

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE
HELD IN THE OLD SWAN HOTEL, HARROGATE
AT 5.30 PM ON MONDAY 21 MAY 2007**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Webber) in the Chair. Councillors Anthony Alton, Mrs Atkinson, Bayliss, Beer, Philip Broadbank, Jayne Brotherton, Brown, Jean Burdett, Jean Butterfield, Trevor Chapman, Jim Clark, Cooper, Mrs de Courcey-Bayley, Ellington, Fawcett, John Fox, Galloway, Mike Gardner, Goss, Grange, Harrison, Hawke, Hawkins, Elwyn Hinchcliffe, Horton, Bill Hault, Andrew Jones, Anne Jones, Pat Jones, Chris Lewis, Morris Lightfoot, John Lockhart, Don MacKenzie, Pat Marsh, Reg Marsh, Pauline McHardy, Bob Nash, Newby, Andrew Parkes, Parnaby, Rothwell, John Savage, Simms, Theakston, Trotter, Ward, Andrew Williams, Willis, Willoughby, and Wren.

1/07 - **PRAYER:** The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Lister, led Members in prayer, prior to the commencement of the meeting.

2/07 - **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Phillips, Charlie Powell and Wilson.

3/07 - **ELECTION OF MAYOR:**

Moved by Councillor Pat Jones Seconded by Councillor Mike Gardner

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That Councillor Trotter be elected as Mayor of the Borough, to continue in office for the next year ensuing, until his successor becomes entitled to act as Mayor.

The Mayor made the declaration of acceptance of office as prescribed by law.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR TROTTER, IN THE CHAIR

4/07 - **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR:**

Moved by Councillor Bob Nash Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That Councillor Jim Clark be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough, to continue in office for the next year ensuing, until his successor becomes entitled to act as Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor made the declaration of acceptance of office, as prescribed by law.

5/07 - **MINUTES:**

Moved by Councillor Mike Gardner Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 April 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(Fifty Members voted in favour of the motion, and there was one abstention).

6/07 - **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:** The Mayor advised that there were no communications for this evening's meeting.

7/07 - **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER:**

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Ellington

and **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Mike Gardner be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Twenty-nine Members voted in favour of the motion, and there were twenty-two abstentions).

8/07 - **NOTIFICATION OF CABINET:** The Council noted the following appointments made by the Leader to the Cabinet for the ensuing year: -

Leader – Councillor Mike Gardner

Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Environment – Councillor E R Cooper

Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources – Councillor Andrew Jones

Cabinet Member for Housing – Councillor Jean Butterfield

Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Rural Affairs – Councillor L Ellington

Cabinet Member for Cultural Services – Councillor Pat Jones

Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport – Councillor Don MacKenzie

9/07 - **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL BY THE EXECUTIVE:** In accordance with Standing Order 28, the Leader, Councillor Mike Gardner, was invited to submit details of the presentations to be made to Council during the 2007/08 municipal year by the respective Cabinet Members detailed under Minute 8/07 above: -

19 July 2007 – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment

11 October 2007 – Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Rural Affairs

5 December 2007 – Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

5 March 2008 – Cabinet Members for Cultural Services and Housing

16 April 2008 – Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport

10/07 - **CHAIRS/VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES:**

(a) Membership of Committees for 2007/08:

Moved by Councillor Mike Gardner

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That the following appointments of Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of Committees, Commissions and other Fora etc be approved as submitted subject to the amendment of the name of the Director of Harrogate International Centre: -

(b) Appointments of Committees without Political Proportionality:

Moved by Councillor Mike Gardner

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That the following appointments to Committees etc which are appointed or constituted without regard to political proportionality, namely the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board, Panels of the Licensing Committee and Panels of the Human Resources Committee be approved:

**11/07 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2007/08:**

Moved by Councillor Jean Butterfield

Seconded by Councillor Ellington

and **RESOLVED:**

That the Council's Deputy Leader, Councillor Cooper be appointed as this Council's representative for 2007/08 with Councillor Mike Gardner as a substitute representative.

(Fifty Members voted in favour of the motion, and there was one abstention).

**12/07 - YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSEMBLY – APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2007/08:**

It was noted that under the Constitution the representative should be the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mike Gardner.