

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHARTER TRUSTEES  
HELD IN WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

**Meeting began at 6.00pm**

**Present**

Khalil Ahmed, Zia Ahmed, Mohammed Asif, Andrea Baughan, Harry Bull, Lesley Clarke OBE, Marten Clarke, Ray Farmer, Sebert Graham, Tony Green, Mohammed Hanif, Abdullah Hashmi, Alan Hill, Arif Hussain, Mahboob Hussain, Matt Knight, Brian Pearce (Mayor), Rafiq Raja, Sarfaraz Khan Raja (Deputy Mayor), Nigel Teasdale

William Reid, Town Clerk  
Revd Ruth Wooster, Mayor's Chaplain

**1. Meeting Opens**

The meeting was opened with prayers by Revd Ruth Wooster, Mayor's Chaplain.

**2. Apologies**

Maz Hussain, Julia Wassell

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Minutes of the meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed.

**4. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor advised that this would be his last Charter Trustee meeting during his mayoral year. He advised how much he had enjoyed his year in office. He highlighted: opening the Poppy Appeal at Adams Park, the Burns Night Supper and the Tour of the Market. He also offered his best wishes to the Queen on the birth of her great grandson yesterday.

**5. Civic Service and Beating the Bounds**

This is arranged for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Trinity United Reformed Church. The Mayor is looking for a good response to this event. Please assemble in the Mayor's Parlour at 9.30am. The service will commence at 10.30am.

## **6. Mayor Making**

Plans are now finalised for this event on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The pupils from Hamilton School will be dancing around a Maypole and HW Bid Co have agreed to provide two jugglers and some face painters to entertain the crowd before we arrive.

## **7. Freedom Procession**

This event, on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, will start with a procession to All Saints' Parish Church then process to the Town Hall where the RAF will present awards to some of their personnel.

## **8. Town Clerk's Wig**

This had been taken to the wig maker in London and cleaned. The total cost was £70 including rail fees to London and courier charge for return. The Town Clerk wore it for the first time at the Tour of the Market on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

## **9. Holidays**

The Town Clerk announced holiday dates for himself and the secretary.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Cllrs Khalil Ahmed, Mohammed Hanif, Rafiq Raja, Mahboob Hussain and Sarfaraz Khan Raja all congratulated the Mayor on a successful year despite certain difficulties.

Cllr Khalil Ahmed asked why the Mayor had not mentioned his Mayor's Ball. The Mayor said he would speak about it later.

The Town Clerk asked if the Charter Trustees would approve two nominations for a Mayor's Medal. Cllr Marten Clarke read the process from the handbook which requires a written proposal to be presented to a meeting of the Standing Committee. Then if approved to be presented to a meeting of the Charter Trustees for ratification. The Mayor said he hoped to present the medals at the Reception following Mayor Making. After a full discussion it was agreed to comply with the regulation and, if approved, present the medals at the RAF presentation ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The Mayor thanked all the Charter Trustees for their support during his year and invited them all to his Mayor's Ball on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. He thanked his Chaplain, Revd Ruth Wooster, for her support and help during his year.

The meeting finished at 6.50pm