



**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Holsworthy Town Council held on
Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 7.00pm, Memorial Hall, Holsworthy.**

Present: Cllr. Hutchings, Cllr. Heaven, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Briggs, Cllr. Johns, Cllr. Allen, Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr. Musker, Cllr. Stanton, Cllr. Shepherd & Cllr. Tallon

In attendance: Town Clerk (TC)
Assistant to the Town Clerk (ATTC)
Members of the Public
Holsworthy Post (Press)

4179. Welcome and address by the retiring Town Mayor. (Appendix A)

Cllr. Hutchings welcomed and thanked the Public and Cllrs for attending.

4180. Presentation of Cheques to the retiring Town Mayor's Charity for 2018/19.

Cllr. Hutchings announced that his Town Mayors Charity for 2018/2019 for the Coles Mill Viaduct has so far raised £6548.01. This amount will be placed into an Earmarked Reserve specifically for the Coles Mill Viaduct project.

4181. Apologises for absence.

Cllr. Helen Parker, Cllr. Barry Parsons DCC, Cllr. David Jones TDC and Mother Elizabeth Burke Priest in Charge, Holsworthy Benefice.

4182. To Elect the Town Mayor/Chairman for 2019/2020.

Cllr. Hutchings proposed Cllr. Heaven as the Town Mayor/Chairman for the year 2019/2020.

This was seconded by Cllr. Johns and unanimously agreed (Vote 11 For 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)

The Mayors Regalia was formally handed by the past Mayor Cllr. Hutchings to the new Mayor Cllr. Heaven.

4183. The Town Mayor will read and sign the prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'

Cllr. Heaven read and signed the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4184. To Elect the Deputy Mayor/Chairman for the year 2018/2019

The Mayor Cllr. Heaven explained that Cllr. Parker was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment however she was willing to stand for election as the Deputy Mayor of Holsworthy.

Cllr. Heaven proposed Cllr. Helen Parker as the Deputy Mayor/Chairman for the year 2019/2020. This was seconded by Cllr. Allen and agreed. (Vote 10 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstentions).

4185. The Deputy Mayor will read and sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'

As Cllr. Parker was unable to attend this meeting the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' will therefore be signed later.

Cllr. Heaven presented a Token of Office Bar in respect of the previous Deputy Mayor Colin Punter to his daughter Kerry Wilcox.

4186. Presentation of the Civic Honour of Freeman of Holsworthy

The Mayor, Cllr. Heaven informed the meeting that the Council had received several worthy nominations.

However, after discussion Councillors had agreed that the Civic Honour of Freeman of Holsworthy 2019/2020 be awarded to Mr Geoffrey Cusick and it was therefore a great pleasure to present Mr. Cusick with the Freeman of Holsworthy Cup for 2018/2019 and a Certificate. The award was given to Mr. Geoff Cusick in recognition of his hard work for the community and all the time that he has spent representing Holsworthy in the Clinical Commissioning Group. He has also given many years' service to Rotary especially co-ordinating the crocus planting.

4187. Presentation of the Community Champion Awards for 2019/20.

The Mayor explained that the Community Champion Awards, are awarded by the Council to recognise some of the unsung heroes of the Town that give their time and expertise freely to assist others. Each Community Champion was given a certificate of recognition.

They were as follows:

Mary Osbourne

For her Involvement in many organisations including HATS, Rotary and St Peters Fair

Jackie Allen

For her work in supporting the Youth Club and Mens Shed

Rodney Mitchell

For giving his time and providing practical help within the town but especially for his help in planting the WW1 Memorial trees in Stanhope Park.

Tom Langdon

For his commitment to the Youth Centre

Lee Casey

For giving his time and practical help within the town but especially for his help with the WW1 Event and the Christmas Lights Switch On

Martin Gainsbury

For his contribution to the Mens Shed and Youth Club

4188. Presentation to the Past Mayors of Holsworthy Town Council

The Mayor explained that there had formerly been no token of recognition given by the Council to its past Mayors so there are several Past Mayors to be presented with a Past Mayor Badge in recognition of their service to the Town. The following were therefore presented with a Past Mayor Badge:

Betty Wonnacott, Barry Megson, Anne Luxton, Allan Jones, Arthur Stewart, Elizabeth Squire, Richard Brown, Pauline Ede, John Allen, & Jon Hutchings.

Unfortunately, David Smith, James Rowland & John Shepherd were unable to make the presentation.

4189. Appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain for 2019/20.

Mother Elizabeth Burke, Priest in Charge, Holsworthy Benefice was appointed as the Mayors Chaplin for 2019/2020. However, she was unable to attend the meeting.

4190. Investiture of the Mayor's Cadet.

Cllr. Heaven thanked the Mayors Cadet for 2018/19 Harry Flackell for all his support and commitment during the past year. The new Mayor's Cadet for 2019/2020 would be Cpl. Timothy Cottier:

'A polite and mature young man Cpl Cottier has been a member of Holsworthy ACF for four years. Recently he has completed the senior 3-star course consisting of first aid training, military skills assessment on Dartmoor and an instructor's course enabling him to facilitate training to junior cadets.

He is now working towards his Army Proficiency Syllabus 4 Star badge and will be undertaking an advanced drill course and training alongside Reservists from 6 Rifles.

Cpl Cottier has stated that "Cadets has had a big impact on me in a positive way giving me confidence to lead and take part in new things."

Cpl Cottier is currently working towards his Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award and as part of that is learning to speak German and undertaking regular physical training.

Outside of cadets Cpl Cottier enjoys taking part in airsoft combat games and is learning to drive. Cpl Cottier is considering applying for The Royal Marine Reservists allowing him to continue with military training alongside a possible future career in mechanical engineering.'

Cllr. Heaven presented Cadet Timothy Cottier with his Staff and Gloves.

4191. Presentation of the Holsworthy Town Grants for 2019/20.

The Mayor Cllr. Heaven presented the Grant Awards for the Financial Year 2019/2020 to the following organisations:

Holsworthy Community College	£200
Holsworthy Cricket Club	£100
Holsworthy Pre School Playgroup	£100
Friends of Holsworthy Library	£200
Holsworthy Community College	£200
Holsworthy Netball Club	£150
Holsworthy Has Been Walking Football	£150
Holsworthy Bowling Club	£100
Holsworthy Police	£500
Holsworthy Memorial Hall - Maint Operative's work to the value of	£164
Holsworthy Football Club	£100
1 st Holsworthy Scout Group	£200

Other Yearly Grants

Holsworthy Youth Centre	£500
Holsworthy Community Transport	£500
St Peters Fair Committee	£1,000
Holsworthy Carnival	£200
Holsworthy Museum	£200

Total Grants Awarded £4,564

4192. Launch of the Mayor's Charity for 2019/20

The Mayor announced that she wished as Mayor, to nominate the Youth Centre as her Charity for 2019/2020.

4193. Adjournment of Meeting To resolve to adjourn the Annual Meeting until Wed 22nd May 2019 at 7pm

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and showing their support to Holsworthy and to all the organisations and charities that had attended this Civic Event. She hoped the event allowed the public to have a better understanding on the role of the Town Council within the community.

Mayor Heaven invited all present to join the Town Council in enjoying some light refreshments

Cllr. Heaven then proposed that the Annual Meeting be adjourned until Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7pm. Cllr. Allen seconded the proposal which was carried (Vote 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

4194. Cllr. Heaven formally adjourned the Meeting at 7.45pm.

Signed.....Dated.....