

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Worksop Charter Trustees held on 20th May 2019.

Present:

Councillors Sanders, Pressley, K Greaves, Fielding, S Greaves, Potts, Merryweather, Entwistle, Shepherd, Tindle, Jones, Richardson, Rhodes and Eaton.

M Welch (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors White, Charlesworth and Leigh.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Councillor K Greaves proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded by Councillor Pressley and unanimously agreed.

2. Election of Chairman

Councillor K Greaves nominated Councillor Richardson as Mayor, seconded by Councillor Entwistle and all in favour.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Entwistle nominated Councillor Jones as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Fielding and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Charter Day

The Mayor reported that Charter Day last year was quite successful having been amalgamated with the cycle race. Councillor Fielding suggested that the Royal British Legion would like to exercise the right to the freedom of Bassetlaw and would like to parade through the town, it was suggested Seaforth Highlanders could play. Councillor S Greaves suggested it be linked to when the historic buildings re open and felt that it could work with the armed forces.

Councillor Fielding had received information from Steven Brown regarding Arthur Frederick Pickard VC, the Royal Artillery Nottinghamshire Veterans want to put something in the memorial gardens and asked if we would contribute. It was thought he came from Northamptonshire but this is wrong as he was born in Worksop. For his actions in New Zealand in 1863, he was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces. Councillor K Greaves proposed we donate £500 as a start and this was unanimously agreed.

Suggestions regarding the organisation of Charter Day and commissioning the council to do things were discussed. It was suggested that we probably need the expertise of Julie Foy and John Simmonds and we could commission this work but need a price. Stephen Brown could be lead and can work with other officers it was agreed to discuss this with him.

It is important that all Charter Trustees turn up to the meetings and that we are quorate.

There were various suggestions for displays involving army cadets, guns, simulator and the Mercian Brigade to see if we could have the mascot. There was a request that the veterans also be involved. Members agreed to hold the day on Saturday 14th September and that this would be checked with Father Spicer to see if the church will be open. Councillors Sanders and Fielding will make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

5. Audit

The accounts have been circulated, Mr Haddon is able to do the audit again. Councillor Pressley proposed the accounts seen previously be accepted and sent for audit, seconded by Councillor S Greaves and all agreed.

6. Bank Account

This needs sorting. It was agreed Councillors Fielding and Potts should be added to the signatories and this was unanimously agreed.

7. Clerk's Salary

In line with NALC recommendation the clerk requested that the salary be increased by £1.27 a month to £52.86 from April 2019, this was unanimously agreed.

Councillor S Greaves suggested that an honorarium be paid to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as they are expected to put a lot of work in, Councillor Pressley requested that the clerk look into this then it can be discussed again at the next meeting, all members agreed.

8. Cheques to be signed

M Welch salary April £51.82, M Welch salary May £55.20, hire of hall £36 Councillor White proposed these be signed, seconded by Councillor Leigh.

Councillor S Greaves suggested we have an indicative budget of expenditure for over the course of next year.

A request has been received from James Clark for the talent competition. Councillor S Greaves proposed that we were pleased to support them last year but on this occasion we will not be able to support this, seconded by Councillor Potts and unanimously agreed.

9. Dates of meetings

The next meeting will be Monday 24th June at 6pm, the clerk was asked to book the Venetian Room again.

The meeting closed at 7.15p.m.