

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
IN ST GEORGE'S HALL BEWDLEY ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019 AT 7.00PM**

Present

Bewdley Town Councillors: Roger Coleman (Mayor), John Byng, Anna Coleman, Liz Davies, Calne Edginton-White, Derek Killingworth, Paul Harrison, Rod Stanczyszyn.

Twenty members of the public, including representatives of voluntary and community organisations within and serving the town.

Town Clerk Sharon Hudson; Assistant Town Clerk Barbara Byng; Assisting Gill Lungley

Introduction

The Mayor welcomed everyone to St George's Hall for this Annual Town Meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Linda Candlin, Philip Edmundson

Minutes

It was noted that no record could be found of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 9th April 2018.

Mayor's Annual Report

The Mayor extended special thanks to Cllr Derek Killingworth who was stepping down after 16 years' service to the Town Council.

The Mayor read out his report, as attached.

Due to the imminent elections the meeting was reminded of the need to comply with Electoral Commission guidance to the Town Council which is to not give publicity to any political party; thus Town Councillors' reports would be posted on the Town Council's website after 2nd May 2019.

Town Council Annual Report

The Mayor read out the Annual report, attached, that had been prepared by the Town Clerk, which listed the details of the Council's functions, its meetings, budget and Councillors names for the past year.

Reports from Bewdley Community Organisations:

A number of written and verbal reports were presented on behalf of:

- Bewdley and Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Bewdley and District Horticultural Society
- Bewdley Festival
- Bewdley Youth Festival
- St George's Hall Venue Management
- Bewdley Tree Wardens
- Friends of Bewdley Museum
- Wribbenhall Parish Room
- Bewdley Branch Royal British Legion
- Bewdley Twinning Association
- Bewdley Choral Society
- The Bridge magazine
- Bewdley Town Football Club
- Bewdley Civic Society

- Burlton's, Cookes & Sayers Almshouses
- Bewdley Rotary Club
- Bewdley School (regarding British Council International Students visit)
- Bewdley Bike Week
- Friends of Riverside North Park
- Bewdley Cricket Club
- Bewdley Petanque Club

The Mayor thanked all who provided a report and praised the work of all of Bewdley's local organisations.

Public Debate

Thanks were expressed to the Knit and Natter group for their poppies display at All Saints Church, Wribbenhall on 11/11/2018.

A question was asked about the Youth Café, now closed, and the future of the Leisure Centre for which the school appears to be making plans.

Having dealt with questions raised and with there being no other contributions, the Mayor again thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Mayor/Chairman
Annual Town Meeting
19th April 2021