

AT A STATUTORY MEETING of the HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL held at the 1912 CENTRE, HARWICH, ESSEX, on THURSDAY, 24th MAY 2007, commencing at 11.00am.

PRESENT

The Retiring Mayor, former Councillor Mr J Thurlow, in the Chair at the commencement of the meeting.

The Mayor-Elect, Councillor D McLeod, in the Chair after election of Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor D Rutson

Councillors S Henderson
M Gardner
S Tyrer
A Colbourne
B Brown
J Brown
P Burke
L Double
J Wares
G Calver
A Morrison

Clerk to the Council, Mrs E Novorol

The Mayor, Councillor J Thurlow, on behalf of Mrs Molly Bleakley, presented a painting of the Guildhall to Harwich Town Council. The painting is a gift from the late Councillor W Bleakley who was High Steward of Harwich from 1980 to 2007.

PRAYERS

Prayers were said by Reverend E Lammens

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**ELECTION OF TOWN
MAYOR**

The Mayor called for nominations for Mayor for the forthcoming year. Councillor D Rutson moved and Councillor M Gardner seconded that Councillor D McLeod be elected as Mayor of Harwich for the forthcoming year.

The Mayor then called for any further nominations and there being none, Councillor McLeod was duly elected as Mayor of Harwich.

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**DECLARATION OF
ACCEPTANCE OF
OFFICE**

Councillor McLeod made his declaration of Acceptance of Office.

- 03/07** **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR** Councillor S Henderson moved and Councillor M Gardner seconded that Councillor D Rutson be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.
- The Mayor called for any further nominations and, there being none, Councillor D Rutson was duly elected as Deputy Mayor.
- 04/07** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Payne and B Howlett
- 05/07** **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** None
- 06/07** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2007 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.
- 07/07** **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN** The Mayor announced the appointment of Reverend Erwin Lammens as Mayor's Chaplain for the forthcoming year.
- 08/07** **VOTE OF THANKS FOR ELECTION** After retiring to robe, Councillor McLeod returned to the meeting, took the Chair and returned thanks for his election as Mayor of the town of Harwich.
- 09/07** **TOWN MAYORESS** The Mayoress, Mrs H Gallagher, was invested with her chain of office by the Mayor.
- The Mayoress gave her response.
- 10/07** **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES** Councillor S Henderson moved and Councillor J Brown seconded that the appointment of Officer, Committees and representatives for the ensuing year, as recommended by the Council at an informal meeting on 15th May 2007, be approved.
- The motion was carried.
- 11/07** **MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL** Councillor J Brown moved and Councillor M Gardner seconded that the meetings of the Council shall be in accordance with Standing Orders 1 –3.
- Statutory Meeting and Mayormaking at 11.00am
Town Planning Committee meetings at 6.30pm
The motion was carried.

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**VOTE OF THANKS TO
THE RETIRING
MAYOR AND
MAYORESS**

Councillor L Double moved and Councillor A Morrison seconded that a sincere vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their services during their term of office.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The retiring Mayor replied to the vote of thanks.

The Mayor then brought the meeting to a close.

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN