

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of the Council (Mayor Making) held in Malmesbury Abbey, Malmesbury on Tuesday 13th May 2008 at 7pm.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J R Lawton
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor ACR Woodcock
Councillors: B Denley, W G Blake, J A Bowen, S Cox, Mrs A L Davis,
Mrs C C Doody, P J Goldstone, S Killane, J E F Poole,
R F Sanderson, M H Snell, M J Thomas, and C M Vernon.

Apologies: All members of Town Council were present.

Attendance Approximately 100 distinguished guests, members of the public and media

The Reverend Neil Archer – Malmesbury Abbey, offered prayers.

1. Election of Town Mayor for Ensuing Year 2008 – 2009

It was proposed by Councillor P J Goldstone, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Davis and carried, that Councillor A C R Woodcock be elected Town Mayor of Malmesbury for the Municipal year 2008 – 2009.

His Worship the Mayor, being suitably robed and presented with his chain of office, duly read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, undertook to observe the code of conduct expected of Members of Malmesbury Town Council, and thanked the Council for his election.

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR A C R WOODCOCK) IN THE CHAIR.

The Mayor announced that his charity for the ensuing year would be the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal and the Elizabeth Hodges Charity.

2. Election of Deputy Town Mayor Ensuing Year 2008 – 2009

It was proposed by Councillor C M Vernon, seconded by Councillor S Killane and carried, that Councillor Mrs C C Doody be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Malmesbury for Municipal year 2008 – 2009.

The Deputy Town Mayor duly read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, undertook to observe the code of conduct expected of Members of Malmesbury Town Council, and received her Badge of Office from His Worship the Mayor. The Deputy Town Mayor then thanked members of the Council for her election.

3. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor and Consort

Councillor J A Bowen delivered a vote of thanks that the gratitude of the Council be accorded to the retiring Mayor, Councillor J R Lawton, and Mayoress Mrs K Lawton, for the manner in which they discharged their duties throughout the past year. A presentation of a Past Mayor's badge was made and Councillor J R Lawton suitably replied.

4. Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain

His Worship, The Mayor, announced that he had appointed Churches together in Malmesbury to be his chaplain for the Municipal Year 2008 – 2009.

5. Councillor W G Blake proposed that the report indicating dates for meetings of the Standing Committees of Malmesbury Town Council be approved for the Civic Year 2008-2009. The motion was seconded by Councillor S A Cox and approved by the Town Council.

6. Close of Meeting

His Worship The Mayor invited those present to join him and the Mayoress in the South Aisle of the Abbey for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.