

ATM 2010

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Parish of Wootton Bassett held on Thursday 29th April 2010 at 7.30pm on the Middle Floor, Civic Centre, Station Road, Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Peter Doyle, Susan Doyle, Linda Frost, Owen Gibbs, Paul Heaphy, Peter Roberts, Bill Roberts, Jenny Stratton and Steve Walls

Electors of the Parish: Anne Bevis, Brian Bevis, Tom Blundell [guest], Tom Brandenburg and Keith Dixon

Officers in attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk
Susan Huish, Admin Assistant

In the Chair: Councillor Steve Bucknell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Leighfield, Sanjay Soni, Audrey Wannell and Chris Wannell.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2009.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Report from the Mayor, Councillor Steve Bucknell, outlining the activities of the Council over the past 12 months.

RESOLVED the report be adopted.

4. DISPLAY OF PRESENTATIONS TO THE TOWN

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 11th February 2010, the Mayor drew attention to the 'Millie Award' and asked that a discussion take place at the Annual Town Meeting regarding a suitable place to exhibit this.

Members will also be aware that presentations of other items have also been kindly donated to the townspeople of Wootton Bassett. A list of the items was circulated at the meeting.

A permanent place to display these items needs to be found.

The Mayor requested that the Electors of the Parish give consideration to this matter.

RESOLVED to;-

[a] Investigate the use of the display window at the Post Office

[b] Investigate the cost of a cabinet in window at the Town Council offices

[c] Display photographs of the items on our website and seek the views of the residents of Wootton Bassett.

Electors of the Parish were also asked to give consideration as to whether the Esmor Davies concert, scheduled for 25th September 2010, was to be used for fundraising, either local or military charities.

RESOLVED to donate any money raised equally to Age Concern, [Wootton Bassett branch], and The British Limbless Ex Servicemen Association [BLESMA].

5. PRESENTATION

The Mayor presented a certificate to Councillor Peter Roberts to mark ten years of service to Wootton Bassett Town Council.

6. QUESTION TIME

Members of the public were invited to ask questions of Councillors and other representatives, including charities, in respect of the reports they had submitted.

Copies of the reports were circulated at the meeting.

The following issues were raised;-

The number 54 Bus service from Wootton Bassett to Swindon has been reduced again.

The cemetery gates are missing the posts on top of the gates. Can the Town Council look to replace them as it looks slightly odd at present.

Is the grass on the War Memorial a permanent fixture.

Thanks were given to the Ground Staff for the maintenance of the Garden of Remembrance at the cemetery

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed 8.17 pm

