

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

The Retiring Town Mayor (Councillor R A Mann) - In the Chair
The Retiring Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor J Ruhrmund)

Councillors M R Cotton
C A Dennis
J H Dixon
F Granger
R M Lawrence
R Lewarne
M Lovegrove
J F Moreland
D J Nebesnuick
K L W Perry
P C H Rendle
C A C White
H Worth

1. PRAYERS

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors D J Axford, M Freeman, J Parkin, S J Reed and T E Williams.

3. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2009/2010

Councillor J Ruhrmund proposed that Councillor R A Mann be elected to fill the office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor M Lovegrove 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 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 F Granger	Abstained
Councillor R M Lawrence	Voted for Councillor R A Mann
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 K L W Perry	Voted for Councillor R A Mann
Councillor P C H Rendle	Voted for Councillor R A Mann
Councillor J Ruhmund	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 Town Mayor, Councillor R A Mann, 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 R A MANN FOR HIS WORK DURING HIS YEAR OF OFFICE

Councillor J H Dixon proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Mann for his year of office. Councillor M R Cotton 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 R A Mann proposed that Councillor J Ruhmund be appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor C A C White seconded the proposal. In the absence of any other nominations, Councillor J Ruhmund was elected by the Town Council as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor J Ruhmund abstained in the voting. The Deputy Town Mayor then addressed the meeting and announced that her Consort would be Mr Frank Ruhmund.

9. THE ELECTION OF CIVIC DEPUTIES

Councillor H Worth proposed that Councillors P C H Rendle and C A C White be appointed as Civic Deputies.

Councillor M R Cotton seconded the proposal and in the absence of any other nomination, Councillors Rendle and White were appointed as Civic Deputies for the ensuing year.

10. SERGEANTS AT MACE

The Town Mayor appointed Sid Reed and Peter May 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 R Lewarne proposed and Councillor D Nebesnuick 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 K L W Perry proposed and Councillor C A Dennis 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 F Granger proposed and Councillor P C H Rendle 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 Moreland and seconded by Councillor R M Lawrence 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.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor
1 June 2009