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Dear Councillor

Annual Town Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of The Annual Town Meeting on **MONDAY 21 May 2018**, commencing at **7.00 pm at the TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY.**

Yours sincerely

Mayor of Selby

To: All Town Councillors resident in Selby Town

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Town meeting held on 22 May 2017 (Pages 2 to 3 attached)

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

Council to receive Councillor Melanie Davis report. (Pages 4 to 5 attached)

4 TOWN RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

To consider any questions from residents of Selby Town.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2017 HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY

PRESENT: Cllrs S Shaw-Wright (Chair), Ms M Davis, Mrs W Nichols, C Laskey, Mrs E Lambert, M Dyson, Mrs M Fagan, K Arthur, F Matthews, S Andrew, A J Thurlow, I Lawton, A Walker and J Shaw-Wright

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs G Harding, G Lockley, Mrs H Coultish.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town meeting held on 23 May 2016 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 23 May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

Council to receive Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright's report as follows:

This is the third time I have had the honour of serving the town and council as Mayor, the range of duties has both its fixed events and always presents a bit of a googly. The Arts festival launch party was the googly- hopefully the first of many such events in Selby. This year has been a difficult one for me, being unable to attend as many events as possible and I am thankful for the availability of the Deputy Mayor to stand in for me sometimes at short notice.

This year I have had the pleasure of attending the following:

SADRUG meetings and social events
Selby College Sports Awards
Staynor Hall Primary School
Queens 90th birthday celebration Birthday Events
Overseen planting of a number of Royal Oak Trees at various locations across town
Vodafone shop opening
Selby College Fashion Show
Commemoration of Yorkshire Regiments on the Somme Centenary
The George opening
Launch of Selby Arts Festival
Town Council Grants Presentation
North Ward TARA Christmas lunch
Publicity for the Councils' latest venture; the return of weddings to the Town Hall. (I understand we have two confirmed bookings in under a week)

Selby is a great little Town and the Council fights its corner well. The Town Council has become a member of Welcome to Yorkshire to help promote Selby Town. The Council is recognised widely for the work it does for and on behalf of the local community, for the ability of a relatively small staff team work to turn their hand to almost any task required of them, combined with the willingness of councillors to go above and beyond what is expected of them.

It has been fun to attempt to manage the numerous public meetings of the council, the internal meetings and the “Karen and I” have an idea meetings. However, they now come to an end.

So it was a pleasure to serve the people and the Council of Selby Town. However, it would not have been possible without the support of all councillors and staff.

Councils change, develop and evolve over time I’m sure Selby Town Council will continue to develop, improve and grow.

Councillors thanked the Mayor for all the hard work he had completed throughout the year. It had been a difficult year with for the Mayor, personally, and he was thanked for everything he does for the Town. There are lots of events and projects that without Cllr Shaw-Wright’s ideas would never had come to fruition, Fun Day and Bonfire to name a few.

RESOLVED: That the Mayors be thanked for all his hard work and that his report be noted.

4 TOWN RESIDENTS’ QUESTIONS

A Pymble Allotment tenant asked that Council reconsider the Notice to Quit he had received.

A discussion took place after which the Chair explained that unfortunately the Notice to Quit would stand as terms of the Tenancy Agreement in place had been breached. The Allotment Tenant then left the meeting.

There were no further questions from the public and the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

RETIRING MAYOR'S STATEMENT – Melanie Davis

This has been the third time I have been Mayor of the Town and, having retired, I have been able to participate in lots of local events. Looking back it is clear that the Mayoral year has a definite structure which is laid down by all the work that the Town Council does to mark the various events which have become part of our calendar. These events are supported and supplemented by lots of other regular events organised by many of the other great organisations in the town.

All the events encourage people to come out and join together as a community to mark and celebrate national and local happenings throughout each year and I think the Town Council which is only a minor authority in terms of local government, should feel proud of the exceptional work it does in this regard. None of it would take place without the hard work of our team of staff and volunteers, including Councillors, who undertake many roles often at unsocial hours and in bad weather just as part of their day job and still find the enthusiasm to support the 'extra' events throughout the year.

I would like to thank the various other community and voluntary sector organisations who work tirelessly to deliver support and services to members of our community who are vulnerable, lonely or disadvantaged. These are difficult times for many people and families so anything that we can do to raise people's spirits or provide a real helping hand makes a real difference.

I would also like to thank our various statutory services for the amazing work they undertake on a daily basis often without the financial resources they deserve – people who work in our National Health Service, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Police, our schools and local government. They are the glue which holds our society together and if we fail to fund them properly then that society will unravel.

The Mayoral role is largely a civic one and anyone who undertakes it will be invited to various events both in the town and around not only North Yorkshire but neighbouring counties as well. Each person who undertakes the role will do it in a different way but anyone who is Mayor is always assured of a warm welcome and, in my experience, a chance to learn more about our town and its people. As I have already said, the mayoral year does have a pattern of regular events delivered by the Town Council and many other organisations in the town but there are always some new events or one-offs of a more cyclical nature.

This year the Abbey hosted the annual Miners' Memorial Day service and it was amazing to see the Abbey decked out with banners belonging to the various pits and Trades Unions. For me it was a particularly poignant service because it was not only a memorial service for the people who worked and died in the industry but for the industry itself now there are no working pits left. On a happier note, the Abbey also hosted the Selby Young Musician Competition which showcased the many talents of our young people and schools and was a joy to attend.

I was also invited to be a judge at the North Yorkshire County Council Schools Debating Competition which is organised to encourage young people to learn more about local government and hopefully participate in local democracy later in life. The confidence and knowledge exhibited by those young people gives us all hope for the future.

So thanks for everyone for their support, good humour and welcome throughout the year and good wishes to Eva as she takes on the role – I know she will enjoy it