

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council held on Monday 27 April 2009 at 5.30 pm at the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	P Herdman (Town Mayor)	V Pauline
	H Bettison	J Robertson
	A Bowlas	C Routledge
	G Hill	F Simpson (Deputy Town Mayor)
	I Hunter	J Smith
	M McNeely	J Waterhouse

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

Two members of the public

C104/08 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Houghton and Stewart.

C105/08 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council held on 30 March 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

C106/08 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There was no disclosure of interests.

C107/08 4. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public present.

C108/08 5. PROPOSALS FOR CIVIC FUNCTION

Members considered the paper which had been circulated with proposals for the Civic Functions of Berwick-upon-Tweed. These had been previously discussed and agreed by a Mayoral and Civic Event Working Party.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Town Mayor-elect and Deputy Town Mayor-elect to be selected at an informal meeting of the Council following the Council meeting immediately prior to the Annual Town Meeting.**
- (ii) The Town Mayor to appoint a Sheriff in advance of the Annual Town Meeting.**
- (iii) The Sheriff's appointment to be acknowledged as part of the Mayor-Making ceremony at the Annual Town Meeting in a book to record the election or appointment of all the Town Council's officers of dignity.**
- (iv) The Town Mayor to undertake any engagements outside Berwick, Spittal and Tweedmouth entirely at his or her own expense, but such engagements, as with all Mayoral engagements, to be agreed in consultation with the Town Clerk.**
- (v) Civic ceremonial (full robes and chains) to be observed at the following events: Mayor-making, Mayor's Sunday, Riding of the Bounds, May Fair, Tweedmouth Feast, Remembrance Day and at the Freedom Admission ceremonies. There may be other ad hoc occasions when civic ceremonial might be appropriate.**
- (vi) The Sergeant at Mace and Halberdiers will support the civic party at these events.**
- (vii) The decision to support one or more charities during the Mayoral year is entirely discretionary and the Town Council officers will not be responsible for any administration or organisation associated with fund-raising activities.**
- (viii) The budget to meet the costs of insurances, support and personal and official expenses to be capped at £10,000 for 2009-10, of which £2,500 would be allocated to meet the personal and official expenses of the Mayor. It was noted that under Standing Order 39, this part of the resolution, having been seconded, now stood adjourned until the next Council meeting.**

The Town Clerk was asked to investigate the position of the Town Council in relation to the acquisition of a Charter.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.45 pm.