***High Wycombe Charter Trustees***

***Mayor’s Parlour, Wycombe Area Office, High Wycombe HP11 1BB***

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| ***Mayor 2022-2023:*** | ***Cllr. Arif Hussain*** |  | ***Email: Arif.Hussain@buckinghamshire.gov.uk*** |
| ***Town Clerk & Treasurer:*** | ***Mr Joe Bradshaw MVO*** |  | ***Email: Joe.Bradshaw1@buckinghamshire.gov.uk*** |
| ***Mayor's Secretary:*** | ***Miss. Sarah Martin*** |  | ***Email: Sarah.Martin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk*** |

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHARTER TRUSTEES**

**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE WYCOMBE AREA OFFICE**

**ON 22 NOVEMBER 2022**

**The meeting began at 6.05 pm**

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| **Present**  Cllrs: Arif Hussain, Arman Allam, Karen Bates, Andrea Baughan, Tony Green, Darren Hayday, Orsolya Hayday, Imran Hussain, Mahboob Hussain JP, Majid Hussain, Nabeela Rana, Nathan Thomas, Paul Turner, Julia Wassell and Katrina Wood.  Joe Bradshaw (Town Clerk) and Sarah Martin (Mayor’s Secretary) were also in attendance. | |
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| 1. | The Mayor opened the meeting and asked Revd Gareth Morley to say prayers. |
| 2. | **Apologies**  The Town Clerk reported that apologies had been received from:  Cllrs Mohammed Ayub, Steven Barrett (arrived after meeting), Lesley Clarke OBE, Steve Guy, Mazamal Hussain, Matthew Knight, Sarfaraz Raja and Melanie Smith |
| 3. | **Minutes of the last Charter Trustees Meeting held on 4 October 2022**  The Mayor asked Charter Trustees if they had any comments regarding the accuracy of the minutes that had been presented following the last meeting and also for their approval.  It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2022 were a true and accurate record of the meeting. |
| 4. | **Matters arising from the last meeting.**  The Mayor reported that there did not appear to be any matters arising from the last meeting but invited Charter Trustees if they wished to make observations. There were no matters raised. |
| 5. | **Mayor’s Communications.**  The Mayor gave a brief overview on the events that he had attended since the last meeting.  These included visit by Ukrainian refugees to the Mayor’s Parlour, Mayor attending the MK Don v Wycombe Wanderers football match at Stadium MK, launch of High Wycombe RBL Poppy Appeal, attending a Wycombe Wanderers football match where Mayor presented a Mayor’s plaque to Gareth Ainsworth to commemorate 10 years as manager of the club, attended Thames Valley Police awards ceremony and the High Wycombe Christmas Light switch on ceremony. The Mayor also outlined his plans for the remainder of his Mayoral Year which included the following: |
| 6. | **Freedom of the Town of High Wycombe by 7 RIFLES**  The Town Clerk advised that he had received an informal enquiry from the Adjutant of 7RIFLES to ascertain whether the Charter Trustees would be happy for them to exercise the Freedom of the Town. He advised that the Charter Trustees would be aware that The 7th Battalion, The Rifles [formerly the Royal Green Jackets] and RAF High Wycombe have been granted the Freedom of the Town. Besides the links with the town so forged, this entitles them to march through the town with “banners flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed. From time to time these Military Freemen are invited to exercise their Freedom Rights. This usually involves a Civic Church Service, March past / Fly past, a reception etc; Charter Trustees are expected to support the Mayor on such occasions.  The Mayor asked whether the Charter Trustees would be happy for the Town Clerk to confirm that we are content for them to hold a parade in the town. Clearly there will be a lot of planning for this event and the Mayor advised that he would like to pass on the responsibility of the organisation of the event to the Chairman of the Standing Sub-Committee. It is unlikely that the event will not happen until 2024 given the detailed planning involved but he recommended that we try to organise the event before the council elections in 2025. The Charter Trustees agreed unanimously that a positive response be sent to 7 RIFLES to confirm that meetings should take place with them to take the project forward.  Charter Trustee Tony Green suggested that we reforge links with RAF High Wycombe and organise an event at RAF High Wycombe. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should make contact with Station Commander to arrange for her to make an office call on the Mayor to discuss what might be possible. |
| 7. | **Date of next meeting**  The next meeting of the Charter Trustees of High Wycombe is currently scheduled for Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 6pm |
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| **The meeting closed at 6.37 pm** | |