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Dear Councillor

Annual Town Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of The Annual Town Meeting on **MONDAY 22 May 2017**, 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 23 May 2016 (Pages 2 to 4 attached)

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

Council to receive Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright's report. (Pages 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 23 MAY 2016 AT THE TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY.

PRESENT Cllrs S Shaw-Wright (Chair), Mrs J Shaw-Wright, F Matthews, Ms M Davis, C Laskey, G Harding, Mrs H Coultish, M Dyson, Mrs M Fagan, Mrs W Nichols, Mrs E Lambert, Ms G Lockley, Mrs S Andrew, J Leake, K Arthur, Ms A Prince, A J Thurlow, C Fisher.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Town meeting held on 18 May 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2015 be approved as a correct record.

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Gavin Harding MBE gave the following Annual Report 2015/16:

It has been a great honor to be elected as Selby Town Council' Mayor. I was the first person with learning disabilities in the UK and Europe to be elected Mayor.

My first duty was attending Selby College, my old college, at the annual awards ceremony. It was a lovely evening handing out well deserved awards to students. I attended the annual dinner at the College Restaurant and it was a most enjoyable evening. The College Fashion Show was held in Selby Abbey which I went along to with my Consort Cllr Jennifer Shaw-Wright. It was lovely seeing the Abbey transformed with students showing their clothing at the fashion show. I also opened the Euro Event at Selby College's language department. It was informative with people from Spain, Germany, Wales and France in attendance.

I attended the Town Hall to see a play that was put on by Barlby Bridge School Year 6 students. It was lovely to see how well the Year 6 students put on the play. I gave a presentation to Flaxley Road Year 6 students on my role as a Mayor and what Selby Town Council do to support their local residents.

I went along to the Disability Employment Event with Nigel Adams and I gave a speech to encourage employers to employ people with learning disabilities.

I visited Strensall Army Barracks to see the cadets in action and the work they do which I found really interesting. There were first aid demonstrations by the cadets and I was proud that some cadets from Selby picked up awards at the event. I attended the Chairman of the District Council's Civic Service at Selby Abbey along with the Mayor of Tadcaster. The remembrance and proms nights were really good and well organised by the Chairman that I also attended.

The Bishop of Selby, Bishop John, invited me to a service for those recently elected and in the public office which was enjoyable. I was invited to several events at the Abbey including the Christmas Service with my consort Maggie Thurlow and I did a reading for the candlelight service as well as other events.

I went along to the opening of the new Salvation Army Church on Barwic Parade which is a lovely community building and is used by lots of local people.

I really enjoyed the Town Council events. I opened the Family Fun Day with my godson Oliver which was a great honor. I enjoyed opening the Beer Festival event and pulling the first pint of the evening. I lit the Bonfire and there were children dressed in Halloween costumes and I judged the best dress child.

I switched on the Christmas Lights with four consorts including my Godson Oliver. I judged the "Best Dressed Christmas Window" competition – there were some lovely displays and it was very hard to pick the winning windows as so many businesses had made an effort. I also switched on the lights at Firth House and had a cup of tea with the residents and joined in the carol singing.

The Remembrance Service at the Abbey was well attended and my consort was Ex Town Councillor Doreen Davies. The service I prepared was a military service, one of the poems was written by a person who was based at Burn Airfield which the local people enjoyed. The Ride of Remembrance motorcycles came through town which was nice. The buffet after the service, at the Town Hall, had a Yorkshire Theme – pork pie and mushy peas followed by Fruit Cake and Cheese. The Yorkshire Theme showed my support for the Yorkshire troops that served in the war. I also attended Selby Community Primary School's Remembrance Service at their Remembrance Rose Garden which I enjoyed.

I enjoyed judging the allotment and gardens for the Selby in Bloom competition, it was difficult to judge as there were so many good entries.

I went along to the Filderstadt Twinning Evening, lots people came from Germany and I attended the Town Hall where we had a Fish and Chip supper. Their Mayor of Filderstadt was also in attendance.

I attended the National Learning Today conference in London and I also attended lots of other Disability Events during my time as Mayor.

During the floods in 2015 I spent a lot of time day and night as Mayor and Town Councillor supporting our local residents, talking to people and giving them information and advice. We all pulled together as a community.

I would like to thank all the town council staff for their support during my time as Mayor.

I would also like to thank Councillors Jude Thurlow, Melanie Davis, Fred Matthews, Steve and Jennifer Shaw-Wright for their support and advice during my time as Mayor of Selby Town Council.

Cllr Gavin Harding MBE
February 2016

Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright gave the following Annual Report 2015/16

Since Feb the Mayor Cllr Steve Shaw-Wright has attended the Selby District Rail Users Group, Selby Abbey School for the opening of their Peace Garden and St Georges Day Parade.

On a more reflective note this year has seen the passing of three well respected previous Mayor's of Selby Town Council, Former Councillors Palmer, Dyson and Carter.

**Cllr Steve Shaw-Wright
May 2016**

Councillor Michael Dyson thanked Cllrs Harding and Shaw-Wright for their report and work during 2015/16.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gavin Harding's and Councillor Shaw-Wright's Annual Report be noted.

4 TOWN RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

SELBY TOWN COUNCIL
Annual Report 2016/17
Selby Town Mayor's Report May 2016 – May 2017

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.

Mayor Cllr Steve Shaw-Wright
22 May 2017