

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHARTER TRUSTEES

HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1 ON 6TH MARCH 2018

Meeting began at 6.00pm

Present:

Zia Ahmed, Andrea Baughan, Lesley Clarke OBE, Marten Clarke, Ray Farmer, Tony Green, Mohammed Hanif, Alan Hill, Mahboob Hussain, Maz Hussain, Matt Knight, Brian Pearce (Mayor), Rafiq Raja, Sarfaraz Khan Raja (Deputy Mayor).

Apologies:

Sebert Graham, Abdullah Hashmi, Arif Hussain, Julia Wassell

1. Mayor Making Day:

This had been planned for Saturday, 19th May. However, having received confirmation that the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle has been arranged on that day with the ceremony at 12 noon, it was agreed to hold Mayor Making on 12th May 2018.

The Guildhall, Frogmoor and Town Hall have all been booked for the day

2. Beating the Bounds

At the meeting we agreed to hold this event at Trinity United Reformed Church on Sunday, 8th April. However, the Church is being refurbished and will not be available. We have re-arranged this event for Sunday 29th April.

The Civic Service will start at 10.30am after which we will be provided with tea and biscuits followed by the ceremony of Beating the Bounds.

The car park at the rear of Trinity Church will be open and will be free of charge so any Trustees may park there and meet us in the church.

The Mayor's Party will leave the Council Office at 10.15am.

3. Tour of the Market

It was agreed to hold the annual tour of the market on Saturday, 21st April at 10.30am. The Town Clerk agreed to discuss the lack of market stalls with Gary Saunders, Managing Director, to encourage him to attract more stalls. A suggestion was made that he visit the Mad Squirrel Tap & Bottle Shop (Church Street) after the event to plan this. The Mayor's Party will leave the Council Office at 10.30am.

4. RAF Freedom Procession

We are too late to organise a Freedom Parade with either the RAF or Army for 2018. However, the RAF at Naphill have agreed to support us with a Freedom Procession on Wednesday, 18th July. This will not include a military band or fly past. However, we will hold a procession along the High Street, a Civic Service at All Saints' Parish Church before returning to the Town Hall for a Presentation of Awards Ceremony.

5. Any Other Business

The Mayor outlined his disappointment with the fact that the name of the Mayor Elect, which it had been agreed would be announced two weeks before Mayor Making, had been released to the Bucks Free Press following the agreement of this office in January.

He pointed out that the decision to withhold this announcement had been agreed by the Charter Trustees and that democracy requires all the Charter Trustees to comply.

6. Dates for your diary

Saturday, 21st April 2018
Annual Tour of the Market
Leave the Council Offices at 10.30am

Tuesday, 24th April 2018
Charter Trustee Meeting
6.00pm, WDC Council Chamber

Sunday, 29th April 2018
Civic Service at Trinity United Reformed Church
Followed by Beating the Bounds
Leave the Council Offices at 10.15am

Saturday, 12th May 2018
Mayor Making Day
Leave the Council Offices at 10.45am

Wednesday, 18th July 2018
RAF Freedom Procession
Leave the Council Offices at 10.40am