

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Mayoralty, Ceremonies and Twinning Committee

9th February 2009 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Mayor's Parlour, the Town Hall, Kendal

PRESENT Councillors C. Feeney-Johnson, (Town Mayor) (Chairman), J. Bateson (Deputy Mayor), A. Robinson, T. Clare, T. Rothwell and G. Raymond.

APOLOGIES Councillors A. Robinson and G. Murfin.

OFFICERS Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Margaret Graham (Committee Clerk).

544/08/09 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2008.

Twining

The Mayor reported that the K Shoes Choir would be going to Killarney, and the Westmorland Gazette was keen to publicise the visit. It was felt that this should be raised at a meeting of the Twining Group.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2008 be accepted as a correct record.

RECOMMENDED that, at the next meeting of Council, Councillor Gwen Murfin should be requested to give a selection of dates for a Twining Group meeting.

545/08/09 ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Mayor suggested that Council consider some form of award (e.g. silver medal) for Kendal people who achieved something special. Members felt that Council would have to be very careful about the criteria for such awards. There were concerns about the number of awards, and the initial and ongoing costs.

RESOLVED that the issue of Annual Achievement Awards be not pursued further at this time.

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546/08/09 MAYORS' BALL – DATE, INVITES

The Mayor reported that the Ball would now take place on Friday, 8th May 2009, to free up the weekend of 15th/16th May for the Doodleshire Fair.

Tickets would be available, by invitation, at a cost of £30 per ticket for a three course meal and entertainment. Kendal College would be catering the event, using local produce. The Ball would be held in the Assembly Room – maximum of 120 guests (12 tables x 10); there would be local music/entertainment and a

bar.

All profits would go to the Mayor's Charities. The Mayor reported that her "young consorts", who were helping to organise the event, had decided that there were to be no free tickets.

RESOLVED that Councillors be advised of the change of date of the event.

547/08/09 MAYOR MAKING / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Town Clerk said that the format would not be significantly different from previous years. Invited guests would be seated in the Assembly Room, and any members of the public would be directed to the Gallery. However, total numbers must not exceed the maximum allowed under fire and safety regulations. There would be a buffet for invited guests only.

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged between the Town Clerk, and Mayor and the Deputy Mayor to discuss the order of proceedings (at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 19th March 2009).

548/08/09 TOWN COUNCILLORS INVITE TO THE PARLOUR

The Mayor reported that she was keen to have more people come to the Parlour, and would be inviting all Town Councillors to a proper reception in the Parlour, with Peter Cannon doing the presentation.

RESOLVED that Town Councillors be invited (by e-mail) to a reception in the Mayor's Parlour on Monday, 9th March 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

549/08/09 MAYOR'S SUNDAY

It was noted that Mayor's Sunday would be held on 5th July 2009 (a change to avoid Father's Day). The Mayor was keen not to lose the tradition of Mayor's Sunday, and suggested that all Councillors should be contacted to see if they knew of Groups, Residents Associations, etc who would be interested in taking part in the Parade. She felt that this would create a greater "Councillor" focus for the event.

RESOLVED that Councillors be contacted to see if they knew of any groups who would be interested in participating in the Parade.

550/08/09 FLYING OF THE COLOURS – THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT

The Town Clerk reported that she had written to Major General Rollo, the Colonel of the Regiment. A response indicated that they would be prepared accept an invitation to fly the colours through the town when more members of the Regiment were back in this country, in order to make the event worthwhile. It was agreed to wait until the Regiment say they have the manpower to put on the event, and in the meantime to ask if it could be done on Border Regiment Day.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be asked to write to the Regiment, asking if they would be in

a position to fly the colours in Kendal on Border Regiment Day.

551/08/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mayoralty Expenses Review

The Town Mayor said that she was keeping a record of expenses, and suspected that it was now costing her money. She was anxious to avoid the situation that any Councillor would feel prohibited from running for the office of Mayor because of financial implications.

Members considered that there needed to be a review of Mayoralty expenses, and to determine just what was supposed to come out of the Mayor's allowance. It was suggested that a review of the expenses of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor should be undertaken after they have submitted their expenses for the current year, with a view to making a recommendation to Council in respect of the budget for 2010/2011.

RESOLVED that the issue of Mayoralty Expenses be revisited at a future meeting.

552/08/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 6th May 2009, if required.