

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Town Meeting** held in the Council Chamber on **Wednesday 11th April 2007 at 7.00 pm.**

Present: Councillors:- D Joint, P Hedges, S Barker, P Clarke, D Merkel, C Millman, C Mitchell, S Mitchell, M Tolchard and the Town Clerk.

Press: None

Public: No members of the public attended

07/01. **Apologies for Absence:** D. Kerswell and P. Weekes

07/02. **To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 3rd May 2006.**

Signed and approved.

07/03. **Report on the Town Council 2006/07 by Councillor Donald Joint, Town Mayor:**

The Mayor was pleased to report that matters had progressed over the previous 12 months concerning problems with nuisance youths in the town and that this was due to the efforts of people and local organisations working together. The extension proposals for the Bungalow Youth Project have now been passed and the necessary funding secured.

Councillor Joint advised that the gradual upgrading of the Town Hall to meet the needs of the local community had commenced with a new door access security system and gas central heating boiler.

The new Assistant Town Clerk took up her position in early October, the quarterly publication of the Town Council's newsletter returned in January and the new website would be up and running by the end of April.

The Mayor explained that a contribution from the newly established Urban Aid Grant scheme had been received in January which was used in part to install an induction hearing loop system in the Town Hall and the remainder of this grant had been allocated to upgrade the Main Hall kitchen when upgrading works commence later in the year to include refurbished main toilets with disabled and baby changing facilities.

Despite numerous problems the town's CCTV upgrade is now in the final stages of completion and the local volunteers who came forward to contribute to the new Town Plan are continuing with their valuable work.

The Mayor also acknowledged the hard work which had followed on from the Wool and Leather Festival which took place in July 2005 which has culminated in the stretching and framing of the Wool Week tapestry who so many people contributed to. The tapestry will in due course find a permanent home in the foyer of the Town Hall for all to appreciate.

The Mayor ended his report by thanking all the Members of the Town Council for their support over the past 12 months and conveyed special thanks to Councillor Stuart Barker, Councillor Pat Hedges the Deputy Mayor and Judith Hart the Town Clerk.

07/04. **Questions raised by the Public:** None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.