillor C.A.C. White proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Granger for his year of office. Councillor M. Freeman seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

7. INSIGNIA OF OFFICE

In accordance with ancient custom, the Town Clerk presented the newly elected Town Mayor with the various insignia of office, stating that they were symbols of the civic traditions of the former Borough of Penzance, having been presented to successive Mayors on acceptance of office over a period of at least half a century. The Town Clerk also explained the purport of the items.

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Councillor J. Ruhrmund proposed that Councillor R. Clark be appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor M. Lovegrove seconded the proposal. In the absence of any other nominations, Councillor R. Clark was elected by the Town Council as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor R. Clark abstained in the voting. The Deputy Town Mayor then addressed the meeting and announced that his Deputy Mayoress would be Mrs. L. Clark.

9. **THE ELECTION OF CIVIC DEPUTIES**

Councillor R. Clark proposed that Councillors P.C.H. Rendle and J. Ruhmund be appointed as Civic Deputies.

Councillor H. Worth seconded the proposal and in the absence of any other nomination, Councillors Rendle and Ruhmund were appointed as Civic Deputies for the ensuing year.

10. **SERGEANTS AT MACE**

The Town Mayor appointed Trevor Walker and Sid Reed as the two persons to act as Sergeants at Mace until the next Annual Meeting or until others be appointed in their stead. The Town Clerk administered the oath to them.

11. **LE YEOMAN**

The Town Mayor appointed Derek Burstow to act as Le Yeoman until the next Annual Meeting or until another be appointed in his stead. The Town Clerk administered the oath to him.

12. **TOWN CRIER**

The Town Mayor named Mr. P. Rowley as the person to act as Town Crier.

13. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN**

The Town Mayor reported that the Reverend Julyan Drew would continue with the duties of Chaplain to the Council.

14. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

Councillor S.J. Reed proposed and Councillor D.J. Axford seconded that the members listed in Appendix "A" to the Agenda be confirmed to serve on the standing and other committees. It was

RESOLVED: that the proposal be carried.

15. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle proposed and Councillor J.H. Dixon seconded that those members listed in Appendix "B" to the Agenda be confirmed to serve on outside bodies. It was

RESOLVED: that the proposal be carried.

16. **DATES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor M.R. Cotton proposed and Councillor J. Parkin seconded that the dates of the meetings as set out in Appendix “C” to the Agenda be confirmed for the ensuing year. It was

RESOLVED: that the proposal be carried.

17. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (STANDING ORDER 45)**

It was proposed by Councillor J.H. Dixon and seconded by Councillor D.J. Nebesnick that the members listed in Appendix “D” to the Agenda be confirmed as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year. It was

RESOLVED: that the proposal be carried.

8.10 pm

Town Mayor
2nd June 2008