
Sedgefield Town Council

Annual Town Meeting 2008

Monday May 12th, 2008

7.30 p.m.

Parish Hall



MINUTES

Present

Cllr. D. Waters (Chairman)

Cllrs. S. Sutherland, L. Goddard, T. Jeanes, M. Garrood, H. Clifford-Brown, N. Dunn, M. Robinson, S. Hannan, A. Blakemore

Mr. John Hannan (Sedgefield Charities)

Sgt Brian O'Connor (Sedgefield Police)

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Town Clerk)

24 Parishioners

1 Welcome by the Chairman and Mayor: Cllr. Dudley Waters

The Chair, Cllr. Dudley Waters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He opened by saying how strange it was to be without Cllr. Jim Wayman who died recently and that he remains very much missed.

2 Apologies

Cllrs. J. Robinson, D. Brown, M. Brown

3 Presentations

a) Cheques from Mayor's Charity account 2007 / 2008

The Chair, Cllr. Dudley Waters said he was delighted to present cheques to a variety of local youth groups. He thanked everyone who had helped over the past year and in particular Mr. Peter Hinde.

He then presented cheques to

- a) Sedgefield Harriers
- b) Sedgefield Youth FC
- c) Sedgefield Guides and Scouts
- d) SCA for their Easter Egg Hunt

In addition the Mayor's Consort Mrs. Pat Buckley-Atkins presented a cheque for £3,500 to the Marie Curie Cancer Care. Mrs. Buckley-Atkins said she was delighted to have raised the money for such a worthy cause and one very personal to her.

The Deputy Mayor then presented Mrs. Buckley-Atkins with a bouquet as a thank you from the Town Council for all of her work and support over the past two years.

b) Parish Hall

The Mayor, Cllr. Dudley Waters said he was delighted to be able to announce that the Parish Hall was now open and expressed his thanks to all who had given their time and work. In particular he thanked Mr. Mort Spalding, Cllr. Tim Jeanes and Mr. Stephen Roper.

The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Tim Jeanes then presented a personal thank you gift to Mr. Mort Spalding and the Mayor presented thank you gifts to both Mr. Spalding and Mr. Jeanes.

4 Chairman's Report 2007 / 2008: Cllr Dudley Waters (Mayor of Sedgefield)

The Mayor said this had been included in the papers which had been available for the past week. He gave a brief resume of the past year and ended by thanking the Town Clerk and all of the staff for their help and support over the past two years.

5 Minutes of the Annual Assembly held May 2007

These were confirmed as a correct record.

6 Matters Arising

None

7 Reports

7.1 Town Council Annual Report

This was accepted.

7.2 Charities: Mr. J. Hannon

Mr. John Hannon – new secretary to the Charities presented the report.

He thanked Mr. Smeeton for all of his work over the past 34 years.

Mr Hannon was thanked by the Mayor.

7.3 Police Report: Sgt. Brian O'Connor

This had been included with the papers. Sgt. O'Connor answered all questions.

7.4 Sedgefield Borough Council: Cllrs. D. Brown, J. Robinson

No report.

8 Any other business

8.1 Anti-Social Behaviour

Concern was expressed about ongoing problems – although it was acknowledged that this is only a minority of young people.

8.2 Community Facilities at College

Mrs. J. Bowles stressed the need for Community facilities within the new development.

8.3 Youth Council

Cllr. M. Robinson gave a brief report on the Youth Council.

8.4 Parish Hall

Ex-Councillor Keith Wells congratulated the Town Council on the newly refurbished Parish Hall.

Mrs. N. Neal also praised the works to the Hall – but pointed out the need for some lighting on the stage.

8.5 Crosshill

Mr. E. D. Lofthouse asked about additional paving from the Lych Gate to Front Street

The Chair, Cllr. Dudley Waters thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.