

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 20 April 2016 at 6.45pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance Councillors: B. Ridgeway (Chair); J Austen, S Beecher, A Dye, C Gare, C Harper, C Hunt, L Kirton

Others: R Bullimore (Clerk) P Staniforth (Retiring Clerk)
C Mitchell (Marketing Co-ordinator)
8 Members of the Public

Apologies

J Ridgeway (Work)

Presentations

The Chairman presented a cheque to Civic Centre Catering Manager Katherine Barker in appreciation for her 30 year continued long service working at Eckington Civic Centre. The Council are extremely appreciative for her service to the Council and the general public.

The Chairman presented a cheque to the retiring handyman Phillip Wheelhouse and thanked Philip for the excellent work he had carried out within the community.

The Chairman presented a cheque to the retiring Clerk Peter Staniforth. The Council thanked Peter for the support and advice that he has given them during his time as Parish Clerk.

Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman introduced the new Clerk Rosalind Bullimore.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman delivered his Annual Report which will be published on the Council website.

To receive a report from the Trustees of Camms School

A report from the Trustees of Camms School was not available at the meeting.

To receive a report from the Trustees of the Bromehead Charity

A report from the Trustees of the Bromehead Charity was not available at the meeting.

Report on the Refurbishment of the Civic Centre

The Marketing Co-ordinator informed Members that the Public Notice has been displayed and it will be available for viewing until 12th May. The Tender period is from 12th May until the 21st May. It is hoped that the work on the refurbishment will start on the 13th June and be completed by the end of August. There is a competition to design the signage and students at Eckington School have been invited to take part.

Report on the Town Centre 10K Project

Councillor Beecher informed Members that the Ornamental Archways calculations have been verbally approved by the County Council. A full planning application will be submitted when the licence has been officially approved and signed off. Additional traders have been invited to attend Eckington Market but as yet no one has showed any interest. The Council thanked Councillor Beecher for the work he has carried out on the project.

Fracking

The Chairman informed Members that he had met with a representative from the Fracking company who has a licence to work in the Parish of Eckington. The representatives are willing to attend Council meetings for an open discussion to explain about the work that they do and to answer any questions.

Members of the Public

A member of the public asked the Council if the Town Team could use the vacant shop on Market Street as a Heritage Shop. The Chairman informed the resident that the building is being used for storage whilst repairs behind the shops are being carried up. When the repairs have been completed and due to the buoyancy in the letting market it is the District Council's intention that the building is rented out to a business.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm