**Minutes from the Annual Council Meeting held at the Civic Hall, 23 May 2022.**

Present: B. Beeley (CH) P. Byrne (V.C)

S. Al- Hamdani J. Battye

M. Bingley H. Bishop

J. Curley K. Dawson

L. Dawson J. Hudson

R. Knotts L. Lancaster

B. Lord P. Lord

K. Phillips M. Scholes

G. Sheldon D. Simpson

M. Woodvine.

**Payers were led by Rev. Barbara Christopher.**

**Welcome by the Chair.**

**1607. Apologies for absence**

None.

**1608. Minutes from the Annual Council meeting 24 May 2021**

Agreed as true record and signed by the Chair at the meeting.

**1609. Election of the Chairman, 2022/23**

Cllr. P. Byrne proposed as the next Chairman by Cllr. Sheldon and seconded by Cllr. B Lord. Cllrs. Battye and Woodvine supported the proposal. Voted in favour unanimously. The incumbent Chairman, Cllr. Beeley invested the incoming Chairman with the Chain of Office. The Chairmans Declaration of office was signed and received.

**1610. Presentation of Past Chairman’s medal.**

Cllr. Byrne presented Cllr. Beeley with the past Chairmans medal.

**1611. Chairmans Consort.**

The Chairmans Consort, Helen Harrison was invested with the Chain of Office.

**1612. Inaugural Speech by the new Chairman.**

Cllr. Byrne thanked all councillors for the nomination. She said that the Chairmans Consort would lead on the Chairmans Charity events. She thanked Cllr. Beeley for her leadership concerning the neighbourhood plan.

**1613. Election of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr. Scholes propose Cllr. Dawson and Cllr. Battye seconded. All voted in favour unanimously. Cllr. Byrne confirmed the election of Cllr. Dawson as Vice- Chairman. The Chairman invested the Vice- Chairman with the Chain of Office. Cllr. Dawson gave a vote of thanks to the Civic Hall Staff. The chairman’s lady, Cllr. L. Dawson was then invested with the Chain of office as Chairman’s lady.

**1614. A Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

Cllr. Byrne called on Cllr. P. Lord to propose. Cllr. Knotts seconded.

**1615. Reply to the vote of thanks from the retiring Chairman.**

Cllr. Beeley thanked all councillors and said that her term of two years had been challenging due to Covid. Even so, over £11,000 had been raised for the Chairmans Charities.

1616. **Annual Governance Statement for year ended March 2022**

The Finance Committee recommended that the Governance Statement would be presented at the same time as the AGAR following the internal audit. Cllr. Al-Hamdani proposed and Cllr. B. Lord seconded. Agreed unanimously.

**1617. Financial Regulations 2022/23**

The recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the Financial Regulations with the amendment. Cllr. Al-Hamdani proposed and Cllr. B. Lord Seconded. Agreed unanimously.

**1618. To adopt the Standing orders for 2022/23**

Cllr. Al-Hamdani proposed and Cllr. Phillips seconded. Acceptance agreed unanimously.

**1619. To establish the Constitution of the Standing Committee of the Council.**

Accepted unanimously.

**1620. To appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs if each Committee.**

All councillors had received the proposed chairs and vice chair list for each committee and all were in favour unanimously.

**1621. To accept the Calendar of Meetings, 2022/23**

Accepted unanimously.

**1622. To appoint representatives on outside bodies.**

Proposed acceptance by Cllr. Al- Hamdani, seconded by Cllr. B. Lord. Accepted Unanimously.

**1623. To Approve representatives to Saddleworth Educational and other charities.**

Proposed by Cllr. Al-Hamdani, seconded by Cllr. B. Lord, approved unanimously.

**1624.** **To approve the Bank Account authorised signatories for 2022/2023**

Cllr. Al- Hamdani proposed the list. Seconded by Cllr. B. Lord. Agreed unanimously.

**1625. Accounts for payment April 2022.**

Cllr. Al-Hamdani proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Lord. Accepted unanimously.

There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.